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John	Olney	vi s viij d
Wyth	Calbush	vi s viij d
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Willm	Calbush	vi s viij d

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List of Abbreviations

AND	<i>Anglo-Norman Dictionary</i>
CCR	<i>Calendar of Close Rolls</i>
CEMCR	<i>Calendar of Early Mayors' Court Rolls</i>
CLB	<i>Calendar of Letter Books</i>
CNRS	Centre national de la recherche scientifique
CPMR	<i>Calendar of Plea and Memoranda Rolls</i>
CPR	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
CUP	Cambridge University Press
DMLBS	<i>Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources</i>
HMSO	Her / His Majesty's Stationery Office
MED	<i>Medieval English Dictionary</i>
ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
OUP	Oxford University Press
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
p.p.	privately printed

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Introduction

The Mercers' Company of London, one of the 'Great Twelve' of the Livery Companies of the City of London, and indeed the premier in a ranking first established definitively in 1515 and still maintained,¹ was known in medieval times as the 'mercery', 'mercerie', or as the 'mistere del mercerye'. Its influence, its importance, and its wealth were enormous, and modern historians have examined, often in great detail, many aspects of the Company's history, from its early days and the links with the Hospital of St Thomas of Acon (Sir John Watney)² to the building of the modern Mercers' Hall (Jean Imray),³ and from the earliest accounts of the trading and business of mercers down to the modern nature of the Company (Ian Doolittle),⁴ remembering meanwhile its chapel and its contribution to religious life (Gordon Huelin).⁵ The interrelationships between the Mercers and the Merchant Adventurers of London have been a subject of especial fascination since E. M. Carus Wilson discovered that the Adventurers' early records were to be found in the records held at Mercers' Hall.⁶ The most recent historian of the Company, Anne Sutton, has studied the medieval and early modern period of the Company's fortunes for nearly thirty years, and has produced a formidable number of articles and most recently, in 2005, the excellent full study *The Mercery of London: Trade, Goods and People, 1130–1578*.⁷ It is not therefore the role of this introduction to present the mystery and its history to readers, but only to introduce them to the texts edited here, which date from 1344 to 1464, and show the way to some of the further riches not yet studied in detail, and which may lead historians to new considerations and new fields of enquiry.

The preservation of their medieval record books through the ages and until the present day was never guaranteed, many of the other City Livery Companies having lost their records, some during the Great Fire of London, some through other catastrophes, and some through the carelessness of past ages.⁸ Not all the Mercers' records have survived, and a most notable lack is that of 'la veile paper rouge', an old red paper record-book of the fourteenth century, the existence of which the copyist of 1390 uses as his excuse for copying no further records into the new account book, leaving us with a gap between 1348 and 1390 during which we are without information on the company's affairs.

The earliest surviving account book, started in about 1390 and containing the mystery's financial accounts of 1347–48 and then from 1390 up to the year 1464, is the main text presented in this edition. It has been studied before and an M.Phil. thesis was produced in 1976 containing an annotated transcript of its text, but this is, alas, very unreliable linguistically and was never

1 See Melling, *Discovering London's Guilds and Liveries*, pp. 25, 81–2.

2 *Some Account of the Hospital of St Thomas of Acon in the Cheap, London, and of the Plate of the Mercers' Company* (London, 1892; 2nd edn, 1906).

3 *The Mercers' Hall*, The London Topographical Society Publication no. 143 (London: The Mercers' Company, 1991).

4 *The Mercers' Company, 1579–1959* (London: The Mercers' Company, 1994).

5 *Think and Thank God. The Mercers' Company and its Contribution to the Church and Religious Life since the Reformation* (London: The Mercers' Company, 1994).

6 'The Origins and Early Development of the Merchant Adventurers' Organization in London as shown in their own Medieval Records', *Economic History Review* IV (1933): 147–76, and reprinted in Carus-Wilson, *Medieval Merchant Venturers*, pp. 143–82.

7 The bibliography on pp. 1041–2 provides full details of Sutton's studies on this subject.

8 Fourteenth-century accounts survive of the Goldsmiths and the Grocers and to a lesser extent of the Merchant Taylors, and from the fifteenth century survive also accounts of the Drapers, Carpenters, Skinners, Cutlers, Founders, Pewterers and Pinners. See the Bibliography under Clode, Davies, Gadd, Heath, Herbert, Jefferson, Johnson, Kingdon, Reddaway, Unwin, Welch.

published.⁹ I have taken no note of this transcript and have prepared the present edition of the text directly from the original manuscript, but a number of the footnote references in this thesis were useful to me, pointing to other historical records or to modern histories where elucidation of some matter might be found. I have only used such references after checking myself but acknowledge here my debt to some of these notes. Studies previously published which use material from these accounts have usually cited references by paraphrase or in English translation, and this edition thus now makes available to scholars the original text in its full form.

As work on the edition proceeded, it became obvious that one could not present an accurate picture of the mystery's history from c. 1442 onwards without taking into consideration the other record book to survive from that period, the manuscript now known as the *Renter Wardens' Account Book, 1442 to 1500*. The separation of the accounts rendered by the four wardens of the mystery each year into 'Hall accounts'¹⁰ and 'property and estates accounts' resulted from the transfer into the hands of the mercers' mystery of the management of the estate of Richard Whittington. Other estates were bequeathed later, those of Sir William Eastfield and of John Abbot during our period, and the accounting for all these properties, and for those previously purchased or bequeathed and already belonging to the Mercers, was eventually done separately, and from Easter to Easter, rather than Midsummer to Midsummer as for the Hall accounts. In addition, the payments for the priest's salaries, and to almsmen, as also for the salary of the beadle (for some reason often listed as paid out under alms), were transferred to the estate accounts, no doubt because the original charter of the mystery allowing them to own property as a corporate body had specified that this was granted so that they might be able to support a chaplain and aid the poor of the mystery. This transfer of some of the items of income and expenditure did not all take place immediately, and there are both considerable delays evident in the writing up of some accounts (see below, pp. 17–18), and also a large number of items which may appear either in one account book or the other, and of cross references from one to the other. The decision was taken to include only the accounts from the *Renter Wardens' book* up to and including that for 1463–64, i.e. up until the same period covered in the main *Wardens' Accounts*.

For the period from 1453 onwards, some other material, or parallel, at times identical, material is found in the *Acts of Court*, an edition of which was published in 1936.¹¹ References to this in footnotes to the text here call attention to relevant passages. The same has been done for relevant entries in the mystery's *Book of Ordinances*, dating from the 1430s, and edited with a very good introduction by J. M. Parker as a London M. Phil. thesis in 1980.¹²

The *Wardens' Accounts* and the *Acts of Court* and the *Book of Ordinances* have all been studied by previous scholars, but the *Renter Wardens' Accounts* have not been so, and the material presented here now will be new to most people. The regular items are the income from each of the properties belonging to the Mercers, and the expenditure on these, or amounts paid out of the income each year, as well as details of increases or reductions in rents. From these a detailed picture can be composed of the Mercers' property estates and their running of these. Repairs to buildings are a regular item, often costing a great deal, and showing the mercers' concern to maintain their properties, and we are sometimes given precise details of these. One

9 H. J. Creaton, 'The Wardens' Accounts of the Mercers' Company of London, 1347, 1391–1464' (unpublished M. Phil. thesis, University of London, 1976).

10 The word is used by the Mercers themselves at this period: see e.g. 'Item, þe said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony resseyved oute of þe box, as hit apereth in pacompte of þe Halle, folio Ciiii^{xxvii} – liii li. xi s. v d.' [RW f. 28v].

11 Lyell and Watney, *Acts of Court of the Mercers' Company 1453–1527*.

12 J. M. Parker, 'The Ordinance Book of the Mercers' Company of London' (unpublished M. Phil. thesis, University of London, 1980).

finds here for instance the accounts for the demolition and complete rebuilding of the Pye in 1449–50 (see RW f. 7v with further work and accounts the following year, RW f. 8r), and in several years we read of amounts paid to plumbers, carpenters, and other workmen, we learn the cost of a sawpit in 1458–59 (RW f. 24v), or the costs of transporting 15 loads of timber from Snodbean in Kent in 1453–54 (RW ff. 14v, 18v). Apart from these building matters, one finds the itemised account for the expenses on Whittington's obit in 1454 (RW f. 16r), the names of the priests and chaplains of the mistery, and of those paid alms, the amounts paid out to the wax-chandler regularly, and to legal advisors, regular and one-off payments to the almsmen not of the mistery but of Whittington College, noting for instance the purchase of 41 yards of russet cloth for them in 1458–59 (RW f. 25r), and we make the discovery of the illuminator William Abell as a tenant of the Mercers for a garden in Moor Lane.¹³ These accounts will repay study by historians in many different fields.

Two particular points may be brought out here. The first concerns a document not previously published and which yet potentially provides evidence otherwise lacking of the mistery's income from rental property during the fourteenth century. It is the very first item bound into the book and is dated 1344.¹⁴ It is edited and translated below, pp. 44–5. This document may have been copied later but the date is clear and one can see no reason to challenge it:

Le primer jour d'april l'an de grace mille trois centz cerant quatre.

[The first day of April of the year of grace one thousand three hundred forty four.]

What follows:

Ceux sunt les parcelles paieez chescun an pur quitrente de les tenementz apertenantz al mistier del mercerye en la Cité de Loundres.

[These are the amounts paid each year as quit-rent for the tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery in the City of London.]

is potentially of great interest since the tenements of the Pye and the Crown Seld were not thought to come into the ownership of the Mercers' Company until much later than 1344.¹⁵ Arguably, this document provides the evidence of earlier *de facto* ownership of both, even if *de jure* they were in the hands of individual mercers. The Crown is known to have been in mercer hands from the thirteenth century onwards,¹⁶ and it is not impossible that both it and the Pye were held in some manner that evaded the law of mortmain, or in a manner that needed later to be legally regularised, once their charter was obtained.¹⁷ The accounts before 1347 and those between 1348 and 1390 have not survived, and if a source of income needed to be disguised they might in any case not have contained any clearer information. Looking for unexplained monies, apart from the sum listed as received in 1348 from Thomas de Brandon, after it had been in the hands of Giles Spencer, without any indication of its nature [f. 4v] (which might have been many things), one does note the very large amount of money that had accumulated

¹³ See Appendix 1, p. 1024 and note 20.

¹⁴ Its existence was apparently not noted by Anne Sutton who makes no reference to it and indeed redates the account book omitting the reference provided on the binding.

¹⁵ The Pye in 1397 and the Crown in 1410–11.

¹⁶ Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 59.

¹⁷ For further explication of this see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 122–5; Sutton, *First Charter*, pp. 1–4; Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 16–31. Compare also the series of conveyance deeds proving the Goldsmiths' title to their Hall (Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. 50–63; Reddaway and Walker, *Early History*, pp. 68–73).

to the mistery by 1390–91, when the net balance for the year is £371 9s. 9¾d. of which they hand over £358 3s. 1¾d. into the safekeeping of William Parker [f. 5v] and eventually use to purchase in 1397, with full documentation, the Pye. Had the mercers really been able to accumulate this wealth merely from admission fees and fines, remembering that they had many expenses to meet out of these monies? Rental income seems a far more likely source. The list of quit-rents payable on the Crown and the Pye was copied out much later than the 1344 date that heads it, and perhaps one could interpret the text as meaning that these quit-rents have been payable at this rate since 1344 and that these tenements are now (at the time of writing) in the ownership of the mistery. But perhaps the canny business sense of the mercers had indeed led the mistery into investing communal funds in property and deriving rental income therefrom at a date around 1344.

The other point to raise is that of the dating of the earliest surviving ordinances of the mistery. The first ordinances entered into the Wardens' account book seem to be dated

l'an de grace Mⁱ CCCxlvii et l'an du regne nostre seignur le Roy Edward tierce xxii^e, Thomas Leggy, adonques Mayre, Adam Brabasoun et Richard de Basyngstoke, goldbeter, viscontz de Londres.

[In the year of grace 1347 and the 22nd year of the reign of our lord King Edward III, Thomas Leggy then being Mayor, and Adam Brabasoun and Richard de Basingstoke, goldbeater, sheriffs of London.]

The period from 25 January 1347 until 24 January 1348 was the 21st not 22nd year of Edward III's reign, and the Mayor and sheriffs named took office, for a year, in October 1347. The text goes on to say that a meeting took place on 20 June. If one takes the regnal year and the named Mayor and sheriffs as the year for the June meeting, then one arrives at the conclusion that 1347 is in error for 1348, and indeed Anne Sutton has redated these ordinances to this latter year. However, to do this promptly leads one into further difficulties with the following text. We are told that, by ordinance, four wardens are to be elected to serve for one year, and are then told that

A quele ordinaunce fait, furent esluz pur l'an avenyr pur le dit mister reuler en la manere avaunt dite ...

[This ordinance made, there were elected for the coming year to govern the said mistery in the manner aforesaid ...]

the names of the four men following. Their account for a year is then presented, after which we are told that

Les queux avantditz William de Tudenham, Simond de Worsted, William de la Panetrie, et Adam Fraunceys ount delyvré par endentures le xxii jour du mois de Juyn en l'an de grace Mⁱ CCC xlvi^{me} a Gylbert Curteys, Alayn d'Ailsham, William de Depham, et Hugh atte Boure, esluz mestres pur l'an avenir la somme avaunt dite etc.

[The aforesaid William de Tuddenham, Simon de Worstead, William de la Pantrie, and Adam Fraunceys on 22 June in the year of grace 1348 handed over the aforesaid sum by indentures to Gilbert Curteys, Aleyne de Aylsham, William de Depham, and Hugh atte Boure, elected wardens for the coming year.]

Anne Sutton has assumed that the first four named wardens handed over office to their successors 'a few days after the ordinances were made',¹⁸ but this is to ignore the preceding

18 Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 89, n. 97.

statements. A better solution is surely to accept the year of 1347 as accurate for the year in which those ordinances were made, and to guess that the confusion between this and the regnal year, Mayor and sheriffs came from the way the text being copied (in 1390, over forty years later) was presented. The original text would have been written up in 1348, at the end of the year of office of the 1347–48 wardens, and at the top of the page, judging by later usage and that of other such accounts and records, there would have been a heading naming the regnal year and the City officials in office.¹⁹ To give the Anno Domini year of grace is much more unusual at this date, people were thus less familiar with these dates and an error in co-ordinating regnal and A.D. year when copying forty years later thus excusable. The date of 'l'an de grace Mⁱ CCCxlvii' was no doubt there in the red register, placed perhaps to the left-hand side of the ordinances, and the scribe of c. 1390 was well able to think for himself and not just copy blindly exact format and words.²⁰ The layout in f. 1r must be noted also: the short prayer of dedication first, then the heading, which I believe to be and to have been in the original old red register the heading for the start of the accounts as rendered in the year 1348, and then the start of the agreed ordinances giving the date on which the assembly was held to confirm these ordinances – 20 June. Anne Sutton does still, in her 'List of Wardens' on p. 555, list William de Tudenham and his fellow wardens²¹ as having been elected in 1347, but she throughout her book refers to 'the 1348 ordinances'. I would suggest that the previously accepted date of 1347 for these should be maintained. The heading on f. 1r should be understood as being that for the start of the accounts for 1347–48, the ordinances made on 20 June 1347 constituting the basis for the succeeding election of four wardens who held office for one whole year.

The above points are however minor and in no way cloud the remarkable achievements of Anne Sutton's work on the mercers and the merchant adventurers of the Middle Ages. All those who use and study the texts presented here must also turn to Anne Sutton's recent full-length study as also to her numerous articles. Where in the text here an entry is unclear on its own and needs further explication of its meaning in context, I have many times referred readers to relevant passages in either *The Mercery of London* or an article (as well of course as to other sources), but all must be aware that this edition of the texts and the earlier studies, both of Anne Sutton, of Jean Imray and others, must always be consulted together. As an example, the Name Index to the present work refers readers to all instances in these texts where a person is mentioned, but for many of the most important mercers, and others, much further biographical information will be found in the other books. Similarly for all matters relating to trade between England and the Low Countries, and to relations with the Burgundian rulers, and the role and activities of the Merchant Adventurers, one must consult Sutton's work.

However, there is also a very great deal of material in this edition not otherwise available in any previous study, and it is presented here in the expectation and hope of seeing further studies appear in the future which will use and benefit from this edition of these fascinating manuscripts of the Mercers' Company of London.

19 Perhaps also extra 'running heads' at the tops of pages; one may for instance compare the heading to the accounts for 1404–05 here, headed as 'Anno sexto RR Henr' and the accounts for 1414–15 where on f. 65v, at the top of the page, the name of 'Thomas Fawconor, maior' is written, who was Mayor in June 1415 when the accounts were presented.

20 See below, pp. 10–11.

21 Oddly mistaking Adam Fraunceys for Simon Fraunceys.

The Manuscripts*I. Wardens' Account Book, 1344, 1347 to 1464*²²

This is of parchment; with 223 folios, consisting of two additional gatherings bound in at the beginning at some later, not contemporary, date; the main bulk of the record book; several additional leaves brought into use by the scribe of the last section when the prepared book was finished; a bifolium with one page of an earlier record and the second page used in the fifteenth and sixteenth century to record further information; and a further single leaf of various notes (5 + 6 + 203 + 6 + 2 + 1). The quiring is not ascertainable with certainty due to the over-tight binding of 1936.²³ Each section is more fully described below.

The binding is of brown leather over strong boards, measuring 390 × 250 mm; a fair number of wear marks are seen on the leather especially on the edges and the spine; the covers have blind-tooled roll decoration inside fillets around the outer edges, and the front cover has lettering in gold: 'WARDENS ACCOUNT / 1344 / 1347 TO 1464 / REBOUND 1936 / B. W. A. WATNEY, ESQ. MASTER / F. B. WATHEN, ESQ. / MBE / J. C. LANE CLAYPON ESQ. / BRIGADIER H. CLEMENTI SMITH, D.S.O., / WARDENS²⁴ / COL. F. D. WATNEY, C.B.E., CLERK.' The spine is very well rounded, with grooves at each side as it joins the covers; 6 compartments, the 5 bands of sewing raised and with blind fillets; at the base of the spine are 2 blind double fillets enclosing 2 double fillets; gold lettering in the second and third compartments reads 'Wardens Account / 1344 – 1347 to 1464'. Inside, at each end, one old paper flyleaf of thick laid paper is found, the leaf at the back glued to the verso of the last parchment folio; 2 more modern white paper flyleaves have been inserted at each end, in each case one of them being backed on to marbled paper, chiefly brown with blue, yellow, and purple vein marbling, adorning the inside covers and the facing page. At both front and back a wide leather strip has been both sewn and glued down the central seam across the marbled paper which serves to strengthen and hold the covers to the book-block. Inside the front cover is glued the red morocco label that clearly has been cut from the previous binding of 1777; it measures 137 × 190 mm, has 3 gold fillets around the outer edges and inside these a gold-tooled roll decoration and a gold-tooled flower in each of the lower angles. The wording in gold lettering reads: 'WARDENS ACCOUNT / 1344 / 1347 TO 1464 / REBOUND ANNO 1777 / ROBERT LATHROPP ESQ^R MASTER / CHARLES NEWSHAM PIGOTT / JOSEPH CRICK / ISAAC BUXTON ESQ^R / WARDENS / ROBERT CAWNE CLERK'.²⁵

The preliminary pages Bound in at the beginning of the volume are two additional sections of parchment leaves, the first of 5 folios (1 + 4) and the second of 6 folios, both now measuring 375 × 247mm. Prickings are visible at the outer edges of the first quire. Modern foliation appears in the top right-hand corners of the recto sides only; I have assigned an extra indication in the edition to distinguish these folios from those of the main volume and have called them f. A1 etc. A fair amount of damage has happened to the leaves, which have obviously been kept unbound for some period of time and have suffered from discolouration, damp, from rubbing,

22 It may be noted that the copy of the 1685 inventory of Mercers' Company records (PRA Box 2.1) does not list this Wardens' Account Book, but the 1741 inventory (PRA Box 2.2), p. 19 lists: 'The first Book of Accounts from 1347 to 1464 / The second Book of Accounts from 1464 to 1499 / The Renter Wardens Accounts from 1501 to 1538'. The second book listed may be a now lost record book or may more probably be an erroneous reference to the *Renter Wardens' Account Book, 1442 to 1500*.

23 The tightness is such that the central pages when the book is opened to them have a great deal of their writing difficult to see in the central gutter formed by the book being opened.

24 This word is written to the side of the three previous names which are bracketed together.

25 The word 'Wardens' is written to the RH side of an ornate gold-tooled vertical design placed to indicate a bracketing of the three wardens.

from tears, and from rucking up of the parchment. A repair has been done with an extra small rectangle of parchment, 40 mm high and 80mm wide, folded over in half and sewn to a part of the edge of f. A3, and another patch is seen on f. A5. The majority of the writing is legible, but with some few parts illegible. A damp stain on the first leaf of the second quire matches the stain also affecting the leaves of the first quire and must therefore have occurred while they were together. The parchment of the two quires is clearly of a different quality but both must have been kept together at the time when the oaths were written on them, and kept together after that when the damp stain occurred.

This first section has been ruled for a writing space of c. 265 × 155mm. Three hands are distinguishable: one has written the opening section in French on f. A1r, and ff. A2r–A4r (this same hand is found in the main section, see below, pp. 10–11); another has written the oaths in English on ff. A1r, A1v, A2r, A3v, A4r, the sewn-on fragment, and A6r (this hand is the same as that of the ordinances written in the preliminary pages of the *Book of Ordinances*); a third hand has written ff. A4v–A5v, and this hand is again found in the main section, on ff. 84r–86v.

The first page, f. A1r, lists the quit-rents payable on the Pye and the Crown in 1344 (see pp. 44–5, and above p. 3); ff. A2r to A3v present the ordinances of 1376 which were copied up from the old red register book of the mistery in 1404, along with a relevant Guildhall ordinance (see pp. 58–63); f. A4r contains an ordinance of 1404–05 (see pp. 188–9); on ff. A4v to A5v are written out some ordinances of 1407–08 (see pp. 210–15).

The whole space was not used on each page initially, thus leaving blank areas which were later used to copy up a number of oaths to be sworn by various persons. A further part-folio, measuring 220 × 130mm and containing an oath, has been sewn, with greenish-blue thread, to f. 4, facing the recto side. At the foot of the first page of the second additional quire a further oath has been written in the same hand as those above. The oaths in English are clearly the last thing to have been written on these leaves, and one must assume that they were considered as loose paper that could be used thus. The clerk was perhaps making a preliminary rough draft, or perhaps keeping his record to hand of what needed to be sworn when whichever occasion arose. One may note also that although the references to saints in the *Book of Ordinances* were firmly deleted in the stern Protestant times of the sixteenth century, no changes have been made here, suggesting that these sheets had by now been relegated to some back shelf. (See Appendix 2 for the text of the oaths.)

The second quire consists of 6 folios making up a calendar, set out in the usual manner. These leaves are notably cleaner, apart from the outer side, f. 6r, which is somewhat discoloured, but the following pages are of pale cream colour and the ink very bright. A large damp stain however discolours all the outer corners, but the stain is far from the written area except for the extra oath on f. 6r. The calendar pages are ruled for a space of 250 × 165mm and with 33 lines. The first line always contains one verse concerning the 'Egyptian days', and one line per day below, some months having more than one blank line at the end. The initial 'KL' on each page is elaborately done in blue and set inside a red-ink decorative square, with red-ink pen-flourishing around and especially above. Blue ink is used for the two capital 'A's of each month. Red and black ink are used for the setting out of the calendar table and for the saints' days written in, in the usual fashion.

The verses at the top line of each month make up a 12-line Latin poem that lists the unlucky days (the 'Egyptian days') of each month. The days are counted from the first and the last days of the month, so that for January they are the 1st Jan. and the 7th from the end = 25 Jan; for February the 4th Feb. and the 3rd from the end = 26th, etc. Many calendars are found with this poem set out as here, the words often differing somewhat. In some calendars a second line

follows which narrows the unluckiness of the day to one specific hour of it.²⁶ The text of the Mercers' calendar is as follows:

Prima dies mensis et septima truncat ut ensis
 Quarta subit mortem prosternit tertia fortem
 Primus mandantem dirumpit quarta bibentem
 Denus et undenus est mortis vultie plenus
 Tercius occidit et septimus ora relidit
 Denus pallescit quindenus federa nescit
 Terdenus mactat iulii denus labefactat
 Prima necat fortem prosternit secunda cohortem
 Tercia septembris et denus fert mala membris
 Tercius et denus est sicut mors alicuius
 Scorpius est quintus et tercius est nece cinctus
 Septimus exanguis virosus denus ut anguis²⁷

The main part of the book The parchment leaves composing this were acquired in 1390 or a little later (see the scribe's reference on ff. 4v–5r), and although there is no record of its cost, we do know that 2s. 4d. was spent on a covering for it in 1393–94 (f. 13v), and that silk bookmarkers costing 4d. were bought for it in 1400–01 (f. 33v).²⁸ The leaves are now cropped to c. 380 × 253 mm. Of parchment with the usual variations in colouring, it must have been top-quality parchment and is still in very good condition with only the occasional tear, e.g. on f. 52, and a very few holes mended in medieval times, e.g. f. 21 and f. 61.²⁹ The outer lower edges of ff. 1–3 are stained by damp (but this far from the writing on the page which is not affected). The edges are all stained red, this now showing red still on the foredge and lower edge, but appearing black, due to dust, on the upper edge. Prickings are clearly visible on many pages; the ruling is clear but discreet and has been very carefully done; the page layout varies, each successive scribe apparently having done the ruling for the pages he was to use and choosing an appropriate layout for the material, which varies from scribe to scribe.

The leaves were foliated 1–203 in Roman numerals in medieval times at the top right-hand corner of recto sides only; the number 59 was omitted, in error it would seem as there is no sign of a missing leaf; two consecutive folios have both been given the number 78 (in this edition the second is termed *78 bis*); the extra folios bound in at the end (6 + 2 + 1) now bear no foliation but probably did in the fifteenth century since there are internal references to these pages assigning them the correct numbers that they now hold in the sequence.³⁰ The verso of f. 212 is blank and has had a thick flyleaf paper gummed to it. Although the leaves have been trimmed, this was kept to a minimum and wide margins subsist on all sides, thus that it is only

26 Further information on this poem and on the Egyptian days etc. can be found in Keil, 'Die verworfenen Tage'; Steele, 'Dies Aegyptiaci'; Loiseleur, 'Les jours égyptiens'; Mauch, 'Der frühneuhochdeutsche Traktat über die "verworfenen Tage"'; Wordsworth, *The Ancient Calendar*, pp. xxvii–xxxii, 189–92. An (incomplete) list of manuscripts containing the poem may be found in Walther, *Initia Carminum ac versuum medii aevi posterioris latinorum*, pp. 754–5.

27 This may be translated thus: The first day of the month and the seventh cuts like a sword / The fourth leads to death, the third overthrows the strong man / The first disrupts he who orders (or sends), the fourth he who drinks / The tenth and eleventh are full of the face of death / The third kills and the seventh strikes the coasts (or the earth) / The tenth turns one pale, the fifteenth is ignorant of treaties, alliances / The thirteenth of July immolates, the tenth shakes to ruin / The first kills the strong man, the second overthrows a company / The third of September and the tenth bring evil to limbs / The third and the tenth are as the death of someone / The fifth is Scorpius and the third is girt with slaughter / The seventh deprives the manly of blood, the tenth is as a serpent.

28 These no longer exist.

29 The careful neat mend on e.g. f. 21 can be seen to be contemporary and original since the writing avoids this area.

30 See e.g. f. 206v: 'First, þe said accomptauntz charge þem of mony resseyved ..., as apereth folio CCv^{to} – Cxl li. xiiii s. iii d.'

an occasional extra note which has been truncated at the sides, and at the top margin the upper parts of the letters of the wardens' names (see below) on a few pages.

The layout is always organised to make room for marginal sub-headings on the left-hand side, sums of money placed in columns at the right-hand side, sub-totals and totals placed either on a far right-hand side or below each section, as well as for the main headings to sections and the body of material. It is clear that the book was written up after the auditing ceremony and was done from other notes, to which internal reference is sometimes made; the material is always highly organised and it is very rare for an item of information to be misplaced.

From f. 20v onwards running heads are given to each page. At the top of the open spread of ff. 20v and 21r are written, in the scribe's hand, the regnal year ('R. xxj') and the names (initial and surname only) of the four wardens, two wardens to each page.³¹ This practice continues on – i.e. the regnal year and the four names of the four wardens (sometimes in full) were regularly written at the top of a double spread. From here on also we find elaborately decorated pen and ink initials to the main paragraphs, all of which are noted below. When an account begins on a recto side, or at any mid-point on the page (this being unusual and only occurring very occasionally, e.g. f. 34r) the year and wardens will all be written on the appropriate page together, or across the beginning of the mid-point start in those cases. These running heads have not been reproduced here (see further below, pp. 32–3).

The main text was written between c. 1390 and c. 1464 (the last part copied somewhat later than this), and a variety of hands, and of inks, appear, the latter being usually dark brown, but sometimes mid-brown; the writing is always neat and careful, and some scribes have gone to considerable trouble to add pen-flourishing, cadels, decorated initials, and other ornamentation, this always being done with pen only. Apart from the scribes listed below, one notes that a sixteenth-century hand has annotated some pages (the notes are given in footnotes to this edition), and this hand has been identified³² as that of Leverich Forster, underclerk to the company from 1541, whose handwriting is found in *The Acts of Court, 1527–60*.³³ One notes in addition a few pointing hands drawn in the margin, e.g. on ff. 16v, 42v, 78v, 95r, and a set of marginal marks throughout, in the form of a noughts and crosses board, or a large # mark, whose date seems impossible to determine (?seventeenth century?), and which were perhaps to note entries for someone writing up a history.³⁴ At some point in time, parchment markers were attached to the outer edge of the folio which held the start of a year's account, and the remains of these can be seen, e.g. on f. 46r (where a letter 'A' had been written), ff. 48, 80, 84, 178 and on other pages that were the beginning of an account where one sees discolouration marking the spot where these markers had formerly been.

*The scribes*³⁵ Unusually for such medieval records, the writing of several sections can be firmly attributed to named scribes. Others may yet be identifiable, by comparison with other texts written by them, and with their signatures as recorded in the Scriveners' Common Paper, and work on this is currently being undertaken by Linne Mooney. The evidence for many of

31 The pages have been cropped taking off a small amount of the tops of the high letters, and this has happened to a number of other pages also.

32 By Jean Imray and Heather Creaton.

33 A brief biography of this somewhat colourful character (eventually dismissed from the Company in disgrace and later imprisoned for debt) can be found in J. M. Parker, 'The Ordinance Book', pp. 188–9; and Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 495–6.

34 They are found on folios 27v, 33r, 37r, 55r, 86r, 87r, 89r, 90r, 91r, 94v, 95r, 96r, 100r, 101r, 103r, 103v, 104v, 105r, 105v, 109r, 110v, 111r, 111v, 113v, 114r, 114v, 116v, 118v, 119r, 120v, 121v, 122r, 122v, 123r, 123v, 124v, 125r, 125v, 126r, 127r, 129r, 130r, 131r, 133v, 134r, 135r, 136r, 136v, 138r, 139v, 140r, 141v, 142v, 143r, 144r, 146v, 148v, 149r, 153r and then one on f. 193v.

35 Apart from the scribes listed below, there are a few notes in other hands at odd points in the text. These are mentioned in footnotes to the text.

these writers being professional scribes comes from the trained competence of their work, and from the remark recorded in 1455–56 on f. 188v, when Richard Box claims a salary for his own work as scribe: 'Et auxi divers estraunges skriuaners pur lez fesure et escripte de l'acompte des gardeins en cest livre soloient aver pur lour labour vi s. viii d.' Named or anonymous, the various scribes wrote:

1. ff. A1r, A2r–A4r, ff. 1r–5v and 11r–64r, 67r–73v, and 87r–90v. The account for 1347–48 copied in c. 1390; the accounts of 1390–91, 1392–1414, 1415–16 up to 1417–18, 1424–25 and 1425–26; the 1344 list of quit-rents; and the 1376 ordinances copied in 1404. The writer is fully proficient in French and clearly knows Latin also (as well of course as English). A possible identification³⁶ of this writer as Martin Kelom comes from the entry on f. 39r where the scribe notes the payment for writing up the ordinances at the beginning of this book: 'païé a M. Kelome pur escrire l'ordinance al commencement de cest livre'. If this were to refer to the ordinances of 1376 written on ff. A2r – A3v of the preliminary quire, as would make sense since those ordinances were, as it says, ordered to be copied up in this year, then identification of Martin Kelom as scribe is possible. However, firstly, this same scribe has written a great deal more than this and this is the only recorded payment to him, which is somewhat odd; secondly, other references occur in these accounts to writings which no longer exist,³⁷ and it would be possible for the preliminary quire to contain another copy made later or earlier, and not be the writing for which Kelom was paid; thirdly, he might have been paid as responsible for the work, but the actual writing might have been done by, say, a well-educated apprentice. We have no known other examples of his handwriting with which one might compare these pages of the Mercers' records, and thus, while it may have been he who wrote such a great deal of the early accounts and records, it may be safer not to make the identification definite. Kelom was a well-educated man whose will lists a number of books left as bequests,³⁸ he was warden in 1413–14 and 1425–26, he took on several apprentices over the years (and was thus actively in business), and one must note that he was himself only an apprentice at the time when the first accounts were written up: his admission fee as an apprentice was paid in 1395–96, clearly as a late entry since his issue fee was paid in 1396–97. There is no real reason why he should not have written the accounts over such a long period, but equally no reason why he should. He was fourth-named warden in 1413–14 and third-named in 1425–26, and much later practice was for the third warden to be responsible for the accounts: in 1465 it was said to be 'after the good olde rule' that 'the iijth Warden ... shall have in his charge the Rule & gouvernaunce as for the yere of his Wardenshipp all suche goodes, bokes, mynimientos as be withyn the Hall at seint Thomas, with all maner writynges and accomptes ... also for to entre the ordenances made in his tyme and other maters whiche must remean in the hous as mater of recorde ...'.³⁹ There is no evidence that this was so in the years when Kelom was warden (see below, pp. 39–41), and in any case being responsible does not mean doing the work oneself (indeed in 1465 we know that Richard Box was writing up the accounts, see below).

All in all, it would seem that the scribe of these pages was much more probably a professional scribe, scrivener or clerk.⁴⁰ Such a man would surely have been paid, yet no payments are listed in the accounts during these years for such work; any costs were thus not being borne by the company, but the obvious solution is that one or more of the wardens funded these costs

36 Taken as certain by for example Heather Creaton in her thesis and Anne Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 168.

37 See e.g. f. 188v: 'Item, païé a Richaert Box pur la colleccion ensemble et l'escriver dez veiles ordenances et nouvelles', none of which survive.

38 See his and his wife's wills, Commissary Court of London, 1426/?1431, register 3, f. 290 and year 1434, register 3, f. 395v.

39 *Acts of Court*, p. 282.

40 Thomas Lincoln did other work for the company during this period, and could be considered.

as part of his/their duties.⁴¹ The first recorded payment comes in 1427–28 (f. 97r, for William Piryman, see below), and thereafter they were allowed as an expense the company should bear. Once fees are paid, they are listed among the ‘foreyn expences’, i.e. extrinsic to those always due and necessary, needing authorisation from the auditors.

A second suggested identification is that Adam Pinkhurst (see scribe 2 below) was also the writer of these pages.⁴² It is difficult to make direct comparisons of the handwriting, since ff. 6r–10v are in a different script, in a different language, and are set out in a different format. Linne Mooney has picked out certain features of the hand found in both sets of pages, but remains uncertain of the identification, saying only that ‘it seems likely’ that Pinkhurst wrote these pages also.⁴³ One aspect of these pages not discussed by Mooney is that of the decoration of initials. Pen and ink only are used but at least four different styles can be found. On f. 15v there is a large initial ‘R’ which is not entirely dissimilar to the style of a series of initials between ff. 20v and 31v. A quite different style is found for those between ff. 34r and 42v, and again for those between ff. 44r and 50v, and those between ff. 55v and 66v (the last part of the text here being in the hand of another scribe). In addition one notes a large number of initials ‘C’ as the first letter of a new set of accounts which are left undone, a space being set out for this, a small ‘c’ written as guidance in the far left margin. (All decorated or enlarged initials worthy of comment have been noted in footnotes to the text below at the relevant point.) It seems clear that the scribe of the text was not himself responsible for the initials which were being done by several different people at different dates, and this is in contrast to other sections of this account book where the decoration seems to be allied to the hand, see for example scribes 7 and 8 discussed below.

Whoever the scribe of these pages of the account book may have been, he was familiar with the use of Arabic numerals, can be seen using them to add up totals (e.g. on f. 28v), and occasionally uses them in the main text at a point where a figure in Roman numerals would be expected, e.g. ‘Summa net ové dette et stuff – 138 li.’ [f. 64r]. These Arabic numerals have all been noted either in the text or in footnotes here if they occur in an additional sidenote in the book, and they are remarkable as not common at all at this period.⁴⁴ Others are found in sections not in the hand of this scribe, but one notes the frequency of them here and at this early date. They suggest a writer who regularly deals with business rather than literary texts.

2. ff. 6r–10v. The account for 1391–92.⁴⁵ This list of John Organ’s receipts and expenditure was written by a scribe whose hand has been identified by Linne Mooney as that of Adam Pinkhurst, the scrivener referred to by Chaucer as ‘Adam, his owne scriveyn’,⁴⁶ and the writer of the Hengwrt and Ellesmere manuscripts, as also of other documents relating to the mercers’ mystery.⁴⁷ Full details and a description of his hand, with photocopies, are given in the *Speculum*

41 Another possibility would be that the accounts were being written up by a mercer who was one of the almsmen, Robert Kemp could be considered, or Thomas Constable if one excluded ff. 87r–90v as being written not by this same scribe but another with a very similar hand. However, a professional scribe or scrivener seems more probable.

42 By Linne Mooney in her article cited below.

43 She assigns the pages between 73v and 79v to this writer whereas I see a different hand here. Her dates are inaccurate and can be verified by the year headings to each set of accounts.

44 See Durham, ‘The Introduction of Arabic Numerals’; Jack, ‘A Historical Defence’, p. 146; Sugden, ‘A History of the Abacus’; Brown, *History of Accounting*, p. 63; Wolff, *Commerces*, pp. 525–6. Roman numerals were in no way cumbersome (as might be thought today) to medieval accountants, and the use of Arabic numerals by this scribe at this period seems remarkable as they are not found with any frequency until the sixteenth century.

45 Mooney incorrectly says that there are two years of accounts in these pages. She makes a number of other erroneous statements about the accounts and the account book, for example that there were no accounts kept by the mercers before c. 1391–92 (the accounts between 1348 and 1390 may be lost but they were kept, see ff. 4v–5r).

46 *The Riverside Chaucer*, p. 650.

47 Mooney, ‘Chaucer’s Scribe’, *Speculum* 81 (2006), 97–138.

article. It is relevant to note here that he was a professional scrivener, no payment to him is recorded, and one presumes that his fees were paid by John Organ.

3. ff. 64v–66v. The account for 1414–15. A different hand. Unidentified.

4. ff. 73v–79v. The accounts from 1418–19 to 1421. The writer has been very careful about the appearance of the pages, for he has made his writing very similar to that of the previous hand, especially on the page where he takes over and the facing one, looking more clearly different on ff. 74v and 75r. Some changes are made to the layout (see note on p. 306). Thomas Rafton is named as the writer of other documents during this period, and might be the scribe of these pages, but he is also named for other writing work on f. 86r in a section written by quite a different hand to this one, and it might be more probable that he wrote the later section rather than this. A professional writer is probable here, given the care to make his hand conform to the previous one at the take-over point.

5. ff. 80r–81v. The account for 1421–22. A different hand. Unidentified.

6. ff. 82r–83v. The account for 1422–23. A different hand. Unidentified.

7. ff. 84r–86v. and ff. A4v–A5v of the preliminary pages. The account for 1423–24, and the ordinances of 1407–08 which were perhaps recopied *c.* 1424 (see note 145 p. 210). This hand is elegant and ornate, and rather angular. Elaborately decorated initials are used, with cadel flourishes, the style standing out clearly as different from any preceding decoration. For details of these, see the individual footnotes to the text. Some changes are made to the layout of the accounts, for example, from f. 85v onwards he places totals underneath a paragraph of entries, rather than at the right-hand side, and the whole layout of these pages is most elegant. Thomas Rafton was paid for some other writing work in this year, and it is possible that he might be the scribe of these pages (but see scribe no. 4 above).

8. ff. 91r–107v, and part of f. 108r. The accounts from 1426–27 until 1431. William Piryman can be certainly identified as the writer from the entry on f. 100r, among the extrinsic expenditure: 'Item, a Piryman pur escripre nostre acompte en le graunt lyvre, summa – iii s. iiiii d.', and the similar entries on ff. 103v and 107r. The most noteworthy features of his pages are the elegant ornate leaf-shapes which he draws as exaggerated ascenders to letters, for instance for the list of wardens across the top of pages, for headings to sections, for the first line of a year's account, etc. Most of his 'key' initials have elaborate pen-flourishing, details of which are noted at the relevant points. His layout is again different at times from that used by previous writers, and one notes for instance his underlining of sums of money within a section, e.g. for salaries, alms, quit-rents, extrinsic expenditure, where the individual amounts that then make up a total are underlined. This underlining has not been reproduced in this edition (see below, p. 31). Piryman's handwriting and layout may be elegant, but the same cannot be said for his command of the Anglo-French language, which is noticeably poor. He is well able to copy formulaic phrases that occur each year and which could be found in earlier pages of the book (sometimes making errors nevertheless), but when it comes to new and specific material, he is lost. On f. 94v, for instance, the reasons for the fines listed are all written in English, except the last one, and except also the one fine noted at the foot of the previous page. On f. 102v similarly, he uses alternating French and English for the reasons given for the fines, those in French perhaps being more 'standard' types of fine, the others more individual, and thus without a precedent from which to copy. He makes grammatical errors also, and spelling errors beyond even the wide norms allowable, for which see footnotes to the text.

9. ff. 108r–10r. The account for 1431–32. A different hand. Unidentified.

10. ff. 110v–12r. The account for 1432–33. This hand is delicate and ornate, the scribe using a much finer nib than many others. His command of French is good, and one notes also his apparently unconscious shift to the use of Latin, e.g. on ff. 111r–v in the section giving the quit-

rents paid, where the dates are given in Latin form, perhaps because he is copying them from the acquittances in front of him from which he is working.

11. ff. 112v–15r. The account for 1433–34. The writer's linguistic abilities are not as good, and he reverts to English, e.g. on f. 114r. Unidentified.

12. ff. 115v–18r. The account for 1434–35. One notes the rather large number of corrections to the text, the very large script and layout on f. 118r, and that he has not written the account of the election, done by the next writer who takes over. Unidentified.

13. ff. 118r–26v. The report of the election of 1435 and the accounts of 1435–36 and 1436–37. A different hand. Unidentified.

14. ff. 127r–33v. The accounts for 1437–38 and 1438–39. William Rumbold is identified at the end of this section, on f. 133v:

Item, païé a William Rumbold pur colier del rent un quarter – summa – x s. x d.

Item, païé a William pur q'il a scripture le nostre accompte deux foiez – summa – iii s. iiiii d.

The payment is made for two years together, and it may well be that he wrote them both at the same time.

15. ff. 134r–40r. The accounts from 1439–40 until 1442. John Stodeley, a well-known scrivener,⁴⁸ is identified on f. 136r. He uses a fairly small script, with well-formed letters, slightly angular in the way some letters are formed of several strokes of the pen (e.g. 'a', 'g', sometimes 'e'); one notes also his use of small discreet decorative additions to the end-strokes of letters, and initial extra strokes or an extra loop to the first letter of a word, the whole producing a very pleasant look to the script. Good spacing is also noticeable and very careful layout, to which he makes a few minor changes, e.g. to use the regnal year date as a sub-heading to the start of the account, rather than place it as a running head with the names of the four wardens. His ink is light brown. His use of abbreviations is standard. One notes at once also his good command of the Anglo-French language and that he also brings in some forms replacing standard formulas of previous years, e.g. 'come devant est dit', 'quiterentes resolutz'. His hand can also be found in London, BL, Egerton MS 914, a letter of news dated 19 January 1454 n.s.⁴⁹

16. ff. 140v–61v. The accounts from 1442–43 until 1448–49. Robert Bale, another scrivener, admitted to the Scriveners' Company on 12 November 1440 and warden of that company in 1450.⁵⁰ He first names himself as scribe of these accounts on f. 146v and also names himself as having written other documents during this period. His hand is initially very similar to that of Stodeley, as one would expect from a trained scribe, and is often very small and neat, although he is found on f. 157v using a very large script. The pages written by him are notable for the use of pen-and-ink decoration using fine tracery lines in a style not seen before in this book. On the open spread of ff. 140v and 141r, the top line of each page has exaggerated ascenders with discreet flourishes to each letter, and in addition, with a very fine nib, delicate tracery lines make abstract patterns between all these letters. Many of the initials of the marginal sub-headings are flourished or decorated, and these are commented upon in footnotes below at the appropriate points. One notes his command of French as being less than that of Stodeley; it is competent but not quite so fluent and with a greater tendency to use English;⁵¹ however, he would have been competent to translate from this language and may have done so in 1444–45 when he was paid for translating 'un rolle dez libertees de Flaundres' [f. 148v] – or were

48 He was admitted to the Scriveners' mistery on 2 April 1433, and was a warden in 1446. See Steer, *Common Paper*, pp. 21–2.

49 Printed by James Gairdner in his edition of *The Paston Letters, 1422–1509 A.D.*, vol. I (London 1872), pp. 263–68.

50 See Steer, *Common Paper*, p. 22.

51 See e.g. f. 141r: 'Item, ressu de Johan Downe que fuit servant de Thomas Colard pur un fyn qe son apprenticehod ne fuit compleet per un an – iiiii s. viiii d. / Item, ressu de William Gladman pur un fyn pur dishonest langage – iii s.'

these in Dutch? For the last year in which he writes the accounts he switches almost entirely to English (f. 157v onwards), adopting a different script and layout at this point (see note 543, p. 648).

17. ff. 162r–68v. The account of 1449–50, the list of brokerage rates, and the further expenditure recorded. The whole is written in English. The hand is a more rounded one, and while he ornaments initials, his style is much more restrained than that used by Bale. His use of the word ‘oure’, e.g. on f. 164r (‘Summa totalis of oure hole charge’) and f. 167r (‘oure dyscharge’) could imply that he was one of the wardens, but it is much more likely that this was just straight copying from rough notes in front of him (cf. Bale’s use of the word on f. 161r: ‘oure sutee’).

18. ff. 169r–75r. The accounts of 1450–51 and 1451–52. One notes in particular the large script used for headings, the different placing of ‘sub-headings’, centrally rather than to the left-hand side, and the use of exaggerated size for significant initials, with pen-flourishing whose style is individual but not perhaps of the most aesthetically pleasing.

19. f. 175v until the end of the accounts in this book (1452–53 until 1464), plus part of f. 211v, and also the Renter Wardens’ Account Book up to f. 59r and the end of the account there for 1469. The writer is Richard Box, beadle of the Mercers from 1452 until 1472. He was paid separately for his post as beadle (this, except for the first year, coming out of the alms funds) and for writing the accounts (see e.g. f. 181r: ‘Item, pur l’escriver d’icest acompte et de le lyveleode en lez livres – x s.’ and f. RW 35r: ‘Item, to Richaert Box for pengroseng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.’ He also wrote other documents during these years, see e.g. f. 188v: ‘Item, païé a Richaert Box pur la colleccion ensemble et l’escriver dez veiles ordenances et nouvelles et divers autres billes ensealez par divers persones de la companie – xiii s. iiiii d.’ (none of these have survived).

His approach is very business-like, clear and careful. His handwriting is small, and he manages to include a large amount on each page, using double-column layout when possible, for instance for fines and for admissions to the livery. The occasional initial is written large, but he does not use ornate pen-flourishing. One notes also that he returns to the use of French for the wardens’ accounts, and was clearly proficient in this language. In 1458–59 a decision was taken (by Box or more probably by the wardens) to write the accounts in English, but it is not infrequent in subsequent pages to find him inadvertently using French, whole phrases or individual words, in a manner well-familiar to those who regularly switch between two languages.

The date at which he actually wrote all these accounts is very debatable. In 1454–55 payment is recorded for his writing up both books (f. 181v), giving an assignable date for the accounts of the wardens from 1452–53 until those up to June 1455 being written sometime after this (the accounts were never rendered until some time after the end of the accounting year, and the engrossing into the official record book was only done after the auditors had given full approval of a set of accounts, and was then written up from other paper notes). We know from much internal evidence that the Renter Wardens’ accounts were written up into the official book with very considerable delays, everything before 1449 being certainly a later copy as the book was not in existence until then. Cross-references to other pages of both account books, and indeed, more tellingly, transfers of money from one account to another, provide further evidence of the delay in dealing with the accounts during the 1450s and 1460s. The account for 1462–63 was only presented to the auditors on 14 November 1466 (RW f. 42v).

20. f. 210v, an anglicana, late-thirteenth or early fourteenth-century hand.

21. ff. 211–12. Various sixteenth-century hands.

22. The oaths in English on ff. A1r, A1v, A2r, A3v, A4r, the sewn-on fragment, and A6r. This hand is the same as that of the ordinances written in the preliminary pages of the *Book of Ordinances*.

II. *Renter Wardens' Account Book, 1442 to 1500*

This book, now in a modern binding, was initiated in 1449, when it was decided to have a separate book for the accounts relating to the properties belonging to the mistery. It cost the mistery 15s. 8d. at that time (RW f. 7v). In 1460 extra paper was added and the book was rebound:

Item, for makeng of acyutances, lecys, & writeng of divers acomptes in þis booke & paper ryaulle⁵² for þ^e same & byndeng agein þerof, as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte – xxxii s. x d. [RW f. 31r]

Given the information that several sets of accounts were written up this year (but without specification of which), one cannot be sure whether the unusual make-up of the book dates from before 1460, but the present arrangement of folios must date from then. The book now consists of 257 folios, c. 275 mm in width × 380 mm (with variation, usually small, and mostly due to later cropping), of alternating parchment/vellum (V) and paper (P). This construction of the book is unusual and was clearly done, by a stationer, in a deliberate but not regular sequence: 4V +7P + 2V + 1P + 2V + 2P + 7V +3P + 4V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 2V + 3P + 3V + 3P + 1V + 2P + 2V + 2P + 1V + 3P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 3P + 2V + 3P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 3P + 1V stub + 1V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 2V + 4P + 3V + 3P + 2V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 2V + 3P + 4V + 3P + 3V + 4P + 1V + 1V stub + 4P + 2V + 3P + 2V + 3P + 4V. The binding is too tight for one to be able to determine quiring with any certainty, but the above method of listing paper and vellum leaves should no doubt be interpreted by assuming either that some of the sheets listed together here as for example '2V' may well consist of one leaf of parchment forming the last leaf of a quire and another forming the first leaf of the next quire; alternatively, they may be two parchment leaves folded between two other paper leaves, and it is the '4P' which must be interpreted as the first two leaves forming the last pages of one quire, the next two being the first pages of the next. Only by disbinding the volume could one ascertain for certain. The reasons for this alternating use of paper and vellum are not known, and it is an unusual make-up of a manuscript book. Paper cost less than parchment, and one might thus consider whether the mercers wished to save money, but this seems improbable in context and more likely is that this combination of the two materials controls the curling tendencies of the parchment sheets, held flat by the paper, while giving greater substance and firmness to the whole than had paper alone been used. Another possibility is that the parchment leaves were added to the paper text-block in order to prevent sewing 'tear-back' damage, and establishment of whether the centre folio of each quire is of paper or parchment would enable further consideration of the reasons for this make-up of the book.⁵³

⁵² 'Paper of a size measuring 24 by 19 inches as used for writing and 25 by 20 for printing' (*OED*), but this refers to nineteenth-century paper. Philip Gaskell, *A New Introduction*, p. 73, lists in much more detail the dimensions of royal paper of known origin and date. He has nothing for the fifteenth century but gives fourteenth-century paper from Italy as measuring 61.5 × 44.5 cm, and from sixteenth-century France at both 57 × 43.5 and 60 × 44 cm. (At this date the paper would have come from either Italy or France although it would not be long before John Tate, a mercer, set up his first paper mill in England, see his entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 53, pp. 808–9.) The paper sheets in this book now measure nearly 11 inches wide and c. 15 inches long (between 27 and 27.5 cm wide and between 34 and 38 cm long), which would seem to indicate a very small amount of cropping at the sides but somewhat more at the top and bottom of the pages.

⁵³ I am most grateful to Christopher Clarkson for discussion of these issues.

The first four folios of parchment consist of two bifolia, present from the earliest days of the book but not included in the numeration of leaves done then. The main block of the book has contemporary foliation at the top right-hand corner of rectos in ink, in Roman numerals from i to CCliiii; one folio was missed, that between foliated Cx and Cxi, but this leaf was part of the original quiring and not an extra sheet. Very modern foliation in pencil has been added, starting with the preliminary pages, and making f. i of the main text block read as f. 4. The original foliation is used throughout in this edition (but given as Arabic numerals), because there are a large number of cross-references within the text to information given on other folios, which would become meaningless if one used the modern foliation.⁵⁴ The first few folios are given asterisked numbers here to differentiate them. Prickings are very often clearly visible on the parchment sheets. No watermark is found in the paper sheets. The layout of pages is variable according to how much material is being included and the practices of the various scribes, but spacing always allows for marginal sub-headings, separation of material into discrete lists, receipts always being listed before expenditure, and sum totals being carefully spaced and clearly visible. The first letter of each new account is extra large and sometimes decorated, and from f. 7v onwards the practice is to write the name of the renter-warden responsible at the top of each page of his account as a running head (for the first few years there are two men responsible and two names). The ink used is of a very dark brown, almost black, colour throughout the first section written by Box, with occasional use of lighter brown ink showing later additions or corrections, or the start of a new day's work, for instance on f. 38v, where all entries down from the line about John Ruddok, carpenter, are in a paler colour.

The language used throughout this book is English, apart from the Latin used in the preliminary pages, on f. 1r, and apart from some few odd and rather interesting phrases of French (see for example the date given to the auditing of an account: 'faite le xiii^e jour de novembre l'an vi' [RW f. 42v]).

The binding was done in 1963 by E. E. Gray, bookbinder (a stamp with this name is found inside the back cover). It measures 283 × 390 × 70 mm, and is a quarter binding over hard boards with maroon spine and light brown sides. The spine is flat with six compartments formed by double blind fillets; in the top compartment is a Mercers' maiden, stamped in gold; gold lettering in the second, fourth, and sixth compartments reads: 'RENTER / WARDENS / ACCOUNT' '1442-1500' 'REBOUND 1963'. Two modern paper flyleaves are inserted at each end, on the second of which at the front has been pasted the old label from the previous binding. This is of red morocco with gold lettering, measures 144 mm in depth and 200 mm in width, has a triple gold fillet around the outer edges and a repeating oval pattern done with a roll just inside the fillets, and with a seven-petalled flower at each lower inside corner. The wording reads: 'RENTER WARDENS ACCOUNT / 1442 TO 1500 / REBOUND ANNO 1777 / ROBERT LATHROP ESQ^R MASTER / CHARLES NEWSHAM PIGOTT / JOSEPH CRICK / ISAAC BUXTON ESQ^R / WARDENS⁵⁵ / ROBERT CAWNE CLERK'.

The book contains a few items besides the Renter Wardens' accounts. On f. *1v we find the dedication of the book, giving the date of 1 November 1449 for when it was started (see the text on p. 686). This is written in very black ink, in a very formal bookhand, an archaising over-formal script which could be termed 'gothic' bookhand. The initial 'F' is given cadel flourishing and there are a few exaggerated ascenders to the top line. Below that starts the copy of the rental for the Whittington estate (see Appendix, pp. 1017-23), written in Richard

54 The book has been so little studied that there seems to be no risk of confusion with other published sources which might refer to it by the modern foliation numbers. Anne Sutton's recent book has a very few footnote references but scholars are unlikely to come to error in tracking these.

55 The word 'Wardens' is to the right hand side of the three bracketed names of Pigott, Crick and Buxton, the bracket consisting of an elongated and elaborate decorative shape.

Box's hand (see above, p. 14), this being followed by a rental for the mistery's own purchased properties and that of the Eastfield estate, continuing to the top of f. *3r, where the heading only for a rental for the Abbot estate is placed, the list never having been copied. Folios *3–*4 were clearly written separately and then inserted into the book, and they contain, from *3v – *4v, a calendar. Each page is ruled specially for the calendar, and into two columns. Four months appear on each page, ordered down the first column and then down the second. Each month takes up c. 78 mm in width and c. 120 mm in length, the space is carefully ruled, 32 lines per month with the usual divisions necessary for the layout of a calendar. Red ink is used for the heading to each month, the numerals, and the important feastdays, blue ink is used for the large 'KL' placed above each month, and brown ink for all else. No verse lines appear.

On the first folio as numbered in the fifteenth century, a much later hand has written out the City rulings on tenants' and landlords' rights over 'fixtures and fittings' and plants (see Appendix, p. 1025); ff. 1v–2r are blank and then, from f. 2v – 3r, follows a list of contents, written in the same hand as that of the last section of accounts in this book, these early pages clearly having been left blank from the start and ready for additional material if needed. The list gives the names of those responsible for each set of accounts (after the first few years, this is the renter-warden), and the folio number on which that set of accounts starts. Folios 3v – 4v are blank.

The accounts start on f. 5r, the first item entered being a rental drawn up by John Mortham at Christmas 1441 (see p. 578), while John Carpenter was still in charge of the Whittington estate. The first few years of accounts have certainly been written in here later, copied from whatever records were to hand, as we know the book was not in existence at all until late 1449, and the accounts start from the time of the handover from Carpenter to the mercers' mistery in 1441. It may well be that the majority of the accounts written by Box were copied up much later than the years to which they refer, this being almost certainly so for those of the late 1450s when some very 'creative accounting' was managed, transferring sums from various renter-wardens to another, as well as between the 'house' or 'Hall' accounts and the estate accounts. (see below pp. 22–3). Box, one notes, only became beadle in 1452 and it is improbable that he was writing anything here before then.

For the accounts between 1441 and 1454, several dating problems occur, each of which is signalled by notes to the text, but which may be summarised here. The first account rendered by John Mortham gives a date of Christmas 20 Henry VI (1441) but also gives the names of the current wardens of the mistery, which makes 21 the correct year. Box may well have been aware that the date was in question, as the 'xx' (20) has a space after it into which he may have been intending to write the correct year once he had checked it. The next few years accounts, up to September 1448, are rendered at Michaelmas each year. The next is dated for Midsummer 28 Henry VI (1450), and thus after the book was acquired, where one notes from the dedication that the intention at first had been to render the accounts at Midsummer each year (as was done for the Hall accounts). The men responsible here are Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp, whose responsibilities continue for at least two and a half years. If they took over from Michaelmas 1448, then either a period of accounts is missing, or Midsummer is in error for Michaelmas, the latter being more likely as the next year is said to be for a year up to Michaelmas 'anno xx'. Box was clearly unsure and the paper notes from which he was copying did not give a clear date. Nor did they for the next set of accounts, dated merely 'Thacompte of þe forsaied Robert & Thomas for half a yeer' – which half year is not stated.⁵⁶ We only reach firm ground with the account for Michaelmas 1452 until Easter 1453, at which date

⁵⁶ The regnal year numbers as written look as if 'xx' had been written with a space left for the rest of the number to be fitted in when ascertained. One must also note that the sections on f. 7v, 8r, 8v which concern the period of responsibility of Baron

the whole set of four wardens had clearly realised they needed to take charge jointly of what had become a chaotic situation. They officially take on only the half year named, but one notes nevertheless that some amounts from outside the period are included in the reckoning. Some periods between 1448 and 1452 are not accounted for, but, unless further evidence is found, it is not certain which. The present edition has placed the accounts at what seems the most probable dates, with notes to draw attention to possible discrepancies.

After Easter 1453, the accounts follow in sequence, and were rendered up to Easter each year, but it is not until the account of Easter 1455 to Easter 1456 that we find the system in place for the renter warden in charge of the estate accounts to be the fourth named warden of the mistery. There seems to be clear evidence that not only were the accounts for the 1450s and 1460s written up later, but that they were only fully audited and authorised much later than the years for which the account was, eventually, rendered. Difficulties in obtaining rentmonies due from tenants led to these delays, the renter-warden in charge waiting to receive money from the rent-collector, which did not arrive, but was no doubt promised, and thus leaving the warden unable to produce the final account on his year, or to hand over correctly to his successor.⁵⁷ The evidence for this is examined below, pp. 22–3.

The Financial Accounting System

Accounting historians have termed the system used by the Mercers as the ‘charge and discharge system’, and its use, particularly in manorial and household accounts, has been previously documented in a number of articles and other studies.⁵⁸ What is perhaps surprising is that the Mercers continued to use this system up to the year 1714, and only then began to use the double-entry book-keeping system introduced into England by the fifteenth century and in standard use from the sixteenth century onwards. The Mercers were not however alone in keeping to this system, and it is still the system used by some small associations. The medieval charge-discharge system was used when a person or persons were entrusted by others with the receipt of money and/or goods and were also entrusted with disbursements. In the Middle Ages, as now, regular yearly audits were required of such agents acting on behalf of another or others. In the case of the Mercers, four wardens were elected each year to hold office for one year, at the end of which term they were required, by their own statutory ordinances, to render formal accounts for all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the company.⁵⁹ From the mid-fifteenth-century onwards, the accounts relating to their property holdings were rendered separately, and from 1455–56 the responsibility for these accounts was that of the fourth-named warden alone each year. The calculations, later recorded in writing, were done on an abacus or a chequer-board (as at the Exchequer).⁶⁰ During the accounting and audit ceremony, the various monies received by the wardens would be set out as counters upon one part of the board, and then afterwards counters representing the amounts they had

and Muschamp, have a pencil line drawn right through the middle vertically; its significance is unclear but seems to add to the impression of unreliability here.

57 Some idea of the scene on rent-collecting days may perhaps be gained from the, admittedly much later, painting by Pieter Breughel of 1618, entitled ‘The Rent Collectors’, and now hanging in the Castle Museum, Norwich.

58 See Woolgar, *Household Accounts*, ‘Introduction’; Jones, ‘Accounting in English Local Government’; P. D. A. Harvey, *Manorial Records of Cuxham*, pp. 1–71; Baxter, ‘Early Accounting’; Oschinsky, ‘Medieval Treatises’; Boyd, ‘Early Forms of Accounts’; Boyd, ‘History of Auditing’. All these contain references to earlier work on the subject.

59 ‘Item, qe l’argent du dite mistere soyt en les mayns des quatre mestres eslus pur l’an presente, ... et q’ils facent seurté de bon acompte rendre al fyn de l’an solonc les usages du dite mistere’ [ff. 1v–2r].

60 This is a supposition based on what is known from elsewhere, and one notes a reference in 1454–55 to a small payment ‘pur foldyng de le conter’ [f. 181r], presumably for making the counting board foldable for easy storage when not in use.

paid out for various items would be placed on another part of the board. Sum totals for each were reckoned, one figure taken from the other and a balance arrived at. This balance then had to be handed over to the new wardens. Details of all receipts and expenditure, and of debts, were provided on paper sheets in a quire, or in a loosely bound record-book, and mention is quite often made that these details have been exhibited for confirmation and authorisation.⁶¹

The funds held by the wardens each year consisted of the balance passed on to them from the previous year, monies received from fees and fines, rent money received from tenements and selds owned by the Company, monies received from bequests or gifts (either of money or of objects), monies collected in from debts, plus any other monies received. From these, on behalf of the Company, they paid out salaries to the Company's priests and beadle, and later to the rent-gatherer and clerk, they gave alms to poor and needy members, they paid the costs (or part-costs) of communal participation in events such as the annual procession of the Mayor of London, the costs of repairs to property, the costs of any legal cases, and any other allowable costs or expenses that might occur.

Each new set of wardens, as they took up office, had handed to them all remaining funds of the Company, which became for the ensuing year their 'charge'. The etymology of this word, derived from the late Latin 'carrica', Romanic 'carga' = 'a load' or 'burden', indicates the underlying sense of the word when used in financial accounting: the officials (in our case the wardens) who received and held monies on behalf of others held them as their 'charge'; they were 'loaded' on to them and remained their 'burden' until they could 'discharge' or 'unburden' themselves of them.

All monies actually received and collected during the term of office of an official were his or their 'charge'. But equally, if monies were due to be paid in, it was the officials' responsibility to ensure payment, and the monies were thus also listed as part of their 'charge'; at the moment of rendering their account to the auditors, either they actually had the money (in which case no problem arose), or they would declare it as received and subsequently ensure it was, or they needed to declare and explain the deficit (which then had to be separately listed in the accounts, in the discharge section or separately under debts).

During their term of office, the Wardens 'discharged' ('unloaded', 'disburdened') themselves of various monies: salaries were paid, expenses met, quit-rents and other fees paid out. They also needed to list here amounts for which they wished themselves to be 'disburdened', that is, not held responsible for the cash amount. Thus if rents had not been paid, if a tenement had been vacant and thus no rent received,⁶² if fines had been declared due from offenders but they had not (yet) been paid,⁶³ then, if the auditors approved, these amounts could be subtracted. At the end of their term they 'discharged' themselves of the total of these, leaving a remainder or balance.

The monies listed in the 'discharge' section were, it is known, not always the exact sums spent out, but the sums authorised by the auditors. The two might be equivalent, but instances, though few, occur where the auditors' refusal to accept certain expenditures as valid is

61 One frequently finds a phrase such as 'as hit aperith in þe paper of þis acompte more playnly'.

62 E.g. 'Item, ils demandent allowance pur vacacion de dyverse mansiouns del rent del mistere deins le temps de l'acompte ...' [f. 77r]. They are asking allowance for vacancies in the letting of rooms in the tenements – the money had previously been entered under 'charge' as received and they now have to obtain permission [allowance] to set aside the shortfall caused by the periods of vacancy in the letting.

63 E.g. 'First, þe said acomptantz asken to be allowed of mony pardoned to Thomas Niche for a fyne of x li. of olde – v li.' [f. 208v]. Thomas Niche's fine of £10 had been entered under the charge i.e. receipts section, because although he had not paid up he was supposed to have done and the wardens have the burden of responsibility for collecting it. Now, however, they give the information that Thomas Niche has been let off £5 of the total, his fine remitted, and they beg to be allowed to remove this sum from their accounts.

recorded.⁶⁴ One may note also how year after year the same sum is paid out for a certain item (the rent-collector's petty expenses is one example⁶⁵) and one may deduce that this was a set figure allowed for in the accounts that may or may not have borne any exact relationship to the actual sum expended. The Mercers' accounts in fact show far fewer of these regular, standard, fixed sums than do the accounts of other livery companies such as the Merchant Taylors and the Goldsmiths. Whether standard and fixed or irregular, all payments out of communal funds needed approval and authorisation.

Debts and how to account for these caused a number of problems (and not just to the Mercers), and we find several methods used in these records. The simplest, and to modern eyes the most logical, is as in the case of John Colet, fined in 1455–56 for offences committed the large sum of 50 marks sterling. It is noted in the 'charge' section of the accounts that year that he has handed over in cash £13 6s. 8d. and that the remainder of £20 has been placed in two bonds obligatory [f. 183r]. Incidental expenses on the matter are recorded in the 'discharge' section [ff. 183v, 184r]. The following year, in the 'charge', the full further amount of £20 is listed as paid [f. 188r], and that is the end of the matter.

More complex was the debt owed by John Organ, who died in office and while in possession of some of the mystery's funds, repayment of which money, £22 8d., the wardens then pursued from Organ's executors in 1394 [f. 14r], and listed as due each year thereafter at the end of the account, and included at the beginning of the 'charge' section as part of the sum handed over to the new wardens each year. In 1398–99 this and other debts are listed not separately at the end of the account but among the items in the 'discharge' [f. 28r].⁶⁶ The debt continues to be listed as due in the 'charge' section, and as an allowed subtraction in the 'discharge' section, until 1402–03, the executors, for whatever reason, proving recalcitrant. However, a court case ensued, the result being that £1 was awarded as damages,⁶⁷ listed as received in their 'charge' for 1402–03 [f. 36r], and of the remainder just £10 10s. was obtained, and this in the form of 7 bonds obligatory in the name of Thomas Prudence, listed in the 'discharge' [f. 37r]. The following year all seven bonds and the full amount are listed as part of the wardens' 'charge' [f. 37v], but in the discharge five bonds are listed and a sum of £7 10s. as owed to the mystery [f. 39r]; these five bonds are now listed in the 'charge of the next year' [f. 40v], and (though it is not stated) one only was paid this year as the 'discharge' lists four bonds and a sum of £6 as due from Prudence [f. 41v]. The next year, 1405–06, the amount due is not listed separately but included in the overall amount for which the new wardens are responsible, and in the 'discharge' the same £6 and four bonds are listed as a debt [f. 43v]. The same happens the next year. No mention however, explicit or implicit, is made of this amount in the following year's account, except that, at the very end of it [f. 47v] the scribe has added a small note in the left-hand margin:

M^d de fiebles dettes en le darrein acompt devant cest acompt escriptz.

[Memorandum about hopeless debts written into the account before this one.]

And that is the end of the matter.

64 See e.g. RW ff. 28v and 31v where a total of 38s. of the costs on Whittington's obit in two succeeding years are not authorised by the auditours.

65 E.g. 'Item, a luy pur en allouaunce pur petitiz expenses pur colier del rent – summa – iii s. iiiii d.' [f. 117r].

66 At the end of this year's account some debts, not that of John Organ's executors, are written off as irrecoverable.

67 Their expenses had been 27s. listed under the 'discharge' that year [f. 36v].

Other debts also lead to quite convoluted accounting. To take as examples the cases of John Gase⁶⁸ and Isabelle Fleet: Gase is first listed as owing £5 in 1424–25, where his debt and that of Isabelle Fleet for 16s. 8d. are listed under the ‘discharge’ section. The next year, both these debts appear in the ‘charge’ section, as responsibility for collecting them has been handed on by the previous wardens; under the ‘discharge’ section, Gase’s debt is listed again, but not that of Isabelle Fleet, and we read that 5s. was discounted from her rent for the period during which her shop was being repaired (f. 90r); we must assume, although it is not stated, that the balance on the 16s. 8d. was then paid. Gase’s debt continues, however, and the wardens have felt it necessary to signal two balances at the end of the year, one with Gase’s debt, one without, this one being the sum handed over to the new wardens. The account for the following year, 1426–27, again lists Gase’s debt under ‘charge’, again under ‘discharge’, but this time with the reason for the debt explained:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur dette deliveré a eux per lez gardeins del dit mistere esteant en l’an devant q’ils pernoient le charge, c’est assavoyr de Johan Gase, une de nostre tenantes a le Pye, le quele ils ne purront recoverere a cause qe le dit Gase, come il dit, ad païé pur divers reparaciones de le mesone per comandement de Thomas Austyn, pur lors coilour de lez rentes pur dit mistere, summa – v li. [f. 93r]

[Item, they ask for allowance for a debt handed on to them by the wardens of the said mistery for the year before they took up office, i.e. of John Gase, one of our tenants in the Pye, which they will not be able to recover because the said Gase, as he says, had paid for various repairs to the house on the orders of Thomas Austyn, then rent-collector of the said mistery, total – £5]

One might have expected this to be the end of the matter, but next year again the debt is listed in both ‘charge’ and ‘discharge’ sections and again among the end-balances, and again the following year, 1428–29, the wardens list the £5 under their ‘charge’ and ask for it to be allowed against them in their ‘discharge’; alas, also in their ‘discharge’ they have to ask for another £5 to be allowed:

Et auxi ils demaundent allowaunce pur le mesme Thomas Gaase d’une somme qe Piryman ne poet recoverer come il dit a cause de poverté de dit Gaase, mez il presente toutz jours sone corps a persone al voluté dez gardeinz de dit mistier – v li. [f. 100r]

[And they also ask for allowance for the same Thomas Gase for a sum which Piryman was unable to recover, as he says, on account of the said Gase’s poverty, but he puts his person at all times at the disposal of the said mistery’s wardens⁶⁹ – £5]

This sum of £10 now goes forward, is reckoned among the end-balances this year, appears for the next two years under ‘charge’, ‘discharge’ and the end-balances. In 1431–32 matters are tidied up a little, and this debt and others are listed not in any of the main sections of accounts but in a separate memo at the end, and this is done again the following year. Finally, in 1433–34, it was decided to release this year’s and all subsequent wardens of the burden of trying to achieve the impossible and collect this debt:

Et memorandum qe lez gardeinez del an passé nous ount chargé de lever qe est pardoné per tot le compaigne le iii jour de septembre anno xii^o
De Thomas Gase – x li. [f. 115r]⁷⁰

⁶⁸ Also called Thomas unless two men are involved, see Name Index.

⁶⁹ His offer here may well mean that he was saying that they could do with him as they liked (but he is pointing out that he really does not have the money, and thus that it might be useless to send him to prison).

⁷⁰ Other debts, one sees here, are still listed as due and follow on through subsequent years.

[Memorandum that last year's wardens charged us with collecting [a debt] which was written off by the whole company on 3 September of the year 12 [Henry VI] [1433]:
from Thomas Gase – £10]

A simpler way (perhaps), for a debt owed under very different circumstances, is just not to list an amount under 'charge' even though it was due:

Item, de Johan Brodesworthe pur soun entré per redempcion, non pas resseux en lour temps [f. 120v]

[Item, from John Brodsworth for his admission by redemption, not received during their term of office –]

One might have thought this sufficient but the 'discharge' then includes the mention that

Memorandum de Johan Brodisworthe quia ponitur extra computum ubi prius scribitur [f. 123v]

[Memorandum about John Brodsworth since [his fee] was excluded from the account where it was written in above.]

Clearly there were complications with this man for next year we are told:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resseux de Thomas Bataylle et de William Olyver pur le redempcion de Johan Brodysworthe pur estre de nostre lyverey et mistere per assent et consent des nous dites gardeynes et des toutes bones gentes del mistere de mercery – iiii li. [f. 124r]

[Item, they declare money received from Thomas Bataille and William Olyver for the redemption of John Brodsworth, for him to be of our livery and our mystery, with the agreement and consent of us, the said wardens, and of all the goodmen of the mercers' mystery – £4]

When we look at the renter wardens' accounts for the 1450s and 1460s and how debts are handled there, we find matters approaching the fictional. We know already that these accounts were written into this book with some considerable delay at this period (further paper for the book was bought in 1460, when it was also rebound; since the foliation was done in the fifteenth century, is continuous, and internal reference is made in the accounts to information appearing on other folios, both previous and subsequent, one may well suppose that it was only after 1460 that many (if not all) of the previous accounts were written up). The problems over accumulated rent debts, only taken firmly in hand from 1459, may well have meant that no full accounting for the previous years was done until after that date.

At the end of the account for 1458–59 are listed the names of debtors and the amounts due from each between the years 1455 and 1459 (see pp. 864–77). They are listed by property and by the name of the renter-warden in charge for the year, many debtors having owed money for several successive years and a total being given for him or her. After this comes a list of 'desperate debts' and then further sums owed by the rent-collector, John Bleseby, and the beadle and writer of this list, Richard Box (but as tenant perhaps rather than in his official capacity). A total of debts to date is given as £157 2s. 10d. A new rent-collector has taken over during the term of office of John Marchall, but he too has been unable to collect money from some tenants, these debts being listed next [f. 27r], and they amount to £10 18s. 3d., plus 21s. 2d. for vacant premises, plus a further unexplained amount owed by Roos of £4 5s. 3d.

The £157 2s. 10d. is subdivided into amounts owed for separate years:

Is due þ^e tyme of Redeknape – iiiii^xiii li. iii s. i d.
 Item, þ^e tyme of Donne – xix li. xvi s. vii d.
 Item, þ^e tyme of Warde – xxxviii li. xvii s. iiiii d. ob.
 Item, þ^e tyme of Marchalle – xv li. v s. ix d. ob. [RW f. 26v]

Redeknape's £83 3s. 1d. can then be tracked back to f. 18v, the account supposedly rendered in 1456, where it is given as the final balance due to the mistery, is said to be handed over as a debt, and the correct folio number, 26, is given as to where this is further accounted for – in 1459, although the year is not stated. Moreover, we find also that reckoned here on the 1455–56 account is an amount of £20 said to be paid to John Marchall (in 1458–59) and a further sum of £13 11s. 5d. paid to John Barby (in 1459–60). These sums are indeed reckoned among the receipts in the two later years. Similarly, John Donne's £19 16s. 7d. can be traced on f. 20v, after the reckoned balance due, given as a debt owed to the mistery and as listed below on f. 26, and again, out of the balance, sums are listed as having been paid to John Marchall and John Barby, listed indeed among receipts for 1458–59 and 1459–60. Warde's £38 17s. 4½d. is listed, again with the correct cross-reference to f. 26, on f. 22v where his due balance is further rounded up by an amount said to be paid to John Barby, duly listed along with the other amounts on f. 28 in 1459–60. John Marchall's debt of £15 5s. 9½d. does not appear again in the Renter Wardens' account book, but, remarkably, it is listed as a sum to be deducted from the Hall accounts, along with other debts:

Item, þ^er is paid by þ^e boke of þ^e lyvelood more þan was resseyved, as apereth in þacompte of John Marchalle, folio xxv^{io} of þ^e same booke – lvi li. x s. xi d.
 Item, þ^e said John Marchalle hath delivered ovir in dettours as apereth in þ^e boke of lyvelood, folio xxvi^{io} þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer – xv li. v s. ix d. ob.
 Item, þ^e said John hath delivered ovir in dettours as apereth in his acompte in þ^e boke of lyvelood folio xxvii^o þ^e tyme of Roger Roos, rentgaderer – xvi li. iiiii s. viii d. [f. 194v]

This is not of course the end of the matter, and one may track these and other debts in and out of the later accounts. Bleseby's debt is finally written off and no longer included from 1463–64 onwards,⁷¹ and one finds also further transfers of money between both the Hall and the property accounts, and between succeeding renter-wardens.⁷² The charge and discharge system may be somewhat disparaged by modern accounting historians comparing it with the superior double-entry book-keeping system, but in the hands of experienced businessmen, able to think imaginatively when needing to balance the books, it was fully adequate. Further detailed study of the accounting procedures used by the Mercers will surely be done by historians of medieval financial systems and accounting.

The Languages used in these Accounts and the Vocabulary of Accounting

As is usual for records of this period, the language used is Anglo-French (known also as Anglo-Norman) for the majority of the ordinances, accounts, and other information noted during the fourteenth century and until well into the fifteenth century. Unusual only is that the Mercers continued to keep their records in French until 1458–59, although with some intervening use of English. Anglo-French, a form of French developed in England from the Norman Conquest onwards, and with many features differentiating it from continental French, was

71 'Item, of þarest of þ^e said acompte, ovir an Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob. due þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer, never likly to be payd, as apereth tofore folio xliii^{dor} [RW f. 43r].

72 See e.g. f. 197v, and RW ff. 28v, 35v, 36r, 39r, 43v.

an official language of record used for instance by the clerks of each succeeding parliament (now preserved in the *Rotuli Parliamentorum*), and whose use continued in the English legal system becoming known as 'Law French'. Latin is also found in the Mercers' record books, in particular the copies of their charter and of the letters patent of 1394, and the documents of 1291 concerning the small beam. It is also used by the scribe identified as Adam Pinkhurst to write the account of John Organ for 1391–92, this year's account standing out from all the others by this use of Latin, as well as by its different layout and script. Latin is also found used for a number of marginal sub-headings,⁷³ it crops up in odd phrases used probably when a scribe was copying from another document,⁷⁴ and in some other occasional places,⁷⁵ often demonstrating the scribe's familiarity with Latin and very probably unconscious use of it, for example in the abbreviated (or sometimes full) Latin forms of first names that occur in lists otherwise in French,⁷⁶ and in phrases such as 'Memorandum de Johan Brodisworthe quia ponitur extra computum ubi prius scribitur' [f. 123v]. English appears first in such phrases as 'al mistere de haberdasshers' [f. 27v], or 'pur un fyn pur entrer en Sylkwommannes craft' [f. 78v bis], where the nouns 'haberdassher' and 'sylkwomman' could be accounted as belonging to the Anglo-French language. Other purely English nouns may be signalled: 'avec bateux appelez "lighters"' [f. 81r]. The scribe of most of the years up to the mid-1420s had an excellent knowledge of French, but thereafter, with increasing frequency, we find scribes whose command of French was sufficient for standard regular entries (where earlier accounts could be used as a model from which to copy) but insufficient for new and unusual material:

Item, pur xii pater nosters bedes pur torcheholders – vi d. [f. 83r]

Item, païé pur repayryng de ii vestementes, stoles et fanonis – v s.

Item, païé pur ii newe aubis – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé a Sire William Ripyngale pur waschyng de abbis – xii d. [f. 86r]

The scribe of 1427–28 abandons French almost entirely for a list of fines (ff. 94v–95r), but then comes back to it when more standard items occur (f. 96r). If copying from other documents, a translation was not thought necessary, e.g. the ordinance of 1417 on f. 71v,⁷⁷ and perhaps the 1424 Chalton case on f. 84v. The scrivener Robert Bale, whose French has always had a distinctly English flavour, seems suddenly to decide not to make the effort any more and in the account for 1447–48 turns to use English alone [from f. 155v], then goes back to French for more standard entries, but then in the following year writes almost the whole account in English. His successor writes the 1449–50 account entirely in English, as does his successor in turn write those up to 1452, but when Richard Box takes over, he reverts to the use of French, a language in which he was clearly fully competent. However, in 1458–59 a decision was evidently taken that English should now be used, and the remainder of the Wardens' Account Book is written in this language. The whole of the Renter Wardens' Account Book is written in English, although in the part written by Richard Box one finds some notable lapses into French.⁷⁸

73 E.g. 'De exitibus apprenticiorum' [f. 14v], 'Fines de non bene intransibus' [f. 15r], 'Causa quare nullum incrementum datur isto anno' [f. 17r].

74 E.g. 'pur un an entier usque crastinum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno x^{mo} regis Henrici viⁱⁱ' [f. 109v].

75 E.g. the notices of the death of Henry IV and the coronation of Henry V [f. 58r].

76 See e.g. f. 18v (De Johanne Wasshbourne / De Roberto Westoun / De Johan Bale) or f. 74r (De Thomas Chipenham / De Johanne Uske / De William Hardwyk / De Johan Wode).

77 One notes that the heading to this is given however in French: 'Cest ordinance fuist renovelez en temps des gardeins desuis escriptz'.

78 For example in giving a date 'faite le xiiii^e jour de novembre l'an vi^e' [RW f. 42v], as a sub-heading 'Païé a R. Cobolt' [RW f. 42v], or as an odd word in a phrase, e.g. 'Geffray Boleyn, Rauff Verney, & autres custoses' [RW f. 16v].

Many others have written about the medieval languages of England, and about the ways they are found inter-relating.⁷⁹ One field of vocabulary has however not yet been fully explored and some guidance here for readers of these accounts may therefore be helpful. This vocabulary of accounting, found in the pages of both record books, is indeed of particular interest. Unlike the records of some other livery companies which have survived, the Mercers' books were intentionally formal and correct, were written up from other more temporary notes, and for this 'fair copy', intended for posterity, they insisted upon full sentences, careful headings, and verbal as well as numeral accounting. The formality and care with which these fair copies were written up allow us to follow in great detail not only the practical aspects of this system of accounting but also the technical terminology used to express this, and it is worth examining further here just a few of these words and phrases.

The terminology used in the earliest written accounts of the Mercers, and found in the vast majority of other surviving accounts also, is more straightforward, less technical: 'ils ount receu', 'ils rendent en acompt receu', 'lour recept', 'Païementz de cel an', 'ils ount doné a ...', 'De quele somme furent despenduz ...'.⁸⁰

From 1396 onwards, each year, after the listing of the names of the wardens and the stating of the accounting year, the heading 'Charge' is placed above the start of the income and receipts section (this being the word used in both the French and the English sections of the accounts), and if (as is usual) this carries on over several pages, the further sub-heading 'Unqore charge' ('Further charge'), is placed at the top of a page, or above a sub-section of listed receipts. Below this, each sub-section of these (the 'parcelles', 'parcels', i.e. items) is introduced by a phrase: 'Ils soy chargent de ...', 'Ils soy chargent ové ...', 'Ils soy chargent en ...', 'Ils soy chargent pur ...', 'Ils soy chargent qe ...' or 'Ils soy chargent receu de ...', these being synonymous variants, except that the following 'pur' appears to be used in some cases where the money has not actually been received, but they are taking upon themselves the burden for obtaining it.⁸¹ The English vocabulary is all taken from the French.⁸² In the English sections of these accounts we find for instance 'Summa totalis of their holle charge' [f. 159r]; 'Item, pey ben chargen of receipt ...' [f. 157v]; 'First we charge us the same day wyth the rest of a counte of Henry Frowyk, Thomas Style, John Kyrby, and John Locke in redy mony – C lxxvii li. x s.' [f. 162r].

During their term of office, the wardens 'discharged' ('unloaded', 'disburdened') themselves of various monies and the expenses section of the account is thus preceded by the heading 'Discharge' (in both French and English), the sub-heading 'Unqore discharge' (or 'Yet discharge', 'Further discharge') is placed at the top of succeeding pages or sub-sections of this, and each sub-section is introduced by a phrase 'Ils soy dischargent de ...', 'Ils soy dischargent en ...', 'Ils soy dischargent qe ...', 'Ils soy dischargent pur ...', 'Ils soy dischargent de ceo

79 See recently e.g. Trotter (ed.), *Multilingualism in Later Medieval Britain*; Rothwell (ed.), *Anglo-Norman Dictionary, Second Edition*, 'Preface', v–xx; Hunt, *Teaching and Learning Latin*; Price (ed.), *Languages of the British Isles*; Catto, 'Written English'; Ormrod, 'The Use of English'; Wright, *Sources of London English*; Trotter, 'L'anglo-normand'; Dean and Boulton, *Anglo-Norman Literature*, especially pp. 157–78 – and the further references found in each publication. Also indispensable still is Pope, *From Latin to Modern French*.

80 An occasional use is found of one of the later standard phrases, e.g. on f. 14v 'ils soy chargent ové les deniers en les mains William Parker ...'.

81 E.g. 'Item, ils soy chargent le xv jour de Maij en le Court de Saint Thomas d'Acre par tout la compaignie pur lever de tout sez persones qe achatent lez toil de Holand pur lour disobeisaunce en contour lez ordinaunce fait par la dit compaignie' [f. 105v].

82 The Latin terms used, which do not appear in these accounts but can be found elsewhere, are the same in meaning but different etymologically: e.g. 'Idem onerant se de l'j s. et viij d.'; 'Oneretur prepositus de vj denariis pro ...'; 'Clericus comptum faciens semper habeat rotulos anni precedentis si potest, in quo habeat visum cuiuslibet rei qualiter in anno precedenti se oneravit et deoneravit ...'; 'Et in illa parte de natura est .i. panellus onerans et alius deonerans'; 'Tripliciter potest prepositus vel ballivus de genere bladorum onerari'. See Brown, *History of Accounting*, pp. 46, 48; Ratcliff et al., *Elton Manorial Records*, p. 31; Oschinsky, *Walter of Henley*, pp. 465–6.

qe ...'. 'Here begynnyth the dyscharge of this acounte / First, we discharge us of the selary of John Secheforth / ... We discharge us to Robert Baron & Muschamp to the lyflod of Richard Withengton – x li.' [f. 165r]; 'First ye said acomptantz discharge pem of mony paid to Clampard for ...' [f. 197r]

The reflexive verbs used ['we charge us', 'they discharge them'] convey the social and financial responsibility felt by the wardens: they 'charge themselves' or take upon themselves the burden of the monies received, and they 'discharge themselves', they unload certain monies when paying out sums on behalf of the Company. Occasionally, especially in the later years of the accounts, a passive of the transitive, not the reflexive verb, is used in the French and English: 'ils sont chargés pur ...', 'they ben charged of'. When an uncollected amount is passed from the responsibility of one set of wardens to the next, then this appears with the transitive verb, e.g. 'lez gardeins de l'an darrein passé nous chargent pur lever de Thomas Gaase, summa v li.' (f. 98v). And finally one notes also the adjective 'chargeable', meaning liable to be held responsible for:

Cause pur quoy les ditz mestres ne soi chargent ové le rent:

Et fait a savoir qe par comune assent de tout le mister Johan Cosham de sa bone volentee ad la charge pur lour temps del rent, et ent rent acompt soul, et par celle cause les ditz Johan, William, Richard, et Johan ne sont chargeables de rien d'icel. [f. 33r]

The role of the auditors ('auditours' in both French and English) is apparent in the use of the verb 'allower' and the noun 'allowance'.

Item, païé pur reparacioun del rent, dont fuist pur pavage – v marc z i d., come piert par evidence moustré et allowé devant les auditours – viii li. xiii d.⁸³ [f. 25v]

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont paiez pur rep[ar]aciouns de les rentes del mistere par temps de l'acompt – iiiii li. v s. iiiii d.⁸⁴ [f. 77r]

The words 'allow' and 'allowance' can be used with the same ultimate meaning but notably different reference: the wardens may ask either for an expense already paid out to be allowed, authorised, accepted as valid: this as in the two examples above, or they may ask for monies due but not received to be 'written off':

Alowance: Item, ils demandent pur estre allowé d'argent deliveré a Thomas Wytelbery par Emond Redeknape pur son chaperon, le quele ne fuit deliveré a eux – xii s. iiiii d. [f. 177r]

Allowances: First, p^e said acomptauntz asken to be allowed of mony pardoned to Thomas Niche for a fyne of x li. of olde – v li. [f. 208v]

Thomas Niche's fine of £10 had been entered under the charge, i.e. receipts section, because although he had not paid up he was supposed to have done and the wardens have the burden of responsibility for collecting it. Now, however, they give the information that Thomas Niche has been let off, his fine remitted, and they beg to be allowed to remove this sum from their accounts. Similarly,

83 'Item, paid for repairs to the tenement of which for paving 5 marks 1d. as appears in the evidence shown to and allowed by the auditors – £8 13d.'

84 'Item, they ask for allowance in that they have paid for repairs to the company's tenements during the period of their account – £4 5s. 4d.'

Item, ils demandent allowance pur vacacioun de dyverse mansiouns del rent del mistere deins le temps de l'acompte. [f. 77r]

they ask allowance for vacancies in the letting of rooms in the tenements – the money had previously been entered as received and they now have to obtain permission [allowance] to set aside the shortfall caused by the periods of vacancy in the letting. Here one must remember again the tabular, chequer-board process of accounting. The whole amount of the rent-money expected had previously been placed to their charge; now the amount lost from rooms left vacant and unlet for a period is allowed to be taken from this and placed on the discharge side. Presumably, if the auditors thought the wardens in some way responsible for the loss of income, the amount would not have been authorised/allowed. Retrospective allowance is also possible, and a sum may be ‘allowé arere’:

Item, deliveré a Thomas Lonmore, John Broun, Roger Hyde, et Herry Colet pur distribuer entour lez bachelers queles chivacheront ovesque Geoffrey Feldyng quant il fuist Maier, pur ceo qe la summa de vi li. fuist coilé le mesme temps de eles, lez queles ne chivacheront, et fuist mys en la conte dez ditz Geoffrey et sez compaynes donques gardeins, et fuist allowé arere en une courte tient le xv^e jour d'ottobre l'an 36. – vi li. [f. 191r]⁸⁵

The verb ‘prover’ is also used to note the auditors approval:

Item, ils demandent allouance pur reparacions faitz en l'an suisdit sur les avantditz tenementz pertenantz al mercerie, come appiert pleinement per l'acompt du dit William Rumbold, prové per nous Johan Sturgeon, William Thornhille, et Thomas Stele – xlv s. i d. [f. 139v]

The account (‘l'acompt’/‘l'acompt’, ‘Thacompte’⁸⁶) may just be said to be made (‘fait’) or ‘rendered’: ‘[il] ent rent acompt’ [f. 33r]; ‘Et ils rendent sur mesme ceste acompte en encrees des avantditz deniers – v li.’ [f. 4v], ‘Item, ils rendent en acompt receu’ [f. 4v]; ‘le tarier de lour acompte rendre’ [f. 50r]. Those rendering an account are termed an ‘acomptaunt’: ‘Item, lez acomptans suisdites ount deliverez ...’ [f. 157r]; ‘First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for divers costes ...’; ‘Summa of alle þ^e discharge of þe said acomptaunt’ [RW f. 20v]; ‘The charge of þe said acomptauntz’ [f. 200v]. The word is also used adjectivally: ‘Comence la discharge de les dites maistres accomptauns’ [f. 121v].

Various phrases are used for those who get into arrears (usually over rent): ‘Item, lez ditz gardeins demaudent auxi alowaunce pur le mesme Thomas Gase d’une somme aderere de sone rente’ [f. 104r]; ‘Item, qe Walter Strete est aderer et doit pur sa liveree de baldekyn ...’ [f. 12v]; ‘Item, Thomas Raftoun doit q’il est a derere de receit del rent – xxv s. iii d.’ [f. 69r]. The noun used for ‘arrears’ is the same in both French and English: ‘pur arrerage de sa mesoun – xii s. ii d.’ [f. 64r]; ‘Item, ils ount receu des dettes et arrerages de certeyns persones’ [f. 5r]; ‘First, þei charge þem of mony resseyved of olde arrerages as apereth aftir – Ciii li. xix s. xi d.’ [RW f. 7r]; ‘Item, we discharge us of þarerage of John Bleseby’ [RW f. 13r].

85 ‘Item, handed over to Thomas Lonmore, John Brown, Roger Hyde, and Harry Colet, to be distributed amongst the bachelors who rode in procession with Geoffrey Fielding when he was Mayor, because the sum of £6 was collected at that time from those who did not ride in the procession, and it was put into the account of the said Geoffrey and his fellow-wardens, and it was authorised at a court held on 15 October in the year 36 [Henry VI] – £6’.

86 One finds also the English word ‘reckoning’ very occasionally: ‘Item, païé a le mesme Robert pur scripture de cest accompt en paupir – iii s. iiiii d. Item, païé au dicte Robert pur entree de le reconynggis del an darrein passé en cest luyvre et pur entree de cest aune en le mesme luyvre – vi s. viii d.’ [f. 146v]; ‘Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryvener, pur scripture del reconyng’ [f. 148v].

Arrears of course lead to debts, and the most noteworthy point about the linguistic usage is that whereas we in modern times would say that we were handing over a debt, and this may be said:

Et outre ceo ils ont delyvrez de veille dette accru devant lour temps. [f. 73v]

by far the more common usage is to say that the person is handed over, the debtor:

Primerement, ils se chargent ové les deniers et dettours delivrez a eux par lour predeceussours, come piert en lour acompte proscheyn devant escripte, c'est assavoir – lxxiii li. iii s. x d. [f. 26v];

Item, donerent outre en dettours qe devoient pur rent de lour temps [f. 26r];

La somme total de lour charge en argent sek et dettours amont net come piert [f. 41r];

Item, ils ount deliveré dettour Walter Strete, qi doit pur sa livréé [f. 14r];

Item, ils ount liverez dettours lez executours de Johan Organ [f. 14r];

or, in the slightly different phrasing:

Item, ils ont receu de Richard Hille, delyvré a eux pur un dettour entre autres, come piert en le darreyn accompte – ii s. iiiii d. [f. 46v]

The same wording appears in the English sections:

First, þe said acomptauntz charge þem of mony resseyved ... Item, of divers dettours goven up by þem ... – xiii li. vii s. ix d. [f. 200v];

Item, delivered in dettours, as apereth aftir – C ii li. vii s. x d. [f. 205v];

Item, in divers dettours þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer – Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob. [RW f. 39r]

Debtors may be 'doné', 'goven up' or 'liverez', 'delyvré', 'delivered', and the interesting verb 'suisdoner' is also found:

Item, ils sont chargés en argent resseux de Johan Abbot qe fuiste a eux suisdoné pur un detoure per les suisdites veiles gardeynes – xxx s. [f. 118v]

En primez, ressu de John Colet, mercier, en plein payment de ii obligations duez par luy a la companie del mercerie, et par lez darrein wardeins William Cantelowe et sez compaynes a nous suisdonez et deliverez, come apiert le Ciiii^{xx} iiiii ff. devant – xx li. [f. 188r]

The prefix has the sense of 'up' or 'over' and one might compare it to the verb 'susrendre' (also spelt in Anglo-French as 'suisrendre', 'suzrendre', and 'surrendre') meaning 'to hand over' or 'surrender'.

At the end of the account a balance is arrived at, a remainder or 'remaynt' or more commonly a 'rest' or 'arest' (both in English and French) to be handed on to the new set of wardens, e.g. 'Rest dewe to the mercery ...' [f. 174v:]; 'Item, of Roger Midelmore for th'arest of a condite gadered by ... – xxiiij s. x d.' [f. 201v]; in French one more often finds a verbal usage: 'Si rest en argent seek al dit mistier' [f. 107v]; 'Et ency reest par l'acompte en lour mains' [f. 39r]; 'Ensy rest en argent par cest acompte ... Ensy rest due a la mercery – xxii li. x s. xi d.' [f. 177v].

The sum given can then be termed as a 'net' figure, the adverbial usage being most common:

La somme total de lour charge en argent sek et dettours amont net come piert – [f. 41r]

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net come piert – Clxxviii li. xiii s. viii d. [f. 43r]

Et ainsi remainent net en lour mains – iiiii^{xx} v li. xvii s. vii d. ob. [f. 140r]

More commonly used is a form of ‘cler’:

Summa totalis receu en clere amont come piert – Ciiii^{xx} xviii li. ix s. viii d. ob. [f. 44v]

So þe resseit is clerely of þe lyvelood – CCxvi li. xiiii s. viii d. [RW f. 5r]

And so þere remayneth clere þe som of – Ciiii^{xx}vii li. x s. ix d. ob. [f. 161v]

La somme clerement receu [f. 4v]

Any potential monies not received and removed from the responsibility of the wardens may have a note against them to say ‘voide’, or a whole normally regular section may be declared ‘voide’, for example the second year of livery admission fees in 1400–01:

Pur l’an seconde, nichil:

Et fait a remembrier qe la receyt de l’an seconde est voide pur la cause expressé en l’acompt proschein devant. [f. 31v]

Debts also may be declared irrecoverable, and thus written off: ‘Dette perdu et voidé hors l’acompt par avys’ [f. 29r], where the word ‘hors’ ‘out of’ may be seen as implying removal not just from the books but from the chequer-board; one may compare the Latin used by a later scribe:

Memorandum de Johan Brodisworthe quia ponitur extra computum ubi prius scribitur [f. 123v]

Finally, one notes a word used in a technical sense throughout the accounts and in both French and English: ‘forein’ (in a variety of spellings). It may be attached to receipts: ‘forein receyt’ or more commonly to expenditure ‘Foreyn costages et expenses’, ‘Forein costes pur necessities’ and in the English sections: ‘Foreyne espenses’, ‘Summa of forein expenses – xxvii s. viii d. ob.’. Its sense is that of being outside the accepted internal ‘domestic’ expenses of the mistery (regular salaries, quit-rents, and alms-payments for instance), and such payments would always have needed individual approval from the auditors (whereas the latters’ task in regard to quit-rents and alms payments was to ensure they had been correctly paid, not to give approval that they should be paid at all).

Many other words and phrases used in the Mercers’ accounts will be of interest to linguists and to lexicographers. It is beyond the scope of this introduction to examine in full detail all the financial and accounting vocabulary found here, but the above notes may, it is hoped, serve to elucidate the more unusual words, many of which are not readily findable, in the senses in which they are used here, in even the best of dictionaries.⁸⁷

⁸⁷ It may be relevant to note that it was equally not easy to track journals dealing with accounting and its history, and they are absent from many major libraries, this being in particular true of foreign journals, even English language ones, e.g. Australian and American. I am most grateful for having been accorded access to the Library of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, through the good offices of John Lethbridge.

Editorial Method

The basic text being edited here is the book of Wardens' Accounts containing the account for 1347–48, and then the accounts from 1390 to 1464, and which has a number of other copied texts inserted on separate leaves bound in at the front of the book and on some sheets included at the end of it. The text of the Renter Wardens' account book has only been taken up to the year 1464, since the reasons for including this were the impossibility of presenting an accurate picture of the Mercers' accounts without it, given that some classes of income and expenditure are moved entirely to the latter book (income from rental properties, expenditure on alms payments, some salaries and quit-rents) and that monies are transferred at times from one account to the other and cross-references are made in the texts. The approach is therefore chronological, and the renter wardens' accounts have been 'interleaved' with the Hall accounts at an appropriate corresponding point in time. The heading to each account gives not only the year date but also the precise period, Midsummer to Midsummer for the Hall accounts, and Easter to Easter for the majority of the Renter Wardens' accounts, although a few of the earlier accounts are dated as from one Michaelmas to the next. Since the accounting years do not correspond exactly, a decision had to be taken as to which account should be presented first, and here chronology plays a part but it has been thought usually more logical to place the Renter Warden's account after that of the main Hall account, certainly so from the period when the fourth-named warden each year takes on the post of Renter Warden.⁸⁸ As described above (pp. 17–18) the dates of a few of the early property accounts are uncertain to us today and were uncertain to the scribe writing them out in the fifteenth century. The most probable datings and placings have been chosen in this edition, all uncertainties have been signalled, and scholars using these texts should remember to beware and not base any arguments upon these dates without corroboration. Indeed, it is to be hoped that others may find evidence which would confirm or disprove the datings allocated here.

The additional early texts in the preliminary pages of the Hall account book have been inserted chronologically, and thus we start with the list of quit-rents for 1344.⁸⁹ The 1347 ordinances follow, then the account for 1347–48, and interleaved next are the ordinances of 1376 (copied in 1404). The 1404–05 ordinance found on f. A4r is presented at the end of the account for that year, and the 1407–08 ordinances written on ff. A4v–A5v are similarly inserted at the appropriate point. The oaths found in these preliminary pages are in a later hand, do not by their nature fit into a chronological sequence and they have thus been placed in a separate appendix. For the additional texts at the end of the book, on ff. 210v and 211r–212r, most though not all of which concern the small beam, consisting of relevant texts of 1291 and 1526, then a series of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century notes, the decision was taken to leave these where they are, that is to present them in the edition at the end of the accounts. Apart from the main material in the Renter Wardens' account book, the preliminary pages contain a highly interesting rental, which is dated, but it was nevertheless decided that the best place to present this was in a separate appendix again.

The conventions used for editing are as follows: The text is reproduced exactly except that, in accordance with standard modern editorial practice, 'u' and 'v', 'i' and 'j' have been differentiated according to pronunciation for the text in all three languages used – Anglo-French (Anglo-Norman), Latin, and Middle English. In the French text, the acute and the cedilla accents have been used in order to mark pronunciation differences. Occasional difficulties

⁸⁸ The writing-up of all these accounts at a time much later than the period to which they refer was also a factor borne in mind. See above, pp. 17–18.

⁸⁹ See above, pp. 3–4, for discussion of its importance.

arise over the use of an acute accent, and editorial decisions have been taken on the basis of comparable phrases if such exist, and in cases of doubt the accent has not been used. The use of capital letters at the beginning of words has been largely standardised to modern usage: the lack of capitals on for example surnames or the fairly frequent use of some capitals in positions not used today may be noted, and are typical of English manuscripts of this time (whether French, English, or Latin). Punctuation has been added of full stops, commas, colons, and the occasional semi-colon, as also of the apostrophe, in accordance with modern usage, and the dash has been used in a standard manner before a given sum of money, both in lists:

De Thomas Seccheford –	xii d.
De Richard Herry –	xii d.

and at the end of a descriptive phrase or sentence:

Item, ils soy chargent de une autre somme devisee par Johan More (qe dieux assoille) pur mesme la cause, vidz. – xl s.

and for totals:

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net – CCxlxvii li. vi s. vi d. ob.

The text itself varies, sometimes using a drawn line (a dash), sometimes leaving a gap in the line, sometimes putting a point, sometimes having no separation. Editorial consistency makes for a much clearer modern text, and neither adds nor subtracts anything from the meaning. Any editorial insertion or emendation is clearly indicated by the use of square brackets, and any words rejected as clearly erroneous are given in footnotes. Very few such emendations have been made, and only in cases where a scribal copying error seems certain. Any text deleted or scored out in the text but which seemed to be worth preserving has either been placed in round brackets, with an explanatory footnote, or has been placed directly in a footnote. The underlining of some sums of money used by William Piryman (see above, p. 12) has not been reproduced in this edition (but is noted), as it was thought too distracting to the eye in the very different context of a printed text, because it is not fully consistent, and because a lack of strict adherence to the manuscript's usage can in this case lead to no error.

Abbreviations in all three languages are expanded in accordance with the usual spelling of the scribe when the word is found in full; the expansions are indicated by italics; the expansions can differ, since there are over a long period of time a large number of scribes whose verbal practices differ; not infrequently it is impossible to find a full form of a word as written by a particular scribe, and thus general common practice of the time has been the guide followed. It is not however always easy to decide for instance whether to expand the 'p' with a line through it as 'par' or 'per', but the use of italics provides full information for linguists. In the French and Latin text, the abbreviated 'et' is rendered thus and placed in italics. In the English text, an ampersand ('&') is used. English scribes of the fourteenth and particularly the fifteenth centuries tend to use suspension lines as decoration as well as to indicate a missing letter or letters; at times it may not be easy to decide, but for most scribes examination of their writing leads one rather to think that if an expansion is possible then this was meant, and it is thus rendered, using italics as usual to indicate this; but one may note that for instance the two scribes writing ff. 112v–115r and 115v–118r both use extra small flourish lines on some last letters of a word that appear to be merely decorative. One often has a choice between 'oun/oun' and 'one'; general common practice must be the guide in cases where it is always found abbreviated, and I have tried to be consistent (even if the scribes might not have been!). In

Middle English one finds plural forms of nouns in ‘-es’ and as often in ‘-is’, scribes using both indiscriminately it may seem; when expanding abbreviated plurals (where a word ends in a suspension mark) it is not therefore always easy to choose between these. In a few cases a word has been left unexpanded, with an apostrophe to mark a contraction or suspension sign, e.g. ‘London’’, where it seems impossible to know whether the scribe would have written in full ‘Londoniensis’, ‘Londoniarum’, or a variety of other forms, and where it may even be thought uncertain whether the scribe himself would have been sure how to expand the word. Names in lists where the basic language is Anglo-French are nevertheless not infrequently written with the abbreviations for the Latin form of a name; lists may contain some names in French or English form, others in Latin form; some names are abbreviated to a form that might be either French or Latin (e.g. Joh’) and these have been expanded according to the form of nearby names, although at times this is not easy because of the mixture of forms. In the French text, ‘John’ with a line through the ‘h’ is rendered as ‘Johan’, while in English it is rendered as ‘John’.

A further minor point is that the lists of money received are very often in the text listed with the names of the men who have paid preceded by an ornate, formalised capital ‘D’ as a standard abbreviation for ‘de’ = ‘from’. Very occasionally (e.g. once on f. 2v, once on f. 115r) a small ‘e’ follows, i.e. ‘De’ is written in full. One scribe, who wrote just the one year’s account on ff. 108r–110r, has from f. 108v onwards misinterpreted the abbreviation as a paraph sign, and this has been ignored in the edition. For the entries of all other scribes who use this ‘De’, the edition of the text has preserved the capital with ‘De’ thus, but on the parallel translation side it has been considered that lower case ‘f’ for ‘from’ looks and reads better in the context of a translation into modern form.

Word divisions are, as usual, an occasional problem. When a scribe has either divided a word or combined two together in a way inconsistent with general usage these occurrences have been corrected silently.

The layout of the original has had to be modified, and this has been done while keeping clearly in mind that the edited text must present to the modern reader all the information given in a manner as close to the original as possible. Both account books are of large format and with sufficient width to the pages to allow a set of itemised sums to be bracketed together and a total for these given at the right-hand side. Sometimes the names of two, three, or more apprentices may be bracketed together to one master, the sum paid for all given at the side, and then beyond that a sum total for all the apprentices’ fees in the whole list is placed even further to the right at some mid-point of the list. In the Renter Wardens’ book, written in Box’s careful and small script, the use of bracketed sub-totals and totals can be quite complex again. All the sums, the various sub-totals and totals, are preserved in the edition, but they have been placed underneath a list, with a tab indentation, and spaced in relation to other text so that their relationship is clear. Another modification that needed to be made was that of columns. Some but not all scribes present lists, for example of fines, where the list consists of just a name and an amount of money, in two parallel columns, the total sum for all being placed variously. Again, the pages of this modern edition are not wide enough to allow this to be reproduced and the list is just given in sequence, with a footnote if there is any aspect of the columnar setting that should be noted.

Two further particular points need to be made about how the layout of the original has been modified in this edition. The first concerns sub-headings which in the manuscript are very often placed in the left hand margin. In the edition, these have been placed just above the relevant paragraph, aligned to the left. The other concerns page headings. In the manuscript, on some pages, but by no means all, a sort of ‘running head’ is provided, giving the year of the account, or the names of the wardens that year, occasionally the name of the Mayor of

London that year, and, in one section of the book, an indication if this is a continuation of the 'Charge' or the 'Discharge' part of the account, or a continuation of some sub-section. These are finding aids that work in the manuscript but cannot be reproduced usefully here in that they do not in the modern edition fall at the top of pages. One needs only to look at the 1936 edition of the *Acts of Court 1453–1527*, which reproduces page headings of dates even if they then appear mid-text in the edition (see e.g. pp. 44, 83, 175, 399) and to consider the confusions about datings of entries there that have, at least in part, arisen due to misunderstandings from the printed text of the function of these dates (in addition to some being erroneous),⁹⁰ in order to appreciate that such page headings serve no useful function in a modern edition. There are also cases, e.g. at the top of f. 70r, where such a heading is erroneous (it reads 'Unqore de compaignouns de lour an seconde' whereas the sums listed on that page are for the first not the second year of admission fees). In all cases where extra information is conveyed in such a heading, this has been noted in a footnote. If the information they provide is simply a repetition of information already given in the text, then they have not been reproduced. They make sense in the manuscript as guides to readers to find their way, but since they do not, in this edition, occur at the tops of pages, they serve no purpose, give no new information, and indeed clutter the text in a potentially confusing way. Any heading that is relevant has been retained, either in the text or by a footnote. Anyone studying layout methods will need to consult the manuscript in any case, although I have tried to give as much information about this here as is possible.

The Translation

The facing-page parallel text translation of the text into modern English is provided for those whose knowledge of Anglo-French and Latin may be insufficient and for whom the Middle English text could also prove difficult to comprehend; the fifteenth-century language is indeed far removed from that of the twenty-first century. The aim has been to provide a text that reads fluently, is immediately comprehensible to a modern reader, which avoids the ambiguities inherent in any use of archaic language or literal transposition of words, and yet which keeps as closely as possible to the original, neither omitting any detail nor adding more than is in the text. The original is there on the facing page for all verification to be made by those who do understand the medieval languages, but the modern English text will surely make these records available to and usable by a very much wider range of historians and scholars, as well as to non-specialists in the field.

Ambiguities of meaning have been signalled by footnotes giving a possible alternative meaning, and footnotes have also been used to explain the fairly large number of words unlikely to be known by the general, non-specialist reader. Liturgical vestments such as 'fanons', materials such as 'murrey' or 'baudekin', wood for building called 'estrich board', the measure of the 'toise', all such as these have been given definitions, very often taken from the *OED* or *MED*. I have preferred to err on the side of providing too many definitions rather than too few, hoping to spare some of those who use this edition from possibly tedious recourse to specialist dictionaries.

Some standard decisions have been taken as follows:

DATES: while year dates may be given in Anno Domini figures, it is much more frequent to find regnal years used. These may appear as for instance 'l'an primere del regne le Roy Henry vi^e

⁹⁰ See Sutton and Hammond, 'The Problems of Dating'.

puis le conquest d'Engleterre', and it has not been thought necessary for the translation to mention the Conquest, the form 'the year 1 Henry VI' being sufficient. Fairly often the name of the reigning king is omitted, and one finds for example 'le xxvi^e jour d'aprilie l'an xxxvi^e', 'Paske l'an iiiii^e suisdit', 'p^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle anno xxxvii^o', or 'at Ester anno iii^o'. Here the translation usually gives the King's name in brackets, thus 'the year 26 [Henry VI]', or 'at Easter in the year 3 [Edward IV]'. These dates could have been given as A.D. dates instead in the translation, but the decision was taken to keep to the usage of the original text but to use marginal headings and running heads at the tops of pages to allow modern readers to see the year dates at a glance.

NAMES: both first names and in particular surnames are found in a wide variety of spellings in the text. The translation gives all first names in a usually accepted modern form. All variations in the spelling of surnames in the text are noted in the Name Index, but one form only is used in the translation. This may be a more commonly found form, e.g. Piers Atherton rather than Althertoun; or may be the modern form of a place name, e.g. Clitheroe rather than Glyderowe, or Greenwich rather than Grenewych; or it may be the name by which some famous people are generally known today, e.g. Richard Whittington (not Whetyngtoun), Sir William Eastfield (not Estfeld) or John Fortescue (not Fortescu). Any form chosen as both headword in the Index and that used in the translation, and which is not found in that particular form in the text is placed in square brackets in the Name Index. Cross references are given only in cases where this was deemed necessary, e.g. from Givayn to Geveyne, from Stile to Steelle, from Stokyn to Stockton, but not from Rauson to Rawson, nor from Holond to Holland.

For the VOCABULARY OF ACCOUNTING, fuller explanations are given above, pp. 18–20 and 23–9. Exact equivalents cannot be found in modern English for the terms used in medieval accounting, and the standard recurring words have been dealt with as follows:

'CHARGE' as the heading to the first section of an account has been rendered as 'Receipts' in the translation. This is not always an exact term, since some monies were not in fact received, but the use of 'charge' in modern English would have been open to misinterpretation by a casual user of this book, while also being totally defunct in the medieval sense.

'DISCHARGE' as the heading to the second section of an account has been rendered as 'Disbursements' as being a nearer equivalent than 'expenses' or 'expenditure' since again not all sums listed are those of actual cash paid out.

The reflexive verbs 'SE CHARGER' and 'SE DISCHARGER' have both been rendered as 'to declare', e.g. 'ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delyvré a eux' – 'they declare a sum of money handed over to them' [f. 67r]; 'ils soy dischargent q'ils ont payé' – 'they declare that they have paid' [f. 41v]. Clearly one could not translate literally here ('they charge themselves') and while 'declare' is a long way linguistically from the original text it does convey in full the sense of what the wardens are saying.

'FOREIN' as in 'forein receipt' or 'forein expenses' has been rendered as 'extrinsic' rather than 'forinsec' or 'forinsecal', nearer perhaps linguistically but obsolete or almost so.

An 'ACCOUNTANT' in these texts is certainly not the modern 'accountant' but is the person or persons who are rendering an account. A rather long-winded phrase such as 'those rendering

this account' has at times been used, but at other times, when the context is fully clear and indeed repetitive, a simple 'he' or 'they' has been thought sufficient, e.g. 'First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paied for divers fees, first to hymself – xx s.' – 'Firstly, he declares money paid for various fees, and firstly to himself – 20s.' [RW f. 39r]. At other times the bracketed use of a name has been chosen as the best option, e.g. 'Item, for mony paied to John Midelton, Thomas Steelle, Richaert Nedam, & þ^e said acomptaunt' – 'Item, money paid to John Middleton, Thomas Steelle, Richard Nedam, and [John Warde]' [RW f. 21v], or alternatively, if clear in context as 'himself', e.g. 'þat is to sey William Cantelow, knyght, John Reyneken, Thomas Niche, & þ^e said acomptaunt' – 'i.e. to William Cantelow, knight, John Rankyn, Thomas Nyche, and himself' [RW f. 39r].

'ARGENT SEK' has been rendered as 'ready money'. It is used most when declaring the monies handed from one set of wardens to the next, and often in contradistinction to debts, which are also handed over as a cash sum declared (but not in actual cash). It should be remembered that, in the early years at least, and until well into the fifteenth century, the accounting demanded the production of actual cash in hand, and was not just a book-keeping exercise: 'Summa totalis qe remaynt de cler – CCClxxi li. ix s. ix d. ob. q^a. La quele somme les gardeins avant nomez ount deliveré et mys sur une table devant touz les bones gentz de la mercerie a lour assemblee avantdite' – 'The which sum the abovenamed wardens produced and placed on a table before all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery at their aforesaid assembly' [f. 5]. The custom was further to divide the balance handed over into four equal parts: 'et par comune assent de la dite mercerie ount delivré a chescun d'eux – lxvi s. viii d. Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.' – 'and with the communal agreement of the said mistery they handed over to each of them – 66s. 8d. Total – £13 6s. 8d.' [f. 5v].⁹¹ However, in 1434 for example one must note that they declare as 'l'argent seek qe remaynt en lour mayns' the sum of £65 5d. which has just above been defined as in part consisting of debts which is cash they clearly do not have in hand.

Apart from the technical accounting vocabulary, a few other words occurring regularly need perhaps some comment on the way they have been translated:

'Le box del mercery', 'þe boxe' (found also spelt as 'buiste' etc.) could have been rendered as 'the box' or 'the common box' but this seems to have a distinctly archaic flavour and the choice was made to translate as 'the communal funds'.

'CONDUIT' (spelt also in these accounts as 'conduyt', 'condyt', 'condyte', 'condite', 'coundyght', 'condyght', 'condythe', 'condyth' and 'conduct', and also as 'cundith' in the *Acts of Court*) is a word that can be used to refer to a 'conduct' or convoy sailing with the ships carrying merchandise to and from the Netherlands (or elsewhere), to protect and safeguard them, and may also be used to refer to the levy made to pay for these. In these accounts, it is the latter use that is found, and it has been rendered in the translation as 'conduct-levy'. The earliest mention comes in the account for 1430–31:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce d'une prest a Johan Waren a sone alier vers Brugges per avys de tout la compaignie, summa x li.

Et cest sera païé a le proschein condyt per avys del compaignie. [f. 107r]

⁹¹ One may note further here how it is the English 'mark' which is being used as the unit, even if the sums are expressed differently.

[Item, they ask for allowance for an advance made to John Wareyn when he left for Bruges, in consultation with the whole company, total – £10
And this will be paid at the next conduct-levy, by the decision of the company.]

The phrasing makes it clear that this is not a new departure, as does the reference in the next year's account:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de William Dautre xxiiii septembre anno x^e Regis Henr[i]cy viⁱⁱ de ce qe le dit Dautre ad reçu de Johan Rothe de conduyt du temps passé – v li. [f. 108v]

[Item, they declare receipt from William Dawtre on 24 September 10 Henry VI [1431], from what the said Dawtre had received from John Rothe from a conduct-levy of some time ago – £5]

(It is very likely that it was in his capacity as warden (1429–30) that Dawtre was in receipt of this money.) It is most commonly found here as a remainder or balance left over on a levy, e.g.

ils ount ressu per restez de diverses condites [f. 113v]

un arrest d'un condythe [f. 141v]

parest of a condite [f. 201v]

and we find also 'Item, receyved in money of conductes – viii li.' [f. 157v]. There were 'wardens' of the conduct-levies:

Item, lez acomptans suisdictes ount deliverez a lez gardeins de la rest de conduytes come appiert per l'acompt de lez gardeins de lez ditz conduytes, summa – viii li. ii d. [f. 157r]

and 'gatherers' or 'collectors' of them:

Be it remembred for as moch as that grete dysacord & varyans fell bytwene the gaderers of the condythis of the mercery and the wardeyns of the fysschemongers ... [f. 167r]

The Acts of Court provide us with a great deal of further information about the convoys, the levies made to pay for them, the men appointed to collect the monies, the auditing of the latters' receipts, and also the vocabulary associated. Here we find the word used to refer both to the actual conduct or convoy:

Also where as certen parsones appoynters be gon to Gravesende to se that the Shippes haue their complement and also furnysshed with men, with vitaill, takkle & ablementes of Warre, lyke & accordyng to the Charter partie. Where & yf the said appoynters by reason of any parfitt knowlege or understondyng of Ennemyes now be yng or like for to be in the waye ieopardous for oure shippes & that they shall nede to haue a Conduit ... [p. 195]

They consydering for the defence and sure conduct of oure shippes from this present Pasche Marte [p. 542]

for Cundyth to be had for oure Seeland flete sauely to be conveyde unto the Ryver of Temmes [p. 553]

the charge for Cundith of the Shippes [p. 644]⁹²

⁹² Note also the verbal usage in e.g. 'that the same parsones shall appoynte to my lorde admyrall suche a rewarde as they shall seme best, aswell for suche pleasure as he hath done to us in conductyng of oure shippes from and to the martes in tymes past, as for lyke pleasure, whiche he may do to this said Compney in tyme to com' [*Acts of Court*, p. 419].

and to the charges levied to pay for this, e.g. '... unto that the Conduit be sett & men appoynted to receyve it' [p. 202]. Often though this is called 'conduit mony', e.g.

for setting and paying of Conduit mony. [p. 204]

for reformation & cessyng of rates of Conduit mony. [p. 206]

The men appointed to collect the money were termed 'cundutours', 'cunduitors', 'cunduitours': 'Also for thappoyntment of Shippes, for Conduitours ...' [p. 199],⁹³ and their duties of setting the rates, collecting the monies, keeping and rendering accounts, keeping records of debtors, liaising with the customs officials and with the King's highest advisors can be tracked through these records, many references indicating the considerable degree of responsibility involved:

Also agreed that the Cunduitours shall se & understond whether the shippes appoynted haue convenyent ladyng or not, to thentent yf recompens therfore shulde be made, if defaute of suche resonable ladyng be founde after the discrecion of the said apoynters. For the whiche it is ordeyned that they shall desire my lorde Tresorer not to suffer any goodes be entred & taken up oute of any Crayour or other shippe oute of thapoyntment unto that the Conduit be sett & men appoynted to receyue it. And that the said Cunduitours shall also shew unto my lorde Tresorer the grete charges of Costes in Conduit and otherwise nowe at this tyme had, requyryng hym to shewe it unto the Kynges grace, And to praye that we may haue the same or parte therof allowed of oure Custume &c. [p. 202]

The auditors had also a great responsibility and we hear of their being appointed in October 1489:

Where as the parsones of & for this last pasche & Synkson marte Cundutours haue brought yn their bokes of rekonyng for the Conduit mony by them here receyued &c. And for thoursight of the said bokes as Auditours be nowe named & appoynted theis v parsones next ensuyng' [p. 194]⁹⁴

Those interested further in the historical importance of these 'conduits' for ensuring safe transport of merchandise will find the subject examined and described by Anne Sutton in her recent book.⁹⁵

'DETTOUR': as noted above, p. 28, the text not infrequently refers to the handing over of 'debtors', the specific persons sometimes named. In some contexts no problem arises from a straight translation of 'dettour' as 'debtor' but at others the result sounds decidedly odd to modern ears and for instance 'Item, p^e said John Marchalle hath delivered ovir in detours ... – xv li. v s. ix d. ob.' has been translated as 'Item, the said John Marchall has handed over in debts ... – £15 5s. 9½d.' [f. 194v].

'FIN/FYNE': this word can either mean a 'fine', that is a sum paid out as a penalty, or a 'fee', that is a charge made for example for admission to the freedom or livery, or for an exemption in advance. It will therefore be found translated sometimes as 'fee' and sometimes as 'fine' and in cases where insufficient information is available, e.g. 'Fyns faitz' or 'Item, ils ont receu de Johan Prynce pur un fyn', then the two alternatives are given as e.g. 'Fines and fees' or 'for a fine/fee'.

93 It may be noted that the 'appointers' of ships were those in charge of the equipping of ships, and that occasionally they were placed also in charge of these levies: 'that all suche parsones as than for the said shippes ordeyned & assigned for apoynters shuld be also Cunduitours' [*Acts of Court*, p. 199].

94 See also the very explicit directions on p. 208.

95 Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 307–10 and further *via* her Index under 'Adventurers'.

'FRATERNITY': the mercers do use this word to refer to themselves, and also the equivalent word 'brotherhood':

Item, pur le dirige et messe de requiem pur le fraternyté del mercerie – x s. [f. 188r]

[Item, for the Office of the Dead and the requiem mass for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.]

Item, paid to the Master of Seynt Thomas of Acres for the dirige of the brotherheed of the mercerye – x s. [f. 170v]

The translation therefore of an entry such as: 'Item, for þ^e dirige of þ^e brederen of þ^e mercerie holde at S. Thomas of Acres – x s.' [RW f. 18r] can be phrased as 'Item, for the Office of the Dead of the mercers' fraternity held at St Thomas of Acon – 10s.'. The souls of women, it may be noted, were prayed for equally as 'sisters' of the mercers' mistery:

Payed to the Mayster of Saint Thomas and his bretheryn the v day of July for dyrige of the brothered and systers of the mercery – x s. [f. 166v]

The 'LYVELOOD' or 'LIVELIHOOD' of the mistery: the word is used in the sense of 'property yielding an income' (see *MED* and *OED*) and has had to be translated in two ways because of the modern usage of the Mercers' Company itself. One can and does refer to 'the Whittington estate' or 'the Eastfield estate' but one does not refer to 'the Mercers' Company estate' or 'mercery estate' and thus here we refer to 'the mistery's properties' or to 'property purchased by the mercers' mistery', whereas elsewhere we refer to 'the estate granted and given by Richard Whittington' or 'the estate donated by Sir William Eastfield'.

'La MERCERIE': in modern English the word 'MERCERY' can still be found, often used attributively as 'mercery-wares' to mean the goods sold by mercers, and in historical terms it can be used to refer to the area of the City of London which in the Middle Ages was where a very large number of mercers lived, worked, and carried on their trade.⁹⁶ In medieval times 'la mercerie' or 'the mercery' was used also to refer to what we would now call 'the Mercers' Company' and it is often found in phrases such as 'mestres de la mercerye' or 'gardeins del mistier del mercery'. Anne Sutton has used the word both in the title to her recent book, *The Mercery of London: Trade, Goods and People, 1130–1578*, and throughout the book at various times in each of the possible meanings, but for the translation of this edition of the text it was decided to avoid this and to render it as 'mercery' if goods or wares are being referred to, but as 'the mercers' mistery' or just as 'the mistery' if clear in context and in repetitive usage in a section.

'MESTRES' – 'masters' is used in the 1347–48 and the 1376 records to denote the four wardens 'les quatre mestres', and then for a few years from 1390–91 onwards interchangeably with 'gardeins' in this meaning. It can of course also have the meaning of 'master' as in the master of an apprentice or as one 'who is qualified by training and experience to teach apprentices and to carry on his trade on his own account' (*OED*), but in the early years it is found clearly referring to the four wardens, and it is hard to see any difference in usage in a sentence such as 'les avantditz veiles mestres choiserent gardeyns pur l'an avenir' [f. 26r].⁹⁷ It must be stressed that what is not found in these texts is any use of the word 'mestre' to denote a 'Master' or 'Prime Warden' of the Mercers. All four of the wardens can be named 'masters' and in the

⁹⁶ See Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 16–18 and further, *via* her Index.

⁹⁷ Later, we find also the word 'custoses' in regular use in the English section to denote the 'wardens'.

early years responsibility was shared entirely equally between them, and although a ranking system does develop, at no point during this period is there any talk of a 'Master' having superior status to the other wardens.

We may take a short excursus here to examine a little further two developments that took place gradually before being enshrined in both regular practice and defined rulings. It is not until far into the fifteenth century that 'the most senior warden was usually an alderman'⁹⁸ and this did not apply at all earlier, and for many years only irregularly and as if by chance (the status of alderman conferring seniority in itself and thus leading to that warden being both listed first and seen as the senior). The first mention of a warden being an alderman occurs on f. 138v, where 'Henry Frowyk, alderman' is listed as first warden for 1441–42. For the next few years, 1442–43 – 1445–46, the first named warden is each time stated to be an alderman (and from the information available it seems none of the other wardens were during their period of office). There is then no mention until 1458–59, where Ralph Verney, first named warden, is stated to be an alderman, and after that there is again no mention until 1462–63, John Stockton, alderman, being first-named warden. The first-named warden for the following year, 1463–64, was an alderman, but the text does not give this information. It is not until the later ordinance written up on f. 16 of the *Book of Ordinances* that any ruling is found about this matter. One may note in passing that 'alderman' could at this date be used to mean 'the headman, ruler, governor, or warden of a guild' (see *OED*) and one must beware of attributing the later ruling to any earlier date.⁹⁹

Similarly, the duties of second, third, and fourth wardens are demonstrably not clearly defined until later in the fifteenth century, and for the latter two we find the rulings first in the *Book of Ordinances*:

Also, it is ordeyned and stablissid that hereaftir, for þe goode polletike rule and welefare of the Mercerie, that aftir the oolde custome of þe eleccion of the custoses for the yere, that the persone chosen and named for the iii^{de} custose shall have þe charge, the rule, and oversyght of alle suche goodis, mynumentis and bokes as be withynne þe halle of the mistere of þe mercere, with alle maner of writynges and acomptes longyng to þe hole bodie of the same ...

And þe iiij^{the} custose soo chosen shalle have in his charge and rule the gydeng, rekenyng, and oversight of þe lyveloode. And to receyve of þe rentegaderer the money by hym receyved of þe tenauntis. And also to oversee the reparaciouns, vacaciouns, and þe werkemen of þe same, togedre with þe paymente. And also wekely to paye þe pore menne of þe colage at þeire halle. ... [ff. 2r–2v]

and then under a date of 1465 in the *Acts of Court* where the 'writings' for which the third warden is responsible are further defined:

... alle maner writynges and acomptes, aswell tho[s] that longen to the hole body of the felishipp as thoos that be and shalbe brought yn by the rule of the Wardens or the felyshipp for the weall of any membre of the same, also for to entre the ordenances made in his tyme and other maters which must remean in the house as mater of recorde, with all other charges & attendauce to hym belongyng of tyme passed accustomed. [p. 282]

while for the fourth warden the additional note is made that the rent-collector should bring in money 'wekely', and that monies for works and workmen are also to be paid weekly. No

⁹⁸ Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 172.

⁹⁹ See e.g. Inray, 'Les bones gentes', p. 178; Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 172. Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 561–4, prints the text of the 1560s rulings on the elections of the Master and other three wardens.

mention is made of any specific duties of the first and second wardens, but a ranking order is clearly in place, even if the word 'Master' is never used.

It is not easy to know at what point the third warden's responsibilities were regularly taken on as defined here, but for the fourth warden we have proof that it was not until 1455–56. We can trace matters, though with great gaps, from an entry in 1405–06:

Item, ils ont receu de Laurence Hampton et ses compaignouns des profités de le rente del mistere levee en lour temps – x li. vi s. ix d. [f. 42v]

Hampton was fourth-named warden the previous year, and thus one might think the system in place, while noting that, nevertheless, his financial responsibility is accounted as one shared with the other wardens of that year. However, in 1437–38 the rent-collector's account has been presented to the second-named warden, Thomas Onehand:

come appert per l'acompte de William Haxay resseu et prové per moy Thomas Onhande, gardian pur l'an del dite mercery, le xxix jour de juille [f. 130r]

and the same occurs the following year:

Item, ils demaundout [allouaunce] pur les reparacions faites en le mesme an suer les tenementes pertenautes a le mercery del Pye come appert playnement per le accompte de William Rumbold prové per moy Hugh Wyche le xxx jour de julle – summa – vii li. xx d. ob. [f. 133v]

and again the next:

come appiert pleinement per l'acompnt du dit William Rumbold prové per moy Thomas Dounton les jour et an suisditz [f. 135v]

where Wyche and Dounton are each the second-named warden. However, in 1440–41 it is the third-named warden who has taken on the responsibilities for the rents from and repairs to properties:

come appiert per l'accompt de William Rumbold, prové per moy Johan Goodson le darrein jour de juille l'an xix^{me} avant escript [f. 137v]

and in 1441–42:

Item, ils demandent allouance pur reparacions faitz en l'an suisdit sur les avantditz tenementz pertenantz al mercerie, come appiert pleinement per l'acompnt du dit William Rumbold, prové per nous Johan Sturgeon, William Thornhille, et Thomas Steele – xlv s. i d. [f. 139v]

it is the second, third, and fourth wardens who have acted jointly.

This is the year when management of the Whittington estate came over to the Mercers, and the Renter Wardens' account book provides clearly the names of those taking charge of the mistery's rental properties and rendering account for all receipts and expenditure on these. For 1441–42 it is John Mortham, who had been rent-collector under John Carpenter and who, after the latter's death, is now responsible to the mercers' wardens. For 1443–44 and 1444–45 the man acting is William Olyver, third warden in 1443–44. For the three years following, up to 1447–48, the accounts are rendered by William Thornhill, not a warden at all in this period (although he had been earlier in 1441–42). A certain amount of uncertainty prevails over the exact datings of the next few accounts (see above, pp. 17–18) but the men in charge during this period between Michaelmas 1448 and Michaelmas 1452 are jointly Robert

Baron and Thomas Muschamp. Muschamp was third warden in 1449–50 and Baron fourth but in 1446–47. After this, for half a year up to Easter 1453, all four wardens together take joint responsibility and render account for the estates, after which follow two years when these estates are in the hands of two joint renter wardens: from Easter 1453 until Easter 1454 they are John Littleton (third warden from Midsummer 1453–54) and Robert Scrayingham (third warden from Midsummer 1454–55); and from Easter 1454 to Easter 1455 they are John Shipton (fourth warden for Midsummer 1454–55) and William Redeknappe (fourth for Midsummer 1455–56). Redeknappe now continues however, he renders account on his own for the estates for the period from Easter 1455–56, and from that year forward it is the fourth-named warden for the Hall accounts who each year takes charge of the estates.

‘MISTERE’, ‘mystere’ or ‘mistier (del mercerye)’: for the translation the word ‘mistry’ has been adhered to rather than ‘company’, both because the latter is perhaps anachronistic as conveying too much the idea of a modern corporate body and because it is necessary to distinguish the use that is made of the word ‘compaignie’ as for instance in ‘par avys et assent del compaignye’ [f. 17r], ‘une defaute ajuggé par le company’ [f. 70r], ‘al congregacioun del compaignye’ [f. 71r], or ‘mes il vient parmy tout la companye’ [f. 183r], where what is meant is the assembled body of ‘companions’ – ‘compaignons’, the persons who belong to the ‘fellowship’. The word ‘mistry’ means ‘trade’ or ‘craft’ or ‘art’ or ‘profession’ and is derived from the Latin word ‘ministerium’ and is not the same as, though it can be confused with, the word ‘mystery’ derived from the Latin ‘mysterium’, Greek ‘musterion’, ‘a secret thing or ceremony’.¹⁰⁰ The spellings with ‘i’ and ‘y’ are interchangeable in medieval texts, but in modern usage ‘mistry’ is generally the spelling to denote the meaning of a medieval craft or craft company.

‘ORNAMENTS’: in some contexts there is no problem over the translation of this word but when we find ‘Item, pur laver dez ornamentz del chapelle par tout l’an – xx d.’ [f. 190v] then if this were translated as ‘the chapel ornaments’ then a modern English reader would probably not think of the objects which are being washed, which are the albs, amices, and other liturgical vestments, altar cloths etc., mentioned clearly at other times, e.g.

Item, païé a Sire William Repyngale pur lavendrie de auter drapus – viii d. [f. 83r]

Item, païé a Sire William Ripyngale pur waschyng de abbis – xii d. [f. 86r]

Item, pur laver lez awbes et amytes [f. 93r]

Item, pur laver lynges del chapel [f. 90r]

Instead of ‘ornaments’ therefore, in these cases the word ‘accoutrements’ has been used, which is not ideal, but at least alerts the reader. All objects and accessories to worship in the chapel could be termed ‘ornaments’, not just the linen cloths and vestments, but when washing is being paid for, then this is the reference.

‘TEMPS’ or ‘TYME’ in such phrases as ‘en le temps de’ or ‘en lour temps’ has been translated as ‘during the term of office of X’, ‘during their term of office’.

A number of other words which occur only once and where the translation is not simple have been given footnoted explication to the text.

¹⁰⁰ See the *OED* and also *The Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology*, ed. C. T. Onions (Oxford, 1966).

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The Wardens' Accounts Books

1344,
(copied later)
f. A1r Le primer jour d'april l'an¹ de grace mille trois centz cerant quatre.²
Ceux sunt les parcelles paieez chescun an pur quitrente de les tenementz apertenantz
al mistier del mercerye en la Cité de Loundres:

Primes, païé pur les tenementz en Bisshopgatestrete voc' le Pye cum pertinenciis a
Westmynstre par an – xx s.

Item, pur le dicte rente a Seynt Gyles par an – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur le Croune selde, primes a Haliwelle par an – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Seynt Eleyns par an – xviii s.

Item, a Cristcherche par an – xix s.

Item, païé a Saynt Marye Overee par an – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iii li. iii s. viii d.

1347 (copied
after 1390)
f. 1r En le honour de dieux et de sa douce miere et de toutz ces seyntz, Amen.

L'an de grace Mⁱ CCCxlvii et l'an du regne nostre seignur le Roy Edward tierce xxii^e,³
Thomas Leggy, adonques Mayre, Adam Brabasoun et Richard de Basyngstoke,⁴
goldbeter, viscontz de Londres:

Le xx^{me} jour du moys de Juyn, une assemblee ce fyst de toutz les bones gentz de
la mercerye de Londres, issynt qe par lour comune assent acordé fuist pur unitee
et bon amour entre eux norir, et pur comune profit de le mystere, soyent esluz
quatre persones de la dite mistere un foith l'ane pur reuler et gouverner la dite
mistere. Et qe toutz ceux du dite mistere soyent obeysantz a eux et a lour bone
governance. Et sy ascun de eux soit trové disobeysant, qe nul achate ne vende
ovesqe luy ne luy face compaignye, n'eyt la liveree, tanqe il ce voille redresser
devers le dit mistere.

Item, acordé est qe chescun qe serra de la dite compaignye payera xx s., c'est assavoir
vi s. viii d. a son entree del primer an et vi s. viii d. en l'an seconde et vi s. viii d. en
l'an tierce, et si ascun y voet pluis doner, le mistiere luy serra le pluis tenuz.

1 MS: lan d de grace.

2 For the significance of this date to the following entries see 'Introduction', pp. 3–4.

3 See Introduction, pp. 4–5, for a discussion of the queries over this date.

4 He was also twice warden of the Goldsmiths' mistery; see Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, p. 551.

The first day of April in the year of grace 1344:

1344,
(copied later)
f. A1r

These are the amounts paid each year as quit-rent for the tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery in the City of London.

First, paid for the tenements in Bishopsgate called the Pye, with its appurtenances, to Westminster [Abbey] per annum – 20s.

Item, for the said property, [paid] to St Giles¹ per annum – 6s. 8d.

Total: 26s. 8d.

Item, paid for the Crown Seld, first to Haliwell [Priory]² per annum – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to St Helen's³ per annum – 18s.

Item, to Christchurch⁴ per annum – 19s.

Item, paid to St Mary Overy⁵ per annum – 13s. 4d.

Total: £3 3s. 8d.

In the honour of God, and of his sweet mother, and of all his saints, amen.

1347 (copied
after 1390)
f. 1r

In the year of grace 1347 and the 22nd year of the reign of our lord King Edward III, Thomas Leggy then being Mayor, and Adam Brabasoun and Richard de Basingstoke, goldbeater, sheriffs of London.

An assembly was held on 20 June of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery of London, and with their common assent it was agreed that, in order to nurture unity and friendship between them and for the communal advantage of the mistery, four persons of the said mistery should be elected once a year to rule and govern the said mistery. And that everyone who is of that said mistery should be obedient to them and to their good governance. And if anyone should be found guilty of disobedience, then no one should buy from him or sell to him or associate with him, and he should not have the livery, until he is willing to make amends and be reconciled with the said mistery.

Item, it is agreed that each person who shall belong to the said company shall pay 20s., that is to say, 6s. 8d. on his admission for the first year, 6s. 8d. the second year, and 6s. 8d. the third year, and if anyone should wish to give more, the mistery will be the more beholden to him.

1 The Hospital of St Giles in the Fields, Holborn, a leper hospital. See *VCH Middlesex*, I, pp. 206–10, and Parton, *Some Account*.

2 See *VCH Middlesex*, I, pp. 174–8; Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, IV, pp. 390–97.

3 The Benedictine nunnery of St Helen's Bishopsgate, see *VCH London*, I, pp. 457–61.

4 The Priory of Holy Trinity, or Christchurch, Aldgate, a house of Austin canons, see *VCH London*, I, pp. 465–75; and Schofield and Lea, *Holy Trinity Priory*.

5 St Mary Overy, the priory of Southwark, a house of Austin canons; see *VCH London*, I, pp. 480–84.

Item, *qe* chescun *qe* prendra *apprentys* payera a le dite mistere ii s. al comencement del terme du dit *apprentys*, et l'*apprentys* payera ii s. al dite mistere al issue de soun terme. Et *qe* nul du dite mistere prendra *apprentys* *qe* eyt apporté packes en paijs appellés pedders; ne fitz de vileyn.

f. 1v Item, *qe* nulluy du dite mistere ne face ne soit aydant a faire nul forein frank deins la dite mistere de la mercerye sanz la *comune* assent de la dite mistere.

Item, si nule debate, contracte ou querele de quel condicion q'il soyt sourde entre ascunes du dite mistere, *qe* nul face pleynte al leye tanqe il soyt moustré as mestres del mistere *qe* pur le temps serront et ent eyt response.

Item, *qe* chescun *qe* prendra *apprentys* a quele terme q'il soit ne vendra mye le terme de sa *apprentialtee* ne fra nulle mitigacioun du dite terme deins vii ans, par quel prejudice ou damage *purra* avenyr a la Citee ou a la dite mistere.

Item, *qe* toutz ceux du dite mistere soyent vestuz d'une suyte un foith l'an, al feste de Paskes, *et* *qe* nule robe ne soyt doné hors du dite mistere dedeins les deux ans *proscheinz* ensuyantz, et *qe* nule charge soyt mys sur la dite vesture outre le primere achat fors tantsoulment le *prestre* *et* le *comune* servant.

Item, *qe* toutes les bones gentz de la mercerye mangent ensemble un foith l'ane al ordynance des quatre mestres du dite mistere, c'est assavoir le dysmenge *proschein* devant le feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre, s'ils purront a tel jour la dyte maungerye bonement tener; et *qe* chescun *qe* soyt de la lyveree, soyt il present ou absent, quel part q'il soyt, paye *pur* luy memes ii s. *et* *pur* son vallet xii d., s'il soyt present al dite feste.

f. 2r Item, *qe* l'argent du dite mistere soyt en les mayns des quatre mestres eslus *pur* l'an presente, de ent marchander *et* profiter, *et* q'ils facent seurté de bon acompte rendre al fyn || de l'an solonc les usages du dite mistere.

Item, that each person who takes on an apprentice shall pay to the said mistery 2s. at the start of the said apprentice's terms, and the apprentice shall pay 2s. to the said mistery at his issue from terms. And that no one of the said mistery shall take on an apprentice who has carried packs around the country and been one of those called peddlars, nor one who is the son of a villein.⁶

Item, that no one of the said mistery shall make any 'foreigner'⁷ free of the said mistery of mercers, nor help in so doing, without the communal agreement of the said mistery.

f. 1v

Item if any dispute, contract problem,⁸ or cause for contention of any kind at all should arise between any members of the said mistery, then no recourse should be had to any court of law until the matter has been brought before the current wardens of the mistery and that they shall have responded to it.

Item, that anyone who takes on an apprentice, for whatever term it may be, must not sell the terms of the apprenticeship, nor mitigate the length of the said term within seven years, which could result in detriment or harm to the City or to the said mistery.

Item, that all who are of the said mistery shall be clothed in livery of the same cloth once a year, at the feast of Easter, and that no gown shall be given away to anyone outside the mistery within the two next following years, and that no charge should be set for the said clothing apart from the first purchase, excepting only the priest and the beadle.

Item, that all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery shall dine together once a year, the arrangements to be made by the four wardens of the said mistery, that is to say on the Sunday preceding the feastday of Saint John the Baptist, if they can conveniently hold the feast on that day, and that each one who is of the livery, whether he be present or absent, wherever he may be, shall pay 2s. for himself, and for his servant, if he be present at the said feast, 12d.

Item, that the money of the said mistery shall be in the hands of the four wardens elected for the current year, for them to make profitable and efficient trade and use of, and that they should provide guarantees that they will render good account at the end || of [their] year [of office], according to the customs of the said mistery.

f. 2r

6 Or 'bondsmen'. On City regulations over this, see Riley, *Liber Albus*, p. 452.

7 The word 'forein' is very often used to designate one who comes from outside the City of London, from another part of England, as against an 'estrange' who comes from abroad. Here it should be taken to refer to all 'foreigners', anyone who is not of the City.

8 The text only says 'contracte' but in this context it must mean problems arising from a contract (very often these might be matters of debt).

Item, si ascun de la dit mistere soyt anientiz torcenousement ou *par* aventure de miere ou *perd* des dettours ou *par* fieblesse du corps, q'il ne *purroit* soy mesmes sustener, q'il soit aydé del almoigne du dite mistiere *par comune* assent de la dite mercerie.

Item, acordé est *par comune* assent *qe* chescuns de la dite mistere soyent prestes de venir devant les quatre mestres *qe pur* le temps serront, a quele heure q'ils soyent resonablement garnys, sur peyne de payer a chescun temps q'ils faillont iiii d., et *qe* les mestres *qe pur* le temps serront ent respoignent *sur lour* acomptes.

Item, *qe* un *comune* servant de dite mistere soit ordeigné a servir touz les bons gentz du dite mistere quele heure q'ils eynt a faire en ceo *qe* appartient a soun office.

Item, a la feste ou a la congregacioun ou la eleccioun de les mestres *pur* gouverner la mistere *pur* l'an ensuyant *serra* fait, ceux *qe* serrount esluz mestres prendront *lour* charge *et* chescun de eux, soit il present ou absent, quel part q'il soit, et *qe* nul de eux issynt esluz occupiera l'office *par* cele eleccioun plus *qe* un an.

Item, *qe* nul q'ad esté mestre ou governour du dite mistere ne *serra* esluz a gouverner le dite office deins les v ans adonques proscheins ensuyantz.

f. 2v Item, *qe* chescun de dite mistere *qe* prendra apprentys presentera le dit apprentys a les mestres *qe pur* le temps serront, de moustrier *qe* il ne soit prys encontre les usages avantditz, *et* *qe* nul de dite mistiere eyt en sa compaignye *pur* marchander ou ent meller ascune persone de quel condicioun q'il soit, s'il ne soit apprentys ou eyt en la dite mistiere *servy* soun terme de *apprenticialtee* duement.

1347–48

Anno xxii^{do} Regis E. tercii

(copied in 1390) A quele ordinaunce fait, furent esluz *pur* l'an avenyr *pur* le dit mister reuler en la manere avauntдите:⁵

William de Tudenham

Symond de Worsted

William de la Panetrie

Adam Fraunceys⁶

Les queux ount resceu de dyverses persones del dit mister l'argent après escript:

5 A sixteenth-century hand has written in the LH margin beside the four names below: 'Thes be the names of þe fyrste Wardens of our Companye, anno 1347'.

6 Very full biographical information on Adam Fraunceys can be found in the introduction to O'Connor (ed.), *A Calendar of the Cartularies of John Pyel and Adam Fraunceys*.

Item, if anyone of the said mistery should be ruined through wrongdoing [of others], or due to an accident at sea, or loss from debtors, or through bodily weakness, so that he cannot support himself by his own means, he shall be given help from the alms of the said mistery, with the communal agreement of the said mercers' mistery.

Item, it is agreed by communal assent that everyone of the said mistery shall be ready and willing to come before the four wardens of the time at whatever time they may reasonably be summoned, on penalty of paying for each time they are missing 4d., and the wardens of the time shall be responsible for entering this in their accounts.

Item, that a beadle⁹ of the said mistery shall be appointed to serve all the goodmen of the said mistery at whatever time they may have need of him in that which pertains to his office.

Item, at the feast or assembly at which the election shall be made of the wardens to govern the mistery for the following year, those who are elected wardens shall take on their burden of office,¹⁰ each one of them [individually] whether he be present or absent and wherever he may be, and that none of those so elected shall remain in office by virtue of this election for more than one year.

Item, that no one who has been a warden or governor of the said mistery shall be elected to hold the same office within the next five years following.

Item, that each person of the said mistery who takes on an apprentice shall present the said apprentice to the current wardens, to show that he has not been taken on in contravention of the aforesaid customs, and that no one of the said mistery shall have in his company for trading or being involved in such any person of whatever status he may be, unless he be an apprentice or have duly served his terms of apprenticeship within the said mistery. f. 2v

22 Edward III

1347–48

This ordinance made, there were elected for the coming year to govern the said mistery in the manner aforesaid: *(copied in 1390)*

William de Tuddenham

Simon de Worstead

William de la Pantrie

Adam Fraunceys

who have received from various persons of the said mistery the money written out below:

⁹ Literally, here and above and later, he is termed a 'common servant' or 'communal servant', an appellation used generally at this time by various misteries.

¹⁰ The 'charge' or 'burden of office' certainly includes the financial burdens or responsibilities, which from this day forward are in their hands (not always literally, see Introduction, pp. 25 and 34).

De Symond Fraunceys –	<i>dimi</i> ⁷ <i>marc</i>
De Richard Lacer –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Geffrey de Wychyngham –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan de Caustoun –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De William Aylleward –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan Cavendissh de Cressaltoun –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan de Fakenham –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan Stable –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Walter Hemenhale –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Thomas Aldeburgh –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Roger de Burtoun –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan de Burtoun –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Johan Pentyng –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Richard Elsyng –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Gilbert Curteys –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
De Hugh atte Boure –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
– v li. vi s. viii d.	

f. 3r	De Robert de Strode –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Herwardstok –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De William Bradefeld –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Bradefeld –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Underwode –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Geffrey de Chadeleshunt –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Roger Wenloc –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Colwell –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Thomas Colwell –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Raulyn Foundour –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Tydewall –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Roger Vyne –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Rothyng –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De William Raven –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Nichol Elsyng –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Thomas de Langetoun –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Jordan de Elsyng –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Gyles Spencer –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De William Graunsden –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Petit –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Raynald de Burgh –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Nichol de Grenewych –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan de Depham –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Richard de Burgh –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Richard de Kelshull –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Johan Pentrye –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>
	De Richard Loveye –	<i>dimi</i> <i>marc</i>

7 This word is almost always abbreviated and is not found written in full (as ‘*dimi*’) in these accounts before the year 1435–36. An alternative expanded form is ‘*demi*’, but ‘*dimi*’ has been chosen throughout.

from Simon Fraunceys –	half a mark ¹¹
from Richard Lacer –	half a mark
from Geoffrey de Witchingham –	half a mark
from John de Causton –	half a mark
from William Aylleward –	half a mark
from John Cavendish of Cressalton –	half a mark
from John de Fakenham –	half a mark
from John Stable –	half a mark
from Walter Hemenhale –	half a mark
from Thomas Aldeburgh –	half a mark
from Roger de Burton –	half a mark
from John de Burton –	half a mark
from John Pentying –	half a mark
from Richard Elsyng –	half a mark
from Gilbert Curteys –	half a mark
from Hugh atte Boure –	half a mark
– £5 6s. 8d.	

from Robert de Strode –	half a mark
from John Herwardstok –	half a mark
from William Bradfield –	half a mark
from John Bradfield –	half a mark
from John Underwood –	half a mark
from Geoffrey de Chadshunt –	half a mark
from Roger Wenlock –	half a mark
from John Colwell –	half a mark
from Thomas Colwell –	half a mark
from Raulyn Foundour –	half a mark
from John Tydewall –	half a mark
from Roger Vyne –	half a mark
from John Rothying –	half a mark
from William Raven –	half a mark
from Nicholas Elsyng –	half a mark
from Thomas de Langton –	half a mark
from Jordan de Elsyng –	half a mark
from Giles Spencer –	half a mark
from William Graunsden –	half a mark
from John Petit –	half a mark
from Raynald de Burgh –	half a mark
from Nicholas de Greenwich –	half a mark
from John de Depham –	half a mark
from Richard de Burgh –	half a mark
from Richard de Kelshull –	half a mark
from John Pentrye –	half a mark
from Richard Loveye –	half a mark

f. 3r

11 i.e. 6s. 8d.

De Adam Fraunceys –	dimi marc
De Thomas de Brandoun –	dimi marc
De Symond de Gartoun –	dimi marc
De Hugh Tablet –	dimi marc
De Richard de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De Elys Fraunceys –	dimi marc
De Thomas Fraunceys –	dimi marc
De William de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De Johan de Chichestre –	dimi marc
De Robert Court –	dimi marc
De William de Beauchamp –	dimi marc
De William de Gartoun –	dimi marc
De Johan de Polayn –	dimi marc
De Michel de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De William Cornwaylles –	x s.
– xiiii li. iiii s. iiii d.	

f. 3v

De Johan Fyfithede –	dimi marc
De Raulyn de Depham –	dimi marc
De Richard Notyngham –	dimi marc
De Thomas Cornerth –	dimi marc
De Nichol de Notyngham –	dimi marc
De William Pomfreyt –	dimi marc
De William de Strattoun –	dimi marc
De Aleyn de Aylesham –	dimi marc
De Johan de Worstede –	dimi marc
De Roger de Madour –	dimi marc
De Symond de Worstede –	dimi marc
De William de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De Edmond de Hemenhale –	dimi marc
De William Panetrie –	dimi marc
De William de Depham –	dimi marc
De Robert de Elsyng –	dimi marc
De Roberd Couce –	dimi marc
De Thomas Cheyner –	dimi marc
De Henri Cove –	dimi marc
De Henri de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De Johan de Cavendissh –	dimi marc
De Johan de Gartoun –	dimi marc
De Theobald de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De William Mareschall –	dimi marc
De Richard Childemyll –	dimi marc
De William Cove –	dimi marc
De Walter Cavendissh –	dimi marc
De Thomas Scarcolf –	dimi marc
De Stephen Cavendyssh –	dimi marc
De Johan Dallyng –	dimi marc
De Nichol de Caustoun –	dimi marc

from Adam Fraunceys –	half a mark
from Thomas de Brandon –	half a mark
from Simon de Garton –	half a mark
from Hugh Tablet –	half a mark
from Richard de Causton –	half a mark
from Elys Fraunceys –	half a mark
from Thomas Fraunceys –	half a mark
from William de Causton –	half a mark
from John de Chichester –	half a mark
from Robert Court –	half a mark
from William de Beauchamp –	half a mark
from William de Garton –	half a mark
from John de Polayn –	half a mark
from Michael de Causton –	half a mark
from William Cornwaylles –	10s.
– £14 3s. 4d.	

from John Fifehead –	half a mark
from Raulyn de Depham –	half a mark
from Richard Nottingham –	half a mark
from Thomas Cornerth –	half a mark
from Nicholas de Nottingham –	half a mark
from William Pomfreyt –	half a mark
from William de Stratton –	half a mark
from Alan de Aylsham –	half a mark
from John de Worstead –	half a mark
from Roger de Madour –	half a mark
from Simon de Worstead –	half a mark
from William de Causton –	half a mark
from Edmund de Hemenhale –	half a mark
from William Pantrie –	half a mark
from William de Depham –	half a mark
from Robert de Elsyng –	half a mark
from Robert Couce –	half a mark
from Thomas Cheyner –	half a mark
from Henry Cove –	half a mark
from Henry de Causton –	half a mark
from John de Cavendish –	half a mark
from John de Garton –	half a mark
from Theobald de Causton –	half a mark
from William Mareschall –	half a mark
from Richard Childemyll –	half a mark
from William Cove –	half a mark
from Walter Cavendish –	half a mark
from Thomas Scarcolf –	half a mark
from Stephen Cavendish –	half a mark
from John Dallyng –	half a mark
from Nicholas de Causton –	half a mark

f. 3v

De Nichol de Bedyngtoun –	dimi marc
De Roger Pycot –	dimi marc
De Thomas Meel –	dimi marc
De Roberd de Thame –	dimi marc
De Gilbert de Merourer –	dimi marc
De Thomas de Rysyng –	dimi marc
De Robert de Heyngham –	dimi marc
De Adam Chamberleyn –	dimi marc
De Roger de Caustoun –	dimi marc
De Richard de Worsted –	dimi marc
– xiii li. xiii s. iiiii d.	

f. 4r	De Richard Creek –	dimi marc
	De William de Tudenham –	dimi marc
	De Symond Chamberleyn –	dimi marc
	De Robert Pycot –	dimi marc
– xxvi s. viiii d.		

Summa totalis – xxxiiii li. x s.

Item, les avantditz William Tudenham, Symond de Worsted, William de la Pantrie, et Adam Fraunceys rendent lour acompte des aprentiz receux en la mystere en lour temps.

Adam Stable	} apprentices Johan Stable	
Alayn Eilard		
Laurence Spence – aprentis Raulyn Foundur		
Johan Walpol – aprentis Johan Tydwall		
Esmon atte Hull – aprentis Geffrey Chateleshunt		
Richard Charletoun – aprentis William Raven		
Robert Lytport – aprentis William Cornewailleys		
Johan Tok	} apprentices William Caustoun	
Nichol Cray		
Johan Essex – aprentis William de Depham –		païé ii s.
Johan Whitewell – aprentis Robert de Elsyng		
Thomas Cantebrug – aprentis Henri atte Mersh		
Thomas Sagor – aprentis Janyn de Gartoun		
Johan Douy – aprentis Thomas Cheyner		
William Holenden – aprentis Thebaud de Caustoun		
Roger de Cantebrug	} apprentices Nichol de Bedyngtoun –	payé – iiiii s.
Johan de Lyndesey		
Thomas Pycot – aprentis Roger Pycot –		païé – ii s.
William Beteley – aprentis Roger Madour –		païé – ii s.
– x s. ⁸		

⁸ This total confirms that only those for whom a sum of money paid is listed did pay, and that the absence of noting a sum for the others is not a scribal error.

from Nicholas de Beddington –	half a mark
from Roger Picot –	half a mark
from Thomas Meel –	half a mark
from Robert de Thame –	half a mark
from Gilbert de Merourer –	half a mark
from Thomas de Rising –	half a mark
from Robert de Heyngham –	half a mark
from Adam Chamberleyn –	half a mark
from Roger de Causton –	half a mark
from Richard de Worstead –	half a mark
– £14 13s. 4d.	

from Richard Creek –	half a mark
from William de Tuddenham –	half a mark
from Simon Chamberleyn –	half a mark
from Robert Picot –	half a mark
– 26s. 8d.	

f. 4r

Sum total: £34 10s.

Item, the aforesaid William Tuddenham, Simon de Worstead, William de la Pantrie, and Adam Fraunceys render their account for the apprentices admitted to the mistery during their term of office:

Adam Stable	} apprentices of John Stable	
Alan Eilard		
Laurence Spence, apprentice of Raulyn Foundour		
John Walpole, apprentice of John Tydewall		
Edmund atte Hill, apprentice of Geoffrey Chadshunt		
Richard Charleton, apprentice of William Raven		
Robert Lytport, apprentice of William Cornewaylles		
John Tok	} apprentices of William Causton	
Nicholas Cray		
John Essex, apprentice of William de Depham –		paid 2s.
John Whitewell, apprentice of Robert de Elsyng		
Thomas Cambridge, apprentice of Henry atte Marsh		
Thomas Sagor, apprentice of Janyn de Garton		
John Douy, apprentice of Thomas Cheyner		
William Holenden, apprentice of Theobald de Causton		
Roger de Cambridge	} apprentices of Nicholas de Beddington –	paid 4s.
John de Lyndesey		
Thomas Picot, apprentice of Roger Picot –		paid 2s.
William Beteley, apprentice of Roger Madour –		paid 2s.
– 10s.		

f. 4v Simond de Worsted
 William de Tudenham
 William de la Pantrie
 Adam Fraunceys } xxxv li.

Et ils rendent *sur* mesme ceste acompte en encrees des avantditz deniers – v li.
 – xl li.

De quele somme ils ount doné a Johan Elsyng, *lour comune servant*, *pur soun*
travaille de l'an passé – xx s.

Item, ils rendent en acompt receu de Thomas de Brandoun *pur* ix li. vii s. iii d.,
 les queux il receust del argent *qe* fuist baillé en la garde Giles Spencer en temps
 passé, quel argent ad esté en la garde du dit Thomas *par* ii ans et doint de sa bone
 volentee en encrees de dit argent *et* de encresser *nostre* somme – xv li.

La somme clerement receu – liiii li.⁹

1348 Les queux avantditz William de Tudenham, Simond de Worsted, William de la
 (copied later) Panetrie, *et* Adam Fraunceys ount delyvré *par* endentures le xxii jour du moys
 de Juyn en l'an de grace Mⁱ CCC xlviii^{me} a Gylbert Curteys, Alayn d'Ailsham,
 William de Depham, *et* Hugh atte Boure, esluz mestres *pur* l'an avenir, la somme
 avauntdite etc.

1390 Et *pur* ceo *qe* toutz les acomptz, receytes, fines *et* amercimentz, costages *et*
 despenses ovesqe tout plein des autres casueles matyres avenuz *et* faitz en les
 temps de toutz les mestres de la mercerye *qe* ount esté depuis l'an de grace
 Mⁱ CCC xlvii *et* l'an du regne le Roy Edward tiercz xxi^e,¹⁰ *qe* regna L ans *et* xxi
 sepmaines (*qe* dieux assoille) tanqe al an du regne le Roi Richard *seconde* xiii^e
 sont entrez *et* engrossez en la veile paper rouge de dite mercerye come illoeqes
 pleynement apiert, quel paper *demura* toutdys en la garde de les mestres de la
 dite mercerie *qe* *pur* le temps *serront* *pur* moustrer a chescun de la mistier qant il
 enbusoignera,¹¹ les queles materes engrosser en cest lyvre serroit trop de *travaille*
 f. 5r *et* || labour *et* nulle avantage ne profit a dite mistier. Si est acordé *par comune*
 assent de la dite mercerie de cesser en cest livere tanqe al an xiiii du regne le
 Roi Richard *seconde* avantdit, en quel an estoient mestres de la dite mercerie
 Johan Loveye, Johan Wodcok, Thomas Neuentoun, *et* Johan Leengge, les queux
 mestres rendont *lour* acompt come *pert* en cest livre après escript.¹²

⁹ The same sixteenth century hand as above on f. 2v has drawn a hand pointing to this line and has written in the LH margin here: 'The nette and Clere Reste of the forenamyd wardenis acompte in anno 1347 was'.

¹⁰ MS: xxii^{de}.

¹¹ This book would appear to have been lost sometime between 1390 and 1528, in which year John Coke started to draw up the Register of Freeman of the company. He lists no names at all between 1347 and 1391, whereas the above statement about 'la veile paper rouge' makes it clear that such names would have been included there and thus available to him had it survived. See also Imray, 'Les bones gentes', pp. 155–6.

¹² The 1390–91 account follows immediately in the original, but in this edition we have inserted below at this point the only other extract from the old red paper register to survive.

Simon de Worstead
 William de Tuddenham
 William de la Pantrie
 Adam Fraunceys

} £35

f. 4v

and they render an increment on the aforesaid money on this same account – £5
 – £40

Out of which sum they have given to John Elsyng, their beadle, for his work during the past year – 20s.

Item, they render account as received from Thomas de Brandon: £9 7s. 3d., which he received from the money which was placed in the keeping of Giles Spencer in time past, the which money has been in the keeping of the said Thomas for two years, and he has voluntarily given as an increment on the said money to increase our total: £15.

Net total received – £54

The aforesaid William de Tuddenham, Simon de Worstead, William de la Pantrie, and Adam Fraunceys on 22 June in the year of grace 1348 handed over the aforesaid sum by indentures to Gilbert Curteys, Aleyn de Aylsham, William de Depham, and Hugh atte Boure, elected wardens for the coming year.

1348
 (copied later)

And since all the accounts, receipts, fees and fines, costs and expenses, together with a great number of other incidental matters that have arisen and been dealt with during the terms of office of all the wardens of the mercers' mistery that there have been since the year of grace 1347 and the 21st year of the reign of King Edward III, who reigned for 50 years and 21 weeks (may God absolve him!) up until the 14th year of the reign of King Richard II have been written up and engrossed in the old red paper register of the said mercers' mistery, as fully appears there, the which register will always remain in the keeping of the current wardens of the said mistery to be shown to any person of the mistery whenever there shall be need, and to engross these matters in this book would be too much work and || toil and would be of no advantage or benefit to the said mistery.¹² Thus it is agreed with the communal assent of the said mercers' mistery to leave out in this book all up until the aforesaid year 14 Richard II [1390–91], in which year the wardens of the said mercers' mistery were John Loveye, John Woodcock, Thomas Newenton, and John Leengge, the which wardens render their account as appears written below in this book:

1390

f. 5r

¹² How wrong the scribe was here! If only he had copied the whole into this present account book, for then it would have survived!

1404 Anno quinto Regis Henrici quarti:

f. A2r¹³ L'ordinance en après escripte estoit hors treite del paper rouge par Johan Shadeworth, Thomas Aleyn, Alein Everard *et* Thomas Hawe, gardeins del mistere del mercerye, par [comun]¹⁴ assent de touz les bones gentz del mistier, confermé pur bone *et* profitable en une congregacioun fait a Seint Thomas le venderdy le xx^{me} jour de Juyn l'an du regne le Roy Henry le quarte puis le conquete quint.

1376 Fait a savoir *qe* le vi^{me} jour de Juillet l'an du regne le Roy Edward tierce puis le

(copied in 1404) conquete L^{me}, lé suisescrypt Johan Shadeworth, Richard Betelee, Johan Feraunt, *et* Jankyn More esteantz mestres, ordeigné fuist *et* en comune assentuz par touz les bones gentz del mistere del mercerye: Qe desoreenavant nul compaignon du dite mistere hauntera nule feire ne marcheé dehors la Citee de Loundres pur vendre illoeqes ascune manere de marchandise par luy mesmes ne par aucun autre mesné. Ne nulles darrees maundera ne maunder ferra a ascune persone pur vendre hors de la Citee sinon *qe* mesmes les darrees furent devant cel outrément venduz *et* achatez deyns la Citee sans fraude ou mal engyn as mesmes ceux personnes ou lours verroies attornees as queux eles serroient issint maunde. Et *qe* nul de la compaignye en pryvee ne apert soit parsoner del gayn de tiels darrez, ne eyt parte du peril de perde d'ycelles si aucun aviegne en chemyn ou aillours. Et pur ceo *qe* cest ordenance soit pur touz jours le plus ferme tenuz,¹⁵ ordeignee est par toute la compaignye fraunchement de comune assent *qe* si aucun de eux après ces heures soit trové faisant la contrairye de cest ordinance en apert ou mucette par ascune manere de queyntise ou subtil circumvenciou (qe dieu defende), il forferra la lyvree del mistere pur touz jours, s'il ne soit restitut a ycel par grace de toute la mystere, faisant fyn al mistier solonc la quantitee de son trespasse par agarde de toute la compaignye ou au meinz la greindre partie. Et auxint acordé est *qe* nul de la compaignye ovesqe tiel trespasour ne entrecomunera en manger ne boire, vent ne achat, barterye ne eschaunge, ne nule manere marchandise ovesqe luy eskippera en Flaundres ne aillours s'il soi puisse par autre voie eiser, ne nul bargayne ferra ne compaignye tiendra ovesqe luy de cea la mere ne par dela, tanqe il soy voille confourmer al mistere en manere avantdicte. Et ceo sur mesme la peyne a courer si avant sur l'entrecomunant come sur le chief trespasour.

f. A2v Et courra cest peyne sur chescun de la compaignie *qe* ne voet porter les comunes chargies *qe* avendront d'estre en comune assentez pur profit ou honour del mistere, s'ils ne soient excusables par nonpoair. Et autrement il ferra fyn par discrecioun des mestres ¹⁶[et a]utres prodhomes del mistier si myster soit selonc la quantitee del charge [re]fusee, issint toutfoith *qe* le meindre amerciment en cel cas serra vi s. viii d.

13 The handwriting is that of the same scribe; see 'Introduction', p. 10.

14 A tear in the parchment has destroyed the first part of this word.

15 A (rubbed and unclear) note in the RH margin at this point: 'soluitur hac ordinacione'.

16 A tear in the parchment has destroyed some letters here and on the line below.

5 Henry IV

1404

The ordinance written out below was extracted from the red paper register by John Shadworth, Thomas Aleyn, Aleyn Everard, and Thomas Hawe, wardens of the mercers' mistery, by the communal agreement of all the goodmen of the mistery, and confirmed as good and advantageous at a meeting held at St Thomas [of Acon] on Friday 20 June of the year 5 Henry IV [1404].

f. A2r

Memorandum that on 6 July of the year 50 Edward III [1376] the undersigned John Shadworth, Richard Betelee, John Feraunt, and Jankyn More being wardens, it was ordained and communally agreed by all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery: that from henceforth no companion of the said mistery shall attend any fair or market outside the City of London for the purpose of selling any manner of merchandise either by himself or by any other household. Nor shall he send any goods or have any goods sent by any other person to be sold outside the City unless those same goods have been previously sold and bought in their entirety within the City by the very same persons or their true attorneys to whom they are thus being sent, without any fraud or deceptive ruse. And that no member of the company should either privately or publicly participate in any gains from such goods, nor be liable for any part of the risk of the loss of such, if any such loss occurred in transit or elsewhere. And to ensure that this ordinance shall always be most firmly held to,¹³ it is ordained by the whole company, freely and with communal agreement, that if anyone after this time should be found acting in contravention of this ordinance, either openly or secretly, by any cunning trickery or subtle circumvention (which may God forbid), then he shall forfeit the livery of the mistery for ever, unless he be restored to it again by the grace and favour of the whole mistery, paying a fine to the mistery in accordance with the severity of his offence, the amount to be agreed by the whole company or at least the majority. And it is also agreed that no member of the company shall consort with such an offender, neither in eating and drinking, nor in buying and selling, nor in bartering and exchange, nor shall anyone ship any kind of merchandise with him to Flanders or elsewhere if he can find any other means of doing this, nor shall he enter into any agreements with him or associate with him either in this country or beyond the seas, until such time as he [the offender] shall have been willing to comply with the mistery in the aforesaid manner. And anyone who associates in such a way shall incur the same penalty as that laid down above for the main offender.

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(copied in 1404)

And this penalty shall be incurred by any member of the company who refuses to bear [his share of] the communal expenses which may arise and be agreed communally for the advantage or honour of the mistery, unless they may be excusable through inability [to pay]. And otherwise he shall pay a fine at the discretion of the wardens and other goodmen of the mistery if such need be according to the amount of the charge refused, provided always that the lowest fine in such a case shall be 6s. 8d.

f. A2v

¹³ The note draws attention and means 'it is to be paid by this ordinance'.

Item, mesme le jour fui ordeigné *et* fermement estably *par* comune assent de toute la compaignie *qe* as toutz temps *qe* avendra *qe* les mestres *qe* *pur* le temps serront ferront somoundre le mistier *par* le bedel *qe* *pur* le temps serra *pur* estre assemblez en certains lieu *et* heure *pur* *qecomqe* busoigne, honour ou profit del mistier; *qe* chescun *qe* serra issynt garny *par* somounce, c'est assavoir le noet devant, s'il ne vient prestement as ditz lieu *et* heure payera xii d. s'il faille a toute la journee, et s'il vient illeokes mes trop tarder, adonques il paiera vi d., s'il n'eyt verroy *et* resonable essoyn; mes s'il ne soit garny ou somounée fors mesme le jour *qe* l'assemblee soy prendra, come poet avenyr *pur* hastyf busoigne, adonques s'il faille de venyr en manere avantdite il ne payera fors la meytee del peyne.

Item, fait a savoyr *qe* quant avient *qe* ascun del compaignie moerge *et* ascuns des vivantz faille *après* q'il soit duement garny del bedel en manere suisdite d'estre present al dirige en la veille *et* matyn a la messe, q'adonques il payera xl d., toutdys sauvee resonable excusacioun.

Et si ascun des mestres trespasent encontre ascunes des ordynances suisditz lour fyn serra double as autres trespassours.

f. A3r

Item, fui a cel temps en comune assentuz *et* ordeynée *qe* chescun *qe* voudra parler *et* moustrier sa reson en tiels assemblees, q'il preigne primerement congié des mestres *et* adonques dye sobrement ceo *qe* luy plerra. Et *qe* nul de la compaignie luy destourbe tanqe il eyt fini sa reson. Et adonques parlera un autre *qe* aura issint congié *et* nemye autrement. Et *pur* ceo *qe* plusours foith devant ces heures en tielles assemblees ount les journees passez en veyn ne ne poent les necessaries busoignes du mester prendre fyn *pur* *grauntz* jangeleries *qe* ascunes personnes ont fait al heure, les uns *par* ignorance *et* les autres *pur* defaute de nurture, ordeigné est auxint *qe* un des mestres || avera une maillet *qe* est a present purvew *pur* cele cause, ové quel il devera ferir *sur* table ou autre chose *qe* *purra* bien estre oy, as toutz temps *qe* ascun parle en destourbance de celluy q'avera congié de parler, come desuis est dit, et s'il ne cesse qant le mestre aura feru deux foith al meyns il paiera un denier, et si avant *pur* chescun deux foith un denier tanqe il soy tiegne en pees, sans *pardoun* ou relesse.

Et si ascun del compaignie *par* hauteesse de coer voille *par* tout rebeller les ordynances faitz *par* les mestres *et* les bones gentz del mistier (*qe* dieu defende), adonques les mestres *qe* *pur* le temps serront ovesqe autres bones gentz del mistier *pursuyeron* al Maire *et* Aldermans au fyn *qe* tiel disobeisant soit chastié solonc l'ordynance faite en la Guyhalle sur cele matire. De quele ordynance le copie ensuyt.

Item, on the same day it was ordained and firmly laid down with the communal agreement of the whole company that on every occasion when it shall happen that the current wardens shall have the mistery summoned by the current beadle to be assembled in a certain place at a certain time for whatever need, honour or advantage of the mistery, that each person who shall be so informed of the summons, that is to say by the night before, if he does not come promptly to the said place at the said time shall pay 12d. if he is absent for the whole day, and if he comes but at too late a time, then he shall pay 6d. unless he has a true and reasonable excuse; but if he be informed or summoned only on the day itself at which the assembly is to take place, which can happen in case of sudden need, then if he fails to attend as stated above he shall pay only half the penalty.

Item, it shall be made known that when it happens that a member of the company dies and any of the living should fail, after being duly summoned by the beadle in the aforesaid manner, to be present at the evening dirge and morning mass, that he shall then pay 40d., except always if there be reasonable excuse.

And if any of the wardens transgress against any of the aforesaid ordinances then their fine shall be double that of other offenders.

Item, it was at that time agreed communally and ordained that each person who shall wish to speak and give his opinion in such assemblies, that he should first ask leave of the wardens and then say what he wishes to say in sober manner. And no one of the company should disturb him until he has finished speaking. And then another shall speak who has also had permission, and not otherwise. And because before now it has several times happened at such assemblies that the days have gone by in vain and the necessary business of the mistery could not be finalised due to the great noisy talk of some people at the time, some of them out of ignorance and others because of lack of education, it is ordained that one of the wardens || shall have a mallet which is at present provided for such a cause, with which he shall bang on the table or on some other thing that can be clearly heard, on every occasion when someone speaks in disruption of him who has leave to speak, as it is stated above, and if he does not desist when the warden has banged twice at least, then he shall pay one penny, and a further penny for each two times [the mallet is struck] until he shall keep quiet, and this without any pardon or remission.

f. A3r

And if any member of the company should wish from overweening pride to rebel outright against the ordinances made by the wardens and goodmen of the mistery (which may God forbid), then the current wardens shall with other goodmen of the mistery take the matter to the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Aldermen so that such a disobedient person shall be punished in accordance with the Guildhall ordinance relating to this matter. Of which ordinance a copy here follows:

La copie del ordinance del Guyhall de Loundres:¹⁷

Pur la pees nostre Sire le Roi *et* la citee garder, quele chose homme covient avoir a qeor devant toutes autres, soient toutz les mistiers entre eux mesmes reulez *et* governez chescun en sa nature en dewe manere issint *qe* nule fauxyne en bargayn n'en overaignes ne autre deceyte, ne *comune* contekkours ne meffesours ne soient trovez en ascune manere deyns les misteres, en salvacioun de lour honour *et* de *comune* profit auxint. A quele chose loialment *surveier et* ruler soient eluz singulerement *par* chescun mistier iiii ou vi ou pluis ou meins solonc ceo *qe* le mistier semblera busoignable, *et* jurez devant Maire *et* Aldermans. Les queux issint esluz *et* jurez averont plein poair del Maire de bien *et* loialment reuler les misters dont ils sont eslieux, *et* auxint q'ils puissent *par comune* assent del mistier faire ordinances entre eux acordantz a reson *et comune* profit, *et* chastier les rebelles *par* punyissementz entre eux de *comune* assent ordeignez. Et s'ils trovont entre eux ascuns disobeyantz *qe* ne volont estre menez *par* eux ne *par* autres bones gentz de leurs mistiers, *qe* adonke mesmes les reulours ové autres bones gentz du mistere notifient al Maire *et* Aldermans les nouns des disobeisauntz, queux soient mayntenant arrestuz *par* lour corps *et* mys a respounce, *et* s'ils soient *sur* ycel convyctz, soient al primere foith x jours en prison *et* paieront x s. a la chambre, *et* a la seconde foith soient xx jours en prison *et* paient xx s. a la chambre, *et* a la tierce foith soient xxx jours en prison *et* paient xxx s. a la chambre, *et* a la quarte foith || soient xl jours en prison *et* paient xl s. a la chambre, *et* a la quynte foith perdont la fraunchise de la Citee.

f. A3v

Et fait a savoir *qe*, *par comune* assent de toute la compaignye mesme l'an *et* jour, touz les servantz *et* lowys del mister coment q'ils soient de la liveree serront excusez de venir as assemblees faitz *par* generale somons s'ils ne soient especialment garnyz de venyr illeoques *pur* ascune certeine matire touchant leurs propres persones, ou *comune* honour del mistier. Sauvant toutfoith q'ils ne forsfacent encontre l'ordynance des feirs ne ascunes autres, les queux chescun sibien les meyndres du mistier come les greyndres covient a fyn force de garder sur la peyne *sur* ceo desuis.

Item, est assentuz mesme le jour *par* toute la compaignye *qe* toutes les peynes pecuniers soient levez sanz delay ou desport faire, en maniere q'ensuyt, c'est assavoir: ceux *qe* sont encurruz *parentre* les festes del Nativitee Seint Johan Baptist *et* Seint Michel soient levez a mesme la feste Seint Michel; *et* en mesme la manere *et* fourme ils serront levez as festes de Nowel, Pasch *et* la Nativitee Seint Johan Baptist; *et* ceo *sur* peyne del double si ascun face tariance del paiement outre celles festes en manere avantdite, *et* si ascun soit si rebelle (*qe* dieux defende) q'il ne voille paier *pur* cest peyne, ordeignee est *et* assentuz q'il soit forsbarree de la lyveree du mistere al Pasch proschein *après* tanqe il voille reconceiller a la compaignye.¹⁸

17 The same ordinance, but worded slightly differently, is found in Riley, *Liber Albus*, p. 494; see also CLB, 'G', p. 174.

18 This is the end of the extract in the preliminary pages.

The copy of the ordinance of the Guildhall of London:

In order to keep the King's peace and that of the City, a matter which must be dearer to the heart of each man than any other, all the misteries shall be ruled and governed by themselves, each according to its nature in due manner, in such a way that no fraudulent business deal or workmanship should be found or any other deceit, nor should any common troublemakers or miscreants be found within the misteries in any manner, this for the maintaining of their honour and for their communal advantage also. And to oversee and control these matters lawfully, four men or six or more or less according to what seems necessary to the mystery, shall be elected by each mystery, each for itself, and shall be sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen. Which men so elected and sworn shall have full power from the Mayor to govern well and lawfully the misteries by which they are elected. and they shall also be able with the communal agreement of the mystery to make ordinances [applicable] among themselves in accordance with reason and communal advantage and be able to punish recalcitrants with punishments ordained by communal agreement among them. And if they find among their number any who are disobedient and refuse to be guided by them or by other goodmen of their mystery, then these same men who govern the mystery with other goodmen of the same should notify the Mayor and Aldermen of the names of such disobedient men so that they may at once be arrested physically and brought to answer, and if they should be found guilty, then at the first offence they should be sent to prison for 10 days and shall pay 10s. to the [Guildhall] chamber, and at the second offence they should have 20 days in prison and pay 20s. to the chamber, and at the third offence they should have 30 days in prison and pay 30s. to the chamber, and at the fourth offence || they should have 40 days in prison and should pay 40s. to the chamber, and at the fifth offence they shall lose the freedom of the City.

f. A3v

And it shall be made known that, by communal agreement of the whole company on the same day of the same year, all servants and serving-men of the mystery, even if they are of the livery, shall be excused from coming to assemblies called by a general summons, unless they are specifically notified to attend for any special matter concerning themselves or for the communal honour of the mystery. Providing however that they do not transgress against the ordinance concerning fairs nor any other, the which all members of the mystery, whether they be of the lowest or the highest rank, must of all necessity keep to upon pain of the penalty aforesaid.

Item, it was agreed on the same day by the whole company that all monetary fines should be levied without delay or exemption, in the following manner, i.e. that those incurred between the feasts of the Nativity of St John the Baptist [24 June] and Michaelmas [29 September] shall be levied at that same feast of Michaelmas, and in the same manner and form they shall be levied at the feasts of Christmas, Easter, and the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and this on pain of paying double if anyone should delay paying until after these feasts in the manner stated above, and if anyone should be so recalcitrant (which may God forbid) that he refuse to pay this penalty, it is ordained and agreed that he should be excluded from the livery of the mystery at the next following Easter until such time as he shall be willing to be reconciled with the company.

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f. 5r (cont.) Et fait a remembrier *qe* le lundy *proscheyn* devant le feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne nostre Sire le Roi Richard seconde xiiii^{me} a une congregacioun en la sale de Seynt Thomas d'Acres, ou toutz les bons gentz de la mercerie estoient assemblez, Johan Loveye, Johan Wodcok, Thomas Neuentoun et Johan Leengge esteantz en cel an gardeynes de la dite mercerie, rendont *lour* acompt devant toutz les bons gentz avantditz de Clxxvi li. viii s. demurantz en *lour* meyns de ceo q'ils avoient receux de *lour* predecessours, outre touz les costages *et* despenses faites a le parlement de Canteburgh¹⁹ *et* aillours *par comune* assent de dite mercerie come en la veille *paper rouge* pleynement apiert, *et* ount doné a la dite mercerie *pur* l'encrees de cel an – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils ount receu des dettes *et* arrerages de certeyns persones q'estoient gardeyns de la dite mercerie devant *lour* temps come piert en le veille *paper rouge* avantditz:

Summa – Clxv li. xv s. i d. ob. q^a.

Item, ils ount receu de William Parker, executour de testament de Robert Warbyltoun²⁰ (*qe* dieux assoille *pur* sa pité) – *Summa* – xx li.
les queux le dit Robert devysa *par* son testament al dite mercerie *pur* sustener l'almoigne de ycele

Summa totalis – CCCLxxv li. ix s. ix d. ob. q^a

De quele somme furent despenduz *par comune* assent de la dite mercerie a une solemneté de l'entree de May en l'an suisdit – iiiii li.

Summa totalis qe remaynt de cler – CCCLxxi li. ix s. ix d. ob. q^a

f. 5v La quele somme les gardeins avant nomez ount delivré *et* mys *sur* une table devant touz les bones gentz de la mercerie a *lour* assemblee avantdite, *et* a mesme l'assemblee *par comune* assent de toute la mercerie *pur* certaines causes notables *et* profitables furent delyvrez de la somme a William Parker en gard –
– CCClviii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a

1391 ²¹Item, a mesme l'assemblee les gardeyns avantditz eslirent iiiii persones de la mercerie gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoir Johan Loveye eslit Johan Organ, Johan Wodecok eslit William Shiryngham, Thomas Neuentoun eslit Johan Sybile, Johan Leengge eslit Laurence Andrewe, *et par comune* assent de la dite mercerie ount delivré a chescun d'eux – lxvi s. viii d.
Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

19 Parliament met at Barnwell Priory, near Cambridge, from 10 September until 18 October 1388.

20 Robert Warbylton or Warbulton was an alderman (see Beaven, I, p. 394) and died in 1387, his will is dated 11 June 1387 (see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 262); the few years delay in settlement of the provisions of his will is not unusual.

21 In the LH margin at this point, the same sixteenth-century hand has drawn a hand pointing to the paragraph and has written: 'Anno 1391: At this tyme the manner and custom was that one Warden chose his fellow Wardein *pat* sholde nexte succede hym in place'.

Memorandum that on the Monday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 14 Richard II [19 June 1391], at an assembly in the hall of St Thomas of Acon at which all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery were gathered together, John Loveye, John Woodcock, Thomas Newenton, and John Leengge, being wardens for that year of the said mercers' mistery, rendered their account before all the aforesaid goodmen for £176 8s. remaining in their hands from that which they had received from their predecessors, over and above all the costs and expenses incurred at the parliament in Cambridge and elsewhere, this with the communal agreement of the said mercers' mistery as is fully set out in the old red paper register, and they have given to the said mistery as this year's increment – £13 6s. 8d.

1390–91
f. 5r (cont.)

Item, they have received from debts and arrears of certain persons who were previously wardens of the said mercers' mistery, as is set out in the aforesaid old red paper register:

Total – £165 15s. 1¾d.

Item, they have received from William Parker, executor of the will of Robert Warbulton (may God in his mercy absolve him!) – total – £20 which money the said Robert left in his will to the said mercers' mistery for the upkeep of its alms funds.

Sum total – £375 9s. 9¾d.

Out of which sum was spent with the communal agreement of the said mercers' mistery at a ceremony to mark the beginning of the month of May in the aforesaid year – £4

Sum total net remaining – £371 9s. 9¾d.

The which sum the abovenamed wardens produced and placed on a table before all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery at their aforesaid assembly, and at that same assembly, with the communal agreement of the whole mistery, for certain notable and advantageous reasons was handed over from this sum to William Parker for his safekeeping:

£358 3s. 1¾d.

f. 5v

Item, at the same assembly the aforesaid wardens elected four persons of the mistery to be wardens for the following year, i.e. John Loveye elected John Organ, John Woodcock elected William Sheringham, Thomas Newenton elected John Sybille, John Leengge elected Laurence Andrew, and with the communal agreement of the said mistery they handed over to each of them – 66s. 8d.

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Total – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, ils ount deliverez a eux une obligacioun de Johan Worstede par quele il est obligé a la dite mercerie en – lxvi s. viii d.

1391–92 Recepcio denariorum de introitu apprenticiorum mercerie anno quinto decimo
f. 6r²² Regis Ricardi Secundi per Johannem Organ, videlicet:²³

Pro Roberto Domynyk	}	apprenticiis Johannis Shadworth – vi s. ²⁴
Nicholao Bacoun		
Willelmo Belgrave		

Roberto Speak	}	apprenticiis Thome Austyn – xvi s.
Hugone Clerk		
Thoma Aleyn		
Johanne White		
Roberto Berkway		
Johanne Skyteby		
Ricardo Setryngtoun		
Johanne Boteler		

Willelmo Walderne	}	apprenticiis Johannis Fresshe – viii s.
Waltero Cottoun		
Thoma Grene		
Thoma Welle		

Henrico Bramptoun	}	apprenticiis Johannis Loveye – xii s.
Johanne Elys		
Nicholao Cokerelle		
Ricardo Herry		
Johanne Gowselle		
Johanne Rowghheed		

f. 6v	Henrico Carletoun	}	apprenticiis Johannis Organ – viii s.
	Ricardo Frisyngfeld		
	Johanne Thorp		
	Johanne Graunger		

22 A new hand starts here and continues to f. 10v Linne Mooney has identified the writer as Adam Pinkhurst, a scrivener, see Introduction, pp. 11–12.

23 To the LH side of this paragraph the same sixteenth-century hand has written: '1392, ann° 15 RR Richardi ij^{di}.'

24 The same hand has written to the LH side: 'nota every apprenynte at this tyme paid ii s. for there entrye.'

Item, they handed over to them a bond obligatory from John Worstead by which he is bound to the said mistery in the sum of – 66s. 8d.

Receipt of money, by John Organ, from the admission of apprentices to the mercers' mistery in the year 15 Richard II, i.e. 1391–92
f. 6r

For	
Robert Domenyk	} apprentices of John Shadworth – 6s.
Nicholas Bacon	
William Belgrave	

Robert Speke	} apprentices of Thomas Austyn – 16s.
Hugh Clerk	
Thomas Aleyn	
John White	
Robert Berkway	
John Skyteby	
Richard Settrington	
John Butler	

William Walderne	} apprentices of John Fresshe – 8s.
Walter Cotton	
Thomas Grene	
Thomas Welle	

Henry Brampton	} apprentices of John Loveye – 12s.
John Elys	
Nicholas Cokerelle	
Richard Harry	
John Gowselle	
John Rowghheed	

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Henry Carleton	} apprentices of John Organ – 8s.
Richard Frisyngfeld	
John Thorp	
John Graunger	

Thoma Appelby	}	apprenticiis Roberti Haryngeye – xviii s.
Johanne Cholsey		
Johanne Freman		
Thoma Lydyard		
Johanne Melchebourne		
Thoma Berwyk		
Bartholomeo Denys		
Ricardo Twyford		
Thoma Gartoun		

Thoma Brangwayn	}	apprenticiis Thome Vyvent ²⁵ – x s.
Thoma Wilteshire		
Willelmo Butte		
Petro Belgrave		
Ricardo Ede		

Willelmo Roos	}	apprenticiis Johannis Otteley – viii s.
Johanne Aleyn		
Alano Walsham		
Thoma Koce		

Roberto Lyncoln	}	apprenticiis Thome Aleyn – iiiii s.
Herberd Estfeld		

Johanne Wolpyt	}	apprenticiis Roberti Guphey – iiiii s.
Willelmo Jolyf		

f. 7r	Johanne Lardyner	}	apprenticiis Thome Newentoun – vi s.
	Willelmo Chashulle		
	Johanne Godstoun		

Johanne Wrytele	}	apprenticiis Roberti Sherwynd – viii s.
Johanne Wellys		
Johanne Prytelwelle		
Thoma Boxstede		

Thoma Berard – *apprenticio* Thome Brangwayn – ii s.

Johanne Drask – *apprenticio* Johannis Bele – ii s.

Ricardo Ryngstede	}	apprenticiis Nicholai Walsyngham – iiiii s.
Edmundo Walsyngham		

25 Some other printed and edited sources give this man's name as 'Vynent' but the third letter here is a clearly formed 'v'. Confusion between 'u' (for 'v') and 'n' is of course common. He appears for instance in Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, pp. 307–8; *CPMR 1381–1412* (see Index); Beaven (see Index); *Letter Book 'H'* (usually as 'Vyvent', see *CLB*, 'H', Index).

Thomas Appleby	}	apprentices of Robert Haringey – 18s.
John Cholsey		
John Freman		
Thomas Lydyard		
John Melchebourne		
Thomas Berwick		
Bartholomew Denys		
Richard Twyford		
Thomas Garton		

Thomas Brangwayn	}	apprentices of Thomas Vyvent – 10s.
Thomas Wiltshire		
William Butte		
Peter Belgrave		
Richard Ede		

William Roos	}	apprentices of John Otley – 8s.
John Aleyn		
Alan Walsham		
Thomas Koce		

Robert Lincoln	}	apprentices of Thomas Aleyn – 4s.
Herbert Eastfield		

John Wolpyt	}	apprentices of Robert Guppey – 4s.
William Jolyf		

John Lardyner	}	apprentices of Thomas Newenton – 6s.
William Chashulle		
John Godston		

f. 7r

John Wrytele	}	apprentices of Robert Shirwynd – 8s.
John Welles		
John Prittlewell		
Thomas Boxsted		

Thomas Berard – apprentice of Thomas Brangwayn – 2s.

John Drask – apprentice of John Bele – 2s.

Richard Ringstead	}	apprentices of Nicholas Walsingham – 4s.
Edmund Walsingham		

	Johanne Chipynhale Thoma Raftoun	} apprenticiis Willelmi Marcheford – iii s.
	Thoma Cosham Thoma Estoun	} apprenticiis Roberti Speek — iii s.
	Henrico Daubeney Johanne Raland Johanne Farnham	} apprenticiis Willelmi Bartelot – vi s.
	Johanne Chaudy Johanne Carletoun	} apprenticiis Johannis Lane – iii s.
	Johanne Bageys Thoma Levres	} apprenticiis Johannis Sybille – iii s.
	Thoma Cresse Johanne Eytoun	} apprenticiis Willelmi Parker – iii s.
f. 7v	Thoma Gentil Roberto de la Mare	} apprenticiis Willelmi Audeby – iii s.
	Johanne Sykylbrys Johanne Holand Willelmo Herford	} apprenticiis Roberti Betelee – vi s.
	Thoma Gedeneye Roberto Trees Willelmo Reynold Johanne Knottyngelee Johanne Sturmyn	} apprenticiis Salamonis Salman – x s.
	Johanne Middeltoun Willelmo Wayke	} apprenticiis Johannis Kestevene – iii s.
	Henrico Hille Ricardo Cotne/Cotue Thoma Helperby	} apprenticiis Johannis Secheford – vi s.
	Johanne Somery – apprenticio Thome Middelmoor – ii s.	
	Willelmo Symeon – apprenticio Rogeri Stapulhurst – ii s.	
	Willelmo Parker Thoma Thorpe Thoma Dystere Johanne Perlee	} apprenticiis Roberti Warbultoun – viii s.

John Chippenhale } apprentices of William Marcheford – 4s.
Thomas Rafton }

Thomas Cosham } apprentices of Robert Speke – 4s.
Thomas Easton }

Henry Daubeney } apprentices of William Bartelot – 6s.
John Raland }
John Farnham }

John Chaudy } apprentices of John Lane – 4s.
John Carleton }

John Bageys } apprentices of John Sybille – 4s.
Thomas Levres }

Thomas Cressy } apprentices of William Parker – 4s.
John Eton }

Thomas Gentil } apprentices of William Audeby – 4s.
Robert de la Mare }

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John Sikilbryce } apprentices of Robert Betelee – 6s.
John Holland }
William Herford }

Thomas Gedeney } apprentices of Solomon Salman – 10s.
Robert Trees }
William Reynold }
John Knottynghley }
John Sturmyn }

John Middleton } apprentices of John Kesteven – 4s.
William Wayke }

Henry Hille } apprentices of John Sedgford – 6s.
Richard Cotne/Cotue }
Thomas Helperby }

John Somery – apprentice of Thomas Middlemore – 2s.

William Symeon – apprentice of Roger Staplehurst – 2s.

William Parker } apprentices of Robert Warbulton – 8s.
Thomas Thorpe }
Thomas Dyster }
John Perlee }

	Willemo Marcheford Johanne Bele Nicholao Walsyngham Thoma Whyte	} apprentices Johannis Maymond – viii s.
f. 8r	Ricardo Bures Willemo Chaumberleyne	} apprentices Johannis Waltoun – iii s.
	Willemo Sonyngwell Ricardo Guy Johanne Feraunt Johanne Pomeray	} apprentices Johannis Feraunt – viii s.
	Thoma Somerford Johanne Bertoun Thoma Hawe Ricardo Ouchale Johanne Walsham Ricardo Thurstoun	} apprentices Willelmi Hawe – xii s.
	Ricardo Roos Johanne Derewyn	} apprentices Johannis Wodecok – iii s.
	Laurencio Hamptoun Johanne Langham Rogero Hawkedene	} apprentices Thome Hawe – vi s.
	Johanne Manfeld Willemo Pencriche	} apprentices Alani Everard – iii s.
	Johanne Derham Ricardo Erys	} apprentices Radulphi Elsyng – iii s.
	Johanne Falyate Roberto Wilkyn Willemo Brayl	} apprentices Willelmi Erntoun – vi s.
	Radulpho Middeltoun Thoma Reed Johanne Fauntleroy	} apprentices Thome Secheford – vi s.
f. 8v	Thoma Depdene	– apprenticio Willelmi Sonyngwelle – ii s.
	Waltero Keteshawe Johanne Benet Willemo Keteshawe	} apprentices Thoma Erl – vi s.

William Marcheford	}	apprentices of John Maymond – 8s.
John Bele		
Nicholas Walsingham		
Thomas White		

Richard Bures	}	apprentices of John Walton – 4s.
William Chamberleyn		

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William Sunningwell	}	apprentices of John Feraunt – 8s.
Richard Guy		
John Feraunt		
John Pomeray		

Thomas Somerford	}	apprentices of William Hawe – 12 s.
John Barton		
Thomas Hawe		
Richard Outshale		
John Walsham		
Richard Thurston		

Richard Roos	}	apprentices of John Woodcock – 4s.
John Derwent		

Laurence Hampton	}	apprentices of Thomas Hawe – 6s.
John Langham		
Roger Hawkedene		

John Manfield	}	apprentices of Alan Everard – 4s.
William Penkridge		

John Derham	}	apprentices of Ralph Elsyng – 4s.
Richard Erys		

John Falyate	}	apprentices of William Erntoun – 6s.
Robert Wilkyn		
William Brayl		

Ralph Middleton	}	apprentices of Thomas Sedgefurd – 6s.
Thomas Reed		
John Fauntleroy		

Thomas Depdene – apprentice of William Sunningwell – 2s.

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Walter Keteshawe	}	apprentices of Thomas Erl – 6s.
John Benet		
William Keteshawe		

Ricardo Sandoun
Johanne Borham } *apprenticiis Stephani Spelman* – iii s.

Johanne Hake
Johanne Godstone } *apprenticiis Thome Prudence* – iii s.

Edmundo Peytoun
Johanne Pychard
Thoma Roos
Johanne Westoun
Nicholao Lemyng } *apprenticiis Ricardi Whityngtoun* – x s.

Thoma Symoun – *apprenticio Henrici Byrtoun* – ii s.

Ricardo Everard
Thoma Turnour
Roberto Middeltoun } *apprenticiis Johannis Leenge* – vi s.

Willelmo Soleyn – *apprenticio Thome Provendre* – ii s.

Simone Casteleyn
Johanne Plat
Thoma Hawkeden
Johanne Holbeche } *apprenticiis Petri Elsynham* – viii s.

f. 9r Roberto Roos
Radulpho Elsyng
Johanne Lordyng
Ricardo Maynard
Johanne Shirbourne
Johanne Subdoun
Johanne Hoghtoun
Thoma Neuelyn
Ricardo Orwelle
Thoma Heley } *apprenticiis Nicholai Benyngtoun* – xx s.

Johanne Hithyngham
Johanne Moryce } *apprenticiis Petri Morice* – iii s.

Thoma Estoun
Willelmo Denot } *apprenticiis Roberti Buxtoun* – iii s.

Roberto Dane
Jacobo Suredene
Willelmo Foucher
Johanne Gaynour
Johanne Botoner } *apprenticiis Johannis More* – x s.

Richard Sandon } apprentices of Stephen Speleman – 6s.
John Boreham }

John Hake } apprentices of Thomas Prudence – 4s.
John Godstone }

Edmund Peyton }
John Pichard } apprentices of Richard Whittington – 10s.
Thomas Roos }
John Weston }
Nicholas Lemyng }

Thomas Symond – apprentice of Henry Byrton – 2s.

Richard Everard } apprentices of John Leengge – 6s.
Thomas Turnour }
Robert Middleton }

William Soleyn – apprentice of Thomas Provendre – 2s.

Simon Casteleyne }
John Plat } apprentices of Peter Elsynham – 8s.
Thomas Hawkedene }
John Holbeach }

Robert Roos }
Ralph Elsyng }
John Lordyng }
Richard Maynard }
John Sherborne } apprentices of Nicholas Benyngton – 20s.
John Subdoun }
John Hoghton }
Thomas Neuelyn }
Richard Orwell }
Thomas Heley }

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John Hithyngham } apprentices of Peter Morice – 4s.
John Morice }

Thomas Easton } apprentices of Robert Buxton – 4s.
William Denot }

Robert Dane }
James Surendene } apprentices of John More – 10s.
William Foucher }
John Gaynour }
John Botoner }

Adami Cove
Henrico Dymmok } *apprenticiis Ricardi Guy* – iii s.

Ricardo Wonere
Johanne Rothewelle } *apprenticiis Thome Mordoun* – iii s.

Johanne Barbour – *apprenticio Roberti Webbe* – ii s.

Johanne Alboun – *apprenticio Willelmi de Bury* – ii s.

f. 9v Johanne Herdewyk } *apprenticiis Hugonis Clerk* – iii s.
Ricardo Tipup

Ricardo Hathewyk } *apprenticiis Thome Fauconer* – iii s.
Thoma Welcome²⁶

Thoma Pychard – *apprenticio Ricardi Ouchale* – ii s.

Johanne Brutoun } *apprenticiis Johannis Cosham* – iii s.
Johanne Coventre

Johanne Edmond – *apprenticio Johannis Middeltoun* – ii s.

Johanne Michel – *apprenticio Willelmi Rose* – ii s.

Edmundo Thelfetham – *apprenticio Edmundi Thelfetham* – ii s.

Numerus apprenticiorum – Ciiii^{xx}

Summa – xviii li.

Pro anno ii^o:

De Hugone Clerk – vi s. viii d.

De Willelmo Scoti – vi s. viii d.

De Thoma Lucas – vi s. viii d.

De Thoma Fauconer – vi s. viii d.

De Ricardo Ouchale – vi s. viii d.

De Johanne Subdoun – vi s. viii d.

De Johanne Cosham²⁷ – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xlvi s. viii d.

²⁶ The letter 'c' of this name is clear, but may be a scribal copying error as he later appears as 'Weltoun'.

²⁷ On this man, who had formerly been a haberdasher, see Imray, 'Les bones gentes', pp. 164–5.

Adam Cove }
Henry Dymmok } apprentices of Richard Guy – 4s.

Richard Wonere }
John Rothwell } apprentices of Thomas Mordon – 4s.

John Barbour – apprentice of Robert Webbe – 2s.

John Albion – apprentice of William de Bury – 2s.

John Hardwick }
Richard Tipup } apprentices of Hugh Clerk – 4s.

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Richard Hathewyk }
Thomas Welton } apprentices of Thomas Fauconer – 4s.

Thomas Pichard – apprentice of Richard Outshale – 2s.

John Bruton }
John Coventry } apprentices of John Cosham – 4s.

John Edmund – apprentice of John Middleton – 2s.

John Michel – apprentice of William Roos – 2s.

Edmund Thelfetham – apprentice of Edmund Thelfetham – 2s.

Number of apprentices – 180

Sum – £18

For their second year:

from Hugh Clerk –	6s. 8d.
from William Scot –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Lucas –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Fauconer –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Outshale –	6s. 8d.
from John Subdown –	6s. 8d.
from John Cosham –	6s. 8d.
– total –	46s. 8d.

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Pro anno primo:

De Johanne atte Mille –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Perlys –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Middeltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Michel –	vi s. viii d.
De Simone Bertelot –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Herry –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne White –	vi s. viii d.
De Willelmo Rose –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Walsham –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Barry –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Grene –	vi s. viii d.
De Rogero Wryngesworth –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Lardyner –	vi s. viii d.
De Willelmo Goodman –	vi s. viii d.

Summa – iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Exitus apprenticiorum:

Item, de predicto Johanne atte Mille –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Perlys –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Middeltoun –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Michel –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Simone Bertelot –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Herry –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Whyte –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Willelmo Rose –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Walsham –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Barry –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Grene –	ii s.
Item, de predicto [Rogero] ²⁸ Wryngesworth –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Johanne Lardyner –	ii s.
Item, de predicto Willelmo Goodman –	ii s.
Et de Ricardo Wonere –	ii s.

Summa – xxx s.

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De non bene intrantibus:

De Johanne atte Mille – xx s.

De Simone Bartelot – lxvi s. vii d.

Summa – iiii li. vi s. viii d.

De denariis mercerie – lxvi s. viii d.

Et dat de incremento – xiii s. iiii d.

Summa – iiii li.

Summa totalis recepta – xxxiiii li. xvi s. viii d.

28 MS: Johanne. See above and Name Index.

For their first year:

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from John atte Mille –	6s. 8d.
from John Perlee –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Bartelot –	6s. 8d.
from John Harry –	6s. 8d.
from John White –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.
from John Walsham –	6s. 8d.
from John Barry –	6s. 8d.
from John Grene –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Wryngesworth –	6s. 8d.
from John Lardynner –	6s. 8d.
from William Goodman –	6s. 8d.
– total –	£4 13s. 4d.

Issue of apprentices:

Item, from the aforesaid John atte Mille –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Perlee –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Middleton –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Michel –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid Simon Bartelot –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Harry –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John White –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid William Roos –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Walsham –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Barry –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Grene –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid [Roger] Wryngesworth –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid John Lardynner –	2s.
Item, from the aforesaid William Goodman –	2s.
And from Richard Wonere –	2s.
– total –	30s.

From those whose admission was incorrect:¹⁴

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from John atte Mille –	20s.
from Simon Bartelot –	66s. 7d.
total –	£4 6s. 8d.

Of the mercers' money – 66s. 8d.

And he gives as increment – 13s. 4d.

Total – £4

Total sum received – £34 16s. 8d.

¹⁴ Literally 'those not entering well'. Neither of these men is recorded as having been admitted as an apprentice, but this may simply be due to the lack of records before this date. A probable reason for these fees is that they had not served a full term of apprenticeship. See also below, f. 15r.

Inde solut' domino Willelmo Hedyngdoun, capellano nostro, pro salario unius anni – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, pro furrura sua – vi s. viii d.

Summa – vii li.

Item, Johanni Bostoun de elemosina – lii s.

Item, Roberto Hengham de elemosina – xii s.

Item, Willelmo Willesdoun pro labore suo²⁹ – lii s.

Summa – Cxvi s.

Summa totalis soluta – xii li. xvi s.

Et sic reman' – xxii li. viii d.

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f. 11r³⁰ Fait a remembrer qe coment qe Johan Organ, William Shiryngham, Johan Sibyle, et Laurence Andrewe furent esluz mestres de la mercerie le lundy proscheyn devant le feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le roi Richard seconde xiiii^e, pur gouverner la dite mistere solonc lours ordenances pur l'an ensuyant, et nientmeyns le dit Johan Organ de sa frank volentee pryst sur soy mesmes tout l'occupacioun de cel an et singulerement ent ad fait soun accompt come piert cy devant.

1392–94 Les causes pur quey les mestres demorerent nient chaungez par trois ans:³¹
Et pur taunt qe devant le lundy proscheyn devant le feste de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an du regne le Roi Richard xv^e, le Maire, Aldermans et viscountes ovesqe xxiiii de les pluis vaillantz comuners de Loundres furent chargez d'appierer devant le Roi en le chastel de Notyngham l'endemayn de ycel feste de Seint Johan suisdit, et tost après a Wyndesore, pur certaines grosses materes moevetz encontre la dite Citee de Loundres,³² les bones gentz del dite mistere ne pooient a ycel jour covenablement tener lour congregacioun ne chaunger lours mestres solonc lours ordenances et custumes, si qe les avantditz Johan Organ, William Shiryngham, Johan Sibyle et Laurence Andrewe demorerent mestres pur l'an ensuyant. En le quel an le dit Johan Organ devya (qe dieux l'assoille) et le dit Johan Sibyle unques ne se mella, ne al fyn de cel an c'est assavoir le lundy proschein devant le feste de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an de nostre dit seigneur le roi xvi^e n'apparust en la congregacioun adonques fait pur faire son devoir touchant le eleccioun de par luy a faire.³³ Et coment qe les ditz William et Laurence y furent adonques prestes pur accompter et faire ceo qe a eux mesmes appartenoit a faire, nient pur tant par causes del absence du dit Johan Sibyle, et altercacioun par qi serroit fait le eleccioun de par Johan Organ, refuserent les bones gentz del mistere l'accompt des ditz William et Laurence pur ycel temps et eux chargerent de rechief mestres pur l'an ensuyant.

29 See the similar entry below, p. 84, where it is clear that the payment is being made out of the alms funds. One must presume William Willesdon to have been the beadle.

30 This is again from here in the same hand as wrote ff. 1r–5v.

31 This note is written in the right-hand column.

32 On all these events, see Sutton, *First Charter*. The writ summoning the Londoners was issued on 29 May 1392. The mercers who had to attend included the wardens William Sheringham and John Sibille.

33 He was in fact imprisoned in the Tower at this time, see Sutton, *First Charter*, p. 9.

From which paid to Sir William Hedyngton, our chaplain, for one year's salary – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his fur – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7

Item, John Boston as alms – 52s.

Item, Robert Hengham as alms – 12s.

Item, William Willesdon for his work – 52s.

Total – 116s.

Sum total paid – £12 16s.

And thus there remains – £22 8d.

Memorandum that whereas John Organ, William Sheringham, John Sybille, and Laurence Andrew were elected wardens of the mercers' mistery on the Monday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 14 Richard II [19 June 1391], to govern the said mistery for the year next following in accordance with its ordinances, nevertheless the said John Organ of his own free will took upon himself all the responsibilities of that year and made his account individually as appears above.

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The reasons for which the wardens remained unchanged for three years:

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Since before the Monday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 15 Richard II [17 June 1392] the Mayor, aldermen, and sheriffs together with 24 of the most worthy commoners of London were commanded to appear before the King at Nottingham Castle on the day after that said feastday of St John [25 June 1392] and shortly thereafter at Windsor, for certain important business concerning the said City of London, the goodmen of the said mistery could not hold their assembly in proper manner on that day nor change their wardens in accordance with their ordinances and customs, and thus the aforesaid John Organ, William Sheringham, John Sybille, and Laurence Andrew remained as wardens for the following year. During the which year the said John Organ died (may God absolve him) and the said John Sybille never took any part in anything, nor at the end of the year, i.e. on the Monday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year [17] Richard II [23 June 1393]¹⁵ did he appear at the assembly held then in order to carry out his duty concerning the election that was for him to make. And although the said William and Laurence were at that time prepared to present accounts and do all that pertained to themselves to do, yet nevertheless, because both of the absence of John Sybille and of disagreements about who should make the election in place of John Organ, the goodmen of the mistery refused to accept the accounts of the said William and Laurence for that time and charged them once again to act as wardens for the following year.

15 The text has a clear 'xvi' for the regnal year, but year 16 in fact finished on 21 June 1393; however, the logical sequence of events must mean year 17 and this date, although one can see how the error arose.

1394 C'est l'acompt de William Shirynggham *et* Laurence Andrew, mestres de la
 f. 11v mercerye, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an du regne nostre *seigneur* le Roy
 Richard seconde xviii^e comenceant pur deux ans proscheins devant passez, c'est
 assavoir les ans xvi^e *et* xvii^e pur quel temps ils ount ew soulement la charge, come
 piert.

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Les Receptz

Pur lour tierce an:

De Hugh Clerk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Scot –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Lucas –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Fauconer –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Outshale –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Cosham –	vi s. viii d.
Summa –	xl s.

Pur lour seconde an:

De Johan atte Melle –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Parles –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Middeltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Michel –	vi s. viii d.
De Symond Bertelot –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Herry –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan White –	vi s. viii d.
De William Rose –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Walsham –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Barry –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Grene –	vi s. viii d.
De Roger Wryngesworth –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Lardyner –	vi s. viii d.
De William Goodman –	vi s. viii d.
Summa –	iiii li. xiii s. iii d.

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Pur lour primer an:

De Walter Kete[s]hawe ³⁴ –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Welles –	vi s. viii d.
De Bartholomeu Bosane –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gedeney –	vi s. viii d.
Summa –	xxvi s. viii d.

34 MS: Kete hawe.

This is the account of William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew, wardens of the mercers' mistery, made up to the feastday¹⁶ of St John the Baptist in the year 18 Richard II [24 June 1394], starting with [accounts] for the two previous years, i.e. 16 [Richard II] and 17 [Richard II], during which time they alone have been responsible,¹⁷ as appears:

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Receipts

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For their third year:

from Hugh Clerk –	6s. 8d.
from William Scot –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Lucas –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Fauconer –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Outshale –	6s. 8d.
from John Cosham –	6s. 8d.
total – 40s.	

For their second year:

from John atte Mille –	6s. 8d.
from John Parles –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Bartelot –	6s. 8d.
from John Harry –	6s. 8d.
from John White –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.
from John Walsham –	6s. 8d.
from John Barry –	6s. 8d.
from John Grene –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Wryngesworth –	6s. 8d.
from John Lardyner –	6s. 8d.
from William Goodman –	6s. 8d.
total – £4 13s. 4d.	

For their first year:

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from Walter Keteshawe –	6s. 8d.
from John Welles –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Bosan ¹⁸ –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gedeney –	6s. 8d.
total – 26s. 8d.	

¹⁶ In this and subsequent accounts, the preliminary note that the account is 'fait al feste de' could mean it was rendered on that feast day (as indeed by ordinance it should have been at about that date, see above, f. 2r). However, the verb 'rendre' is not used in this context although it is in others, and, more tellingly, the information is given in 1409 (see below, f. 50r) that for some time past the accounts had been rendered very late on in the year of office, and a new ordinance lays down a rule for them to be rendered between the day of election of the new wardens and 1 August each year.

¹⁷ 'La charge' in this context should be understood as relating very much to their financial responsibilities but also to all responsibilities of office.

¹⁸ He was a native of Lucca; see his entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 6, pp. 687–8.

Des issues de apprentices:

De Walter Keteshawe –	ii s.
De Johan Welles –	ii s.
De Bertholomeu Bosane –	ii s.
De Thomas Gedeney –	ii s.
Summa –	viii s.

Deneres del mercerie:

Item, ils ount receu de Johan Sybyle, del argent deliverré a luy a son eleccioun, v marcz. Item, qe chescun des ditz William et Laurence receust a son eleccioun v marcz –

Summa – x li.

Item, q'ils ount receu de William Parker des deners del mercerie pur dyverses busoignes touchant le mercerie – xl li.

La somme total de lour recept amount net – lviii li. viii s.

Paiementz de cel an, vidz. xvi^e:

Prestre:

Primes, a Sire William Hedyngdoun, prestre, pur son salarye – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, pur son forrure a sa liveré devers Paske – vi s. viii d. – Somme – vii li.

Almoigne:

Item, païé en almoigne a Johan Bostoun pur cel an – lii s.

Item, a William Willesdoun pur salarie pur cel an³⁵ – lii s.

– v li. iiii s.

Item, païé par comune assent del mercerye a v persones del dite mercerie pur lour costages a un mommyng ovesqe le Roi a Eltham, a chescun xii s. – Somme – iii li.

Item, païé pur mynstralles a lour chivalcher ovesqe le viscounte Johan Shadworth – xl s.

f. 12v Item, qe Walter Strete est aderer et doit pur sa liverree de baldekyn vers la venewe del Roi³⁶ ordeigné – xiiii s. viii d.

La somme total païé amount – xvii li. xviii s. iiii d.

35 William Willesdon is presumably the beadle (see above, p. 80). For some reason his salary is being paid out of the alms funds, as is the case later also for some, but not all, salaries paid to the successive beadles.

36 See Sutton, *First Charter*, pp. 6–7.

From issues of apprentices:

from Walter Keteshawe –	2s.
from John Welles –	2s.
from Bartholomew Bosan –	2s.
from Thomas Gedeney –	2s.
total –	8s.

Money belonging to the mercers' mistery:

Item, they received from John Sybille, of the money handed over to him at his election, five marks. Item, each of the said William and Laurence received at his election five marks:

Total – £10

Item, they received from William Parker out of monies belonging to the mercers' mistery, for various needs relating to the mistery – £40

Sum total of their receipts amounts net to – £58 8s.

Payments made this year, i.e. 16 [Richard II]:

The priest:

Firstly, to Sir William Hedyngton, priest, for his salary – £6 13s. 4d. Item, for the fur¹⁹ for his livery clothing at Easter time – 6s. 8d. – total – £7

Alms:

Item, paid as alms to John Boston for this year – 52s.

Item, to William Willesdon for his salary for this year – 52s.

– £5 4s.

Item, paid with the communal agreement of the mercers' mistery to five persons of the said mistery for their expenses at a mummers' play in the presence of the King at Eltham Palace,²⁰ to each one 12s. Total – £3

Item, paid for musicians at their riding in procession²¹ with the sheriff John Shadworth – 40s.

Item, that Walter Street is in arrears and owes for his livery of baudekin²² ordered for the occasion of the arrival of the King – 14s. 8d. f. 12v

Sum total paid out amounts to – £17 18s. 4d.

¹⁹ Or 'fur lining'.

²⁰ On the Christmas 1392 festivities at Eltham see Barron, 'The quarrel', p. 195.

²¹ The word used here and often (in various spellings) in subsequent years is 'chivalcher' 'chyvalché' for which the equivalent word in English at the time was 'riding', i.e. a procession on horseback.

²² 'A rich embroidered stuff, originally made with warp of gold thread and woof of silk; later, with wider application, rich brocade, rich shot silk' (*OED*).

La reest del an xvi^e:

Remaynt en lour mayns de deners del mercerie – xl li. ix s. viii d.

1393–94 C'est l'acompt des avantditz William et Laurence, mestres de la mercerie, pur l'an xvii^e suisdit:

Primes, ils ount receu del remaynt del darrein an, come piert desuis – xl li. ix s. viii d.

Pur lour tiercz an:

De Johan atte Melle – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Parles – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Middeltoun – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Michel – vi s. viii d.

De Symond Bartelot – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Herry – vi s. viii d.

De Johan White – vi s. viii d.

De William Rose – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Walsham – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Barry – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Grene – vi s. viii d.

De Roger Wryngesworth – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Lardyner – vi s. viii d.

De William Goodman – vi s. viii d.

Somme – iii li. xiii s. iii d.

f. 13r Pur lour seconde an:

De Walter Keteshawe – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Welles – vi s. viii d.

De Bertholomeu Bosane – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Gedeney – vi s. viii d.

– xxvi s. viii d.

Pur lour primere an:

De Thomas Dyster – vi s. viii d.

De Nicholas Bacoun – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Picchard – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Wylteshire – vi s. viii d.

De William Butte – vi s. viii d.

De Adam Cove – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Forester – vi s. viii d.

– xlvi s. viii d.

Balance for the year 16 [Richard II]:

There remains in their hands of the monies of the mercers' mistery – £40 9s. 8d.

This is the account of the aforesaid William and Laurence, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for the aforesaid year 17 [Richard II]: 1393–94

Firstly, they received the balance of the last year, as appears above – £40 9s. 8d.

For their third year:

from John atte Mille –	6s. 8d.
from John Parles –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Bartelot –	6s. 8d.
from John Harry –	6s. 8d.
from John White –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.
from John Walsham –	6s. 8d.
from John Barry –	6s. 8d.
from John Grene –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Wryngesworth –	6s. 8d.
from John Lardynner –	6s. 8d.
from William Goodman –	6s. 8d.
total –	£4 13s. 4d.

For their second year:

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from Walter Keteshawe –	6s. 8d.
from John Welles –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Bosan –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gedeney –	6s. 8d.
–	26s. 8d.

For their first year:

from Thomas Dyster –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Bacon –	6s. 8d.
from John Pichard –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Wiltshire –	6s. 8d.
from William Butte –	6s. 8d.
from Adam Cove –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Forester –	6s. 8d.
–	46s. 8d.

Issues d'appren[tices:

<i>De Thomas Dyster –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Nicholas Bacoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Picchard –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Wiltshire –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Butte –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Adam Cove –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Richard Forester –</i>	ii s.
– xiiii s.	

Amercimentz:

Item, ils ount receu de dyverses gentz del *mercerie pur amercimentz* – xiii s.

La somme total receu amont – L li. iii s. iiii d.

*Paymentz de cel an, vidz xvii^{me}:**Almoigne:*

Primes, a Johan Enmede *pur almoigne* – xiii s.
 Item, a Roger Caustoun *pur almoigne* – xvi s. viii d.
 Item, a Johan Bostoun *pur almoigne* – lii s.
 – iiii li. xx d.

Salarie:

Item, a William Willesdoun <i>pur sa salarie</i> ³⁷ – lii s.	
Item, a Sire William Hedyngdoun <i>pur sa salarie</i> – ix marc	} vii li.
<i>et pur furrure de soun liveree a Pasch</i> – vi s. viii d.	
– ix li. xii s.	

f. 13v

Costages:

Item, ils ount païé *pur ministrels* al chivacher ovesqe Richard Whityngtoun, viscounte – xx s.
 Item, as ministrels a le chivacher ovesqe le Meyr Johan Haddele – xxvi s. viii d.
 Item, ils ount païés *par comune assent* del *mercerie* a Johan Haddele, meyr de Loundres en le dit an, *pur certeyns bosoignes touchantz la fraunchise de la cité*,³⁸ c'est assavoir le v. jour de Juyn l'an xvii^e – x li.
 Item, ils ount paiez *pur coverer d'yceste mesme livere del mercerie* – ii s. iiii d.
Summa totalis païé – xxvi li. ii s. viii d.

37 One notes that the entry for this payment is now under salary payments rather than as previously under alms (see above, pp. 80 and 84).

38 On this whole matter, see Barron, 'The Quarrel'. This payment went to Richard II, as part of the huge fine he exacted for restitution of the City's civil liberties after his taking of the City into his own hands in 1392. See also below, f. 15v.

Issues of apprentices:

from Thomas Dyster –	2s.
from Nicholas Bacon –	2s.
from John Pichard –	2s.
from Thomas Wiltshire –	2s.
from William Butte –	2s.
from Adam Cove –	2s.
from Richard Forester –	2s.
– 14s.	

Fines:

Item, they received from various members of the mercers' mistery as fines – 13s.

Sum total received amounts to – £50 3s. 4d.

Payments made this year, i.e. 17 [Richard II]:

Alms:

First, to John Enmede as alms –	13s.
Item, to Roger Causton as alms –	16s. 8d.
Item, to John Boston as alms –	52s.
£4 20d.	

Salary:

Item, to William Willesdon for his salary – 52s.

Item, to Sir William Hedyngton for his salary – 9 marks and for the fur of his livery clothing at Easter – 6s. 8d. £9 12s.	}	£7
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Expenditure:

f. 13v

Item, they paid for musicians at the procession with Richard Whittington, sheriff²³ – 20s.

Item, to the musicians at the procession with the Mayor John Hadley²⁴ – 26s. 8d.

Item, they paid by communal agreement of the mercers' mistery to John Hadley, Mayor of London in the said year, for certain needs concerning the City liberties, i.e. on 5 June 17 Richard II [1394] – £10

Item, they paid for the covering of this same [register]-book of the mercers' mistery²⁵ – 2s. 4d.

Sum total paid – £26 2s. 8d.

²³ The sheriffs were elected each year on 21 September and took their oaths at the Guildhall on 28 September, then rode in procession to Westminster to be presented and sworn before the barons of the Exchequer on 29 September; see Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, 159. See CLB, 'H', pp. 347–8, for an ordinance of 13 October 1389 restraining the misteries from excessive expenses on these processions; see also Riley, *Memorials*, pp. 515–16.

²⁴ On the Mayor's procession from the Guildhall to Westminster, on 29 October each year (the day after the feast of St Simon and St Jude), see Riley, *Liber Albus*, pp. 24–7, Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, p. 152.

²⁵ It is probable that for this price the 'covering' would have consisted of boards covered with hide, a practical cover without any decoration.

La rest del aan xvii^e:

Ency *qe* remaynt en lez mayns des ditz William *et* Laurens des deners del mercerie
– xxiii li. viii d.

- 1394 Et fait assavoir *qe* a ycele mesme fest de Seint Johan le Baptistre devant dit, a un congregacioun de lez bones gentz del mister en la sale de Seint Thomas, furent eslutz *par* leur *comune* avisement iiij mestres del dit mister *pur* l'an *prochein* ensuyant, c'est assavoir William Parker, Johan More, William Sonyngwelle *et* William Marcheford, as *queux* iiij mestres lez ditz William Shiryngham *et* Laurens Andrew ount deliverez ceo *qe* remaint en leur mains – xxiii li. viii d.³⁹

⁴⁰Item, ils ount donez *pur* l'encrés dez liverez *et* vestures del mercerie *par* eaux faitz en lez ditz ii ans, vz. xvi^e *et* xvii^e, dount ils rendout acounte outre ceo q'ils ount acountee – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de cestez ii *parcelles* liverez *et* donez – xxxvii li. vii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils ount deliverez a eux un obligacioun de Jankyn Worstede, la *quele* ils ount receu en leur *primer* charge, de – iii li. vi s. viii d.⁴¹

- f. 14r Item, ils ount liverez dettours lez executours de Johan Organ *pur* la rest *qe* remaint en la main du dit Johan a temps de sa mort (*qe* dieux ly assoille), come piert en iceste mesme livre cy derere al fin de soun acounte – xxii li. viii d.

Item, ils ount deliveré dettour Walter Strete, qi doit *pur* sa livré de baldek come piert en nostre acounte del an xvi^e – xiiii s. viii d.

Sy *qe* la somme de ceo *qe* nous avoms deliveré a eux en argent comptant *et* dettours amounte net – lxiii li. ix s. iiiii d.

Et M^d *qe* toute foith remaint en main de William Parker de la somme *qe* ly fust baillé en garde au temps qant nous furoms eslitz, c'est assavoir CCCLviii li. iii s. i d., ob. q^a, rebatus lez xl li. *par* nous de luy receuz, dount nous avoms meynenant pleynement acounté –

– CCCxviii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a

39 A note in the LH margin against the last two lines of this entry reads 'Cessent lez veils mestres'.

40 A note in the LH margin against the beginning of this entry reads 'Comencent les novellez mestres'. However, below f. 14r, the account is put in the words of the old wardens still: 'nostre acounte', 'nous avoms ...'.

41 See above, p. 66.

The balance for the year 17 [Richard II]:

Thus there remains in the hands of the said William and Laurence, of the monies of the mercers' mistery – £24 8d.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist aforesaid, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery in the hall at St Thomas's, there were elected by their communal consultation four wardens of the said mistery for the coming year, i.e. William Parker, John More, William Sunningwell, and William Marcheford, to the which four wardens the said William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew handed over what remained in their hands – £24 8d.²⁶ 1394

²⁷Item, they gave as profit on the livery and clothing of the mercers' mistery arranged²⁸ by them during the two years, i.e. 16 and 17 [Richard II], for which they render account over and above what has been accounted – £13 6s. 8d.

Sum total of these two separate amounts handed over and given – £37 7s. 4d.

Item, they handed over to them a bond obligatory from Jankyn [John] Worstead, which they received among their first receipts,²⁹ for – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, they handed over as debtors the executors of John Organ for the balance which the said John had in his hands at the time of his death (may God absolve him), as appears above in this same register-book at the end of his account – £22 8d. f. 14r

Item, they handed over as a debtor Walter Street, who owes for his livery of baudekin, as appears in our account for the year 16 [Richard II] – 14s. 8d.

Thus the total which we have handed over to them in ready money and in debts amounts net to – £63 9s. 4d.

Memorandum also that there still remains in the hands of William Parker, out of the sum which was placed in his keeping at the time of our election, i.e. £358 3s. 1¾d., having deducted the £40 received from him by us, for which we have now made full account –
£318 3s. 1¾d.

26 The LH margin note says that 'the old wardens retire'.

27 The LH margin note says that 'the new wardens start', i.e. they take up their responsibilities from this moment.

28 Literally the text just says 'made' or 'done by them'; this will have involved both the ordering of the cloth and the distribution, plus all accounting connected with the operation.

29 An alternative translation here would be 'when they first took up office'.

1394–95 C'est l'acompte de William Parker, Johan More, William Sonyngwell, et William Marcheford, mestres de la mercerye, faite en l'endemain del feste de Seynt Johan Baptistre l'an du regne nostre *Seignur* le Roy Richard *seconde* xix^{me}, comenceant pur un an proscheyn devant passé, c'est asavoir l'an xviii^e, pur quel an ils furent mestres.

Receptes

f. 14v Primerement, ils ont receu de lour *predecessours* en deniers et dettours, come piert devant par l'acompte des ditz William Shiryngham et Laurence – lxiii li. ix s. iiiii d.

Item, ils soy chargent ové les deniers en les mains William Parker qe luy furent baillez a garder come piert devant – CCCxviii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a

Pur lour iii^e an:

De Walter Ketsawe –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Welles –	vi s. viii d.
De Bette Bosane –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gedeney –	vi s. viii d.
– xxvi s. viii d.	

Pur lour seconde an:

De Thomas Dystar –	vi s. viii d.
De Nichol Bacoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Pichard –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Wiltshire –	vi s. viii d.
De William But –	vi s. viii d.
De Adam Cove –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Forester –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.	

Pur lour primere an:

De Thomas Dentoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Everard –	vi s. viii d.
De Henri Carletoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Herksted –	vi s. viii d.
De Henri Trenche –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Walsham le puisné –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Hadstoke –	vi s. viii d.
De Rauf Middeltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Esmon Man –	vi s. viii d.
De Nichol Cokerell –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Grene –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.	

This is the account of William Parker, John More, William Sunningwell, and William Marcheford, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered³⁰ the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 19 Richard II [25 June 1395], starting from one year immediately preceding that, i.e. 18 Richard II, for the which year they were wardens. 1394–95

Receipts:

Firstly, they received from their predecessors in money and in debts, as appears above in the account of the said William Sheringham and Laurence – £63 9s. 4d. f. 14v

Item, they declare the money in the hands of William Parker which was placed in his keeping, as appears above – £318 3s. 1¾d.

For their third year:

from Walter Keteshawe –	6s. 8d.
from John Welles –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Bosan –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gedeney –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

For their second year:

from Thomas Dyster –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Bacon –	6s. 8d.
from John Pichard –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Wiltshire –	6s. 8d.
from William Butte –	6s. 8d.
from Adam Cove –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Forester –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

For their first year:

from Thomas Denton –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Everard –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Carleton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Harkstead –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Trenche –	6s. 8d.
from John Walsham the younger –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hadstoke –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Man –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Cokerelle –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Grene –	6s. 8d.
– £3 13s. 4d.	

³⁰ The phrasing in this case suggests that the account was actually rendered on that day. Literally it says: 'made on the day after the feastday ...'.

De exitibus apprenticiorum:

Item, de chescun des xi *persones* *proschein* devant escriptz del issue de apprenticialté – ii s.

Summa – xxii s.

Item, receu de ceux *qe* ne ont servy lour termes solonc les ordinances del mister, vidz:

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Fines de non *bene intrantibus*:

De Johan Hake – iii li. vi s. viii d.

De Johan Herry – xl s.

De Thomas Grene – xl s.

De Johan Everard – xx s.

– viii li. vi s. viii d.

Fynes de ceux *qe* aloient as feires encontre l'ordina[n]ce:

De William But – xx s.

De Aleyn Everard – xl s.

De Thomas Wiltshire – xiii s. iiiii d.

De Laurence Andrew – xiii s. iiiii d.

– iiiii li. vi s. viii d.

Fynes de ceux *qe* furent absent a i chivalchee ordeigné:

De Johan Everard – vi s. viii d.

De Nichol Walsyngham – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Brangewayn – vi s. viii d.

De William Hawe – vi s. viii d.

– xxvi s. viii d.

Item, receu de diverses gentz *qe* furent absentez as congregacions – xi s. viii d.

Item, receu de l'encrees de la lyvree del mistere de cel an – xxxvii s. ii d.

Item, receu de William Parker de don – x li.

Item, receu de diverses gentz si bien executours come autres de lour bone volentee *par* mocion des ditz mestres *pur* ayder *et* encresser le comune profit dont les mestres ont soulement counissantz – vi li. iiiii s. i d.

Summa totalis receu en toutes choses come piert devant amount net
CCCCxxii li. xiiii s. i d. ob. q^a.

From issues of apprentices:

Item, from each of the 11 persons [whose names] are written just above here, for their issue from apprenticeship – 2s.

Total – 22s.

Item, received from those who had not served out their terms according to the ordinances of the mistery, i.e.

Fees from those who were not admitted in proper manner:³¹

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from John Hake – £3 6s. 8d.

from John Harry – 40s.

from Thomas Grene – 40s.

from John Everard – 20s.

£8 6s. 8d.

Fines from those who went to fairs in contravention of the ordinance:

from William Butte – 20s.

from Alan Everard – 40s.

from Thomas Wiltshire – 13s. 4d.

from Laurence Andrew – 13s. 4d.

– £4 6s. 8d.

Fines from those who were absent from a procession that had been prescribed:

from John Everard – 6s. 8d.

from Nicholas Walsingham – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Brangwayn – 6s. 8d.

from William Hawe – 6s. 8d.

– 26s. 8d.

Item, received from various people who were absent from assemblies – 11s. 8d.

Item, received from the profit on the mistery's livery this year – 37s. 2d.

Item, received as a gift from William Parker – £10

Item, received from various people, who are known to the wardens alone, both executors and others of their own goodwill at the prompting of the wardens, in order to help and increase the communal profit – £6 4s. 1d.

Sum total received from all things as appears above, amounts net to
£422 14s. 1¾d.

³¹ See the Name Index for all these, who indeed do not appear to have followed the straight career path laid down in the ordinances. For John Hake, e.g. see also below, f. 32r.

f. 15v

Discharge

Salarie:

Primerement, ils ont païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun, lour chapeleyn, pur salarie – vi li. xiii s. iiii d. *Item*, pur son furrure – vi s. viii d. *Item*, païé a William Willesdoun pur sa salarie – lii s.

Some – ix li. xii s.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun en almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Roger Caustoun en almoigne – lii s.
v li. iiii s.

Minstralles:

Item, païé minstralles al venu del Roi d'Irland – iii li. viii s. viii d.

Item, païé pur i bille touchant le franchise al Gyldhall⁴² – vi s. viii d.

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La manere de l'ordinance a faire *pursuite et pur quelle cause etc.*⁴³

Et fait a savoir *qe* durant le temps *qe* les avantditz William Shiryngham et Laurence Andrew furent mestres, en une generale congregacioun faite de touz les bones gentz de le mistere, *par* sage *et* bone avyse de eux touz pur honour, profit *et* eyse del mistere en temps avenir, acordé fuist *qe* certaines gentz, c'est assavoir v *persones*, ferroient suite en noun de toute la compaignye devers nostre tresredouté *Seignur* le Roi, pur avoir graunt d'avoir comenalité especiale de eux mesmes, et q'ils purroient eslire de lour mesmes iiii gardeins chescun an a surveire, ruler *et* gouverner lour mistere *et* les busoignes d'ysel. Et d'avoir licence auxi de purchacer terres *et* tenementz a la value de xx li. *par* an, pur un chapeleyn *et* l'almoigne del mistere sustener al honour de dieu *et* relevacioun des povres anientyz del mistere. Les queux v *persones* purchacerent graunt de nostre dit *seignur* le Roi de lour peticioun. Et puis furent deux *persones* de les ditz v esluz *et* ordeignez de parfaire le poursuit, *par* queux ii *persones* furent purchacez lettres patentés desoutz le grande seal nostre *seignur* le Roi en ces paroles:⁴⁴

1394 n.s.

Ricardus⁴⁵ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint – Salutem. Sciatis quod cum plures homines de mistera mercerie civitatis nostre London' sepius per infortunium maris ac alia infortunia casualia ad tantam deveniant paupertatem et inopiam quod parum vel nichil

42 See Barron, 'The Quarrel', p. 198: 'In parliament in 1394 the Londoners petitioned the King for full and permanent restitution of their liberties' (the 1392 restitution had been uncertain). It was not until 12 June 1397 that Richard II agreed, see below, f. 23v.

43 On this whole matter of the first charter of the Mercers' Company see Sutton, *First Charter*.

44 The text of the following document is edited and printed in *The Charters, Ordinances and Byelaws of the Mercers Company* (London, privately printed, 1881), and CPR 1391–96, pp. 425–6 also gives a résumé of these letters of 13 January 1394 n.s. and notes (as is noted here) that 100 marks were paid into the hanaper.

45 The initial 'R' of this word is very large, taking up the length of the full six lines on this page and more, and being equally broad; pen-flourishing adds to its ornateness.

Disbursements

f. 15v

Salary:

Firstly, they paid Sir William Hedyngton, their chaplain, as salary – £6 13s. 4d.
Item, for his fur – 6s. 8d. Item, paid to William Willesdon for his salary – 52s.

Total – £9 12s.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston as alms – 52s.

Item, to Roger Caustoun as alms – 52s.

– £5 4s.

Musicians:

Item, paid to musicians at the return of the King from Ireland³² – £3 8s. 8d.

Item, paid for a petition concerning the City's liberties at the Guildhall – 6s. 8d.

About the instructions for bringing an action in court and for what reason etc.

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Memorandum that during the time when the aforesaid William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew were wardens, at a general assembly of all the goodmen of the mistery, it was agreed by the wise and good advice of them all that, for the honour, advantage and convenience of the mistery in future times, certain people, i.e. five persons, should bring a lawsuit in the name of the whole company before our most dread lord the King, to procure a grant to obtain special commonalty of themselves, and that they should be able to elect from among themselves each year four wardens to oversee, rule and govern their mistery and its needs. And to obtain also the licence to purchase lands and tenements to the value of £20 per annum,³³ for the support of a chaplain and of the alms of the mistery, to the honour of God and the relief of poor people of the mistery who have been brought to ruin. The which five persons obtained the granting of their petition from our said lord the King. And then two of the said five persons were chosen and appointed to carry the suit to a full completion, and through these two persons letters patent were obtained under the King's great seal, in these words:

Richard by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to all those whom these letters may reach – Greetings. Let it be known that, since many men of the mercers' mistery of our city of London have fairly often through accidental misadventures at sea or other misfortunes arising been reduced to

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³² Richard II led an expedition to Ireland to suppress a rebellion in the summer of 1394.

³³ i.e. that can yield this amount in rent each year.

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habeant unde vivere valeant || nisi de elemosina aliorum Christi fidelium eis condolencium et subveniencium intuitu caritatis, eoque pretextu dilecti ligei nostri homines dicte mistere civitatis nostre predictae voluntatem habeant et propositum ordinandi aliquam certitudinem [tam pro sustentacione]⁴⁷ talium pauperum quam unius capellani divina pro statu nostro et pro hominibus mistere predictae imperpetuum celebraturi, ut accepimus. Nos ad hoc consideracionem habentes de gracia nostra speciali et pro centum marcis, quas homines mistere predictae nobis solverunt in hanaperio nostro, concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dictis ligeis nostris hominibus mistere predictae in civitate nostra predicta quod ipsi de cetero unam communitatem perpetuam de se ipsis habeant et quod eadem communitas singulis annis eligere possint et facere quatuor custodes de hominibus dictarum communitatis et mistere ad supervidendum, regendum et gubernandum misteram et communitatem predictas ac omnes homines personas et negocia earundem in perpetuum. Et ulterius ex uberiori gracia nostra concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eisdem custodibus et communitati quod ipsi et successores sui terras, tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem viginti librarum per annum tam in civitate nostra predicta quam in suburbiis eiusdem adquirere possint, habenda et tenenda eisdem custodibus et communitati et successoribus suis in auxilium sustentationis tam pauperum hominum huiusmodi dictarum communitatis et mistere quam unius capellani divina pro salubri statu nostro et carissime consortis nostre regine dum vixerimus et pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus ac animabus carissimi domini patris nostri ac carissime domine matris nostre necnon pro statu et animabus omnium hominum dictarum communitatis et mistere ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum celebraturi in perpetuum iuxta ordinacionem dictorum custodum et communitatis⁴⁸ et successorum suorum in hac parte faciendam, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito aut statuto facto in parlamento nostro tento apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri quintodecimo, seu eo quod dicta terre, tenementa et redditus in civitate nostra predicta et suburbiis eiusdem sic adquirenda de nobis teneantur in liberum burgagium sicut tota civitas London' non obstantibus, dum tamen per inquisitiones inde capiendas et in cancellariam nostram vel heredum nostrorum rite retornandas compertum sit quod dicta adquisicio terrarum, tenementorum et reddituum predictorum fieri poterit absque dampno et prejudicio nostri et heredum nostrorum ac aliorum quorumcumque. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium terciodecimo die Januarii anno regni nostri decimo septimo.⁴⁹ Scarle

46 Two notes are written in the RH margin by the scribe himself: 'C'est la chartre par quele nous avoms licence d'avoir communaltee de nous mesmes'; and below: 'et avoms auxy licence par ycestes a purchacer terres et tenementz a la value de xx li. par an.'

47 The editor of *The Charters*, who was working from the actual original charter, then held by the Company but destroyed during the Second World War, includes these words 'tam pro sustentacione' at this point; they are necessary for the sense, appear in a later inspeximus (also in this edition), and their omission here is a scribal error only. For a later inspeximus, including earlier reconfirmations, see also Herbert, *Twelve Great*, I, pp. 294–6.

48 The preceding two words, 'et communitatis', do not appear in the edition.

49 Below this on the last ruled line of the page the scribe has written, in smaller letters: 'per breve de privato sigillo'.

such poverty and destitution that they have little or nothing to live on || except for the alms of other Christian people who for the sake of charity bring to them pity and assistance, and for this reason our well-beloved lieges, the men of the said mistery of our aforesaid city wish and intend to ordain some certainty both for the support of such poor people and for a chaplain to celebrate in perpetuity divine service for our estate and for the men of the aforesaid mistery, as we have heard. We, taking consideration of these matters, out of our special grace and for a hundred marks which the men of the aforesaid mistery have paid into our hanaper to us, have granted and given licence for us and our heirs, as far as in us lies, to our said lieges the men of the aforesaid mistery in our aforesaid city that they may henceforth have a perpetual commonalty of themselves and that that same commonalty may each year choose and appoint four wardens from among the men of the said commonalty and mistery to oversee, rule and govern the aforesaid mistery and commonalty and all men, persons and business matters of the same in perpetuity. And further out of our more abundant grace we have granted and given licence for us and our heirs, as far as in us lies, to those same wardens and commonalty that they and their successors may purchase lands, tenements and rents with appurtenances up to the value of twenty pounds per year, both in our aforesaid city and in its suburbs, to have and to hold in the hands of these same wardens and commonalty and their successors for aid towards the support both of such poor men of the aforesaid commonalty and mistery and also of a chaplain to celebrate in perpetuity divine service for our healthy estate and that of our dearest consort the queen while we are alive and for our souls when we have passed over out of this light, and for the souls of our dearest lord our father and dearest lady our mother, and also for the estate and the souls of all men of the said commonalty and mistery and the souls of all the faithful departed, according to the ordinance of the said wardens and commonalty and their successors to be made concerning this, notwithstanding the statute edicted about not placing lands and tenements in mortmain, or the statute made in our Parliament held at Westminster in the fifteenth year of our reign, or that the said lands, tenements and rents in our aforesaid city and its suburbs which are thus to be purchased be held by us in free burgage, as is the whole city of London, provided however that it be found through inquiries made into this and in due manner returned to our chancery or that of our heirs that the said purchase of the aforesaid lands, tenements and rents can be made without damage or prejudice to us or our heirs or any other persons. In witness of which we have had these our letters patent made. Witnessed by myself at Westminster on 13 January of the 17th year of our reign [1394 n.s.]³⁵ Scarle³⁶

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34 The notes in the RH margin of this page say: 'This is the charter by which we have licence to have a commonalty of ourselves'; 'and we also have licence by these letters to purchase lands and tenements to the value of £20 per annum'.

35 The scribe's note says that the letters are under the privy seal.

36 John de Scarle was clerk of the Chancery from 1382, one of the receivers of petitions in Parliament, clerk of the parliament, then Keeper of the Rolls from 1394 until 1397, and also acted as keeper of the Great Seal during those last years. He was Chancellor from 1399 to 1401, then archdeacon of Lincoln until his death in 1403. See Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 176–8; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 589–90.

- 1394–95 Costes faitz sur le patent:⁵⁰
 f. 16v Item, païé *pur* le fyn del dit patent – lxvi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, païé *pur* le seal del mesme patent – viii li. ix s.
 Item, *pur* conseile de gentz de la ley as diverses foith, come a Penros, Scarle *et* autres – v li. xii s. ob.
 Item, as viscountes de Loundres *pur* la dueté la Reigne *pur* le disme parte del dit fyn – x marc.
 – iiiii^{xx}vii li. vii s. viii d. ob.
- 1395 L'eleccioun des mestres:
 Et fait a savoir *qe* a ycel mesme feste de Sein[t] Johan le Baptistre *proschein* devant escript, a un congregacioun des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas furent esluz les nouvelles mestres *pur* l'an avenir, vidz: William Parker eslit Richard Whityngtoun, Johan More eslit Johan Otle, William Sonyngwell eslit Thomas Aleyn, *et* William Marcheford eslit Thomas Prudence, as queux nouvelles mestres les veilles mestres ont deliv[er]é ceo *qe* remaint en lour mayns, vidz: – CCiii^{xx}xi li. iiiii d. q^a.
- Dettours veilles:
 Item, ils ont delivré en dettours q'ils receivoient de *leur* predecessours:
 Les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.
 Item, i obligacioun de Johan Worsted – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Richard Forester *pur* son seconde an – vi s. viii d.
 William Shiryngham *et* Laurence Andrewe doivent de la reest de la livree del mistere – viii d.
 – xxv li. xiiii s. viii d.
- Summa totalis* païé *et* delivré en argent *et* dettours come piert – CCCCxxii li. xiiii s. ob. q^a.
- f. 17r Nouvelle Dette:
 Item, ils ont delivré as ditz nouvelles mestres en noveux dettours de lour temps come piert après:
 Les executours Johan Boseham – xl li.
 Bertholomeu Bosan – x li.
 Nichol Walsyngham – xx s.
 Item, en fynes nient levez de ceux *qe* furent absenz al chivalchee qant le Roi revenoit d'Irland, come piert *par* i cedula a eux delivré – xvi s.

50 These costs have been compared to those of other misteries: four London companies obtained charters at about this time: the Goldsmiths on 6 February 1393; the Skinners on 25 April 1393; the Mercers on 13 January 1394; and the Saddlers on 20 March 1394. See Sutton, *First Charter*, pp. 8–9; Reddaway and Walker, *Early History*, pp. 68–71, and esp. n. 11 and n. 12, pp. 86–7.

Costs incurred on the letters patent:

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Item, paid for the fee of the said letters patent – £66 13s. 4d.

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Item, paid for the seal of the same letters patent – £8 9s.

Item, for counsel from lawyers on various occasions, such as Penrose,³⁷ Scarle and others – £5 12s. ½d.

Item, to the sheriffs of London for the queen's duty of a tenth part of the said fee³⁸ – 10 marks

– £87 7s. 8½d.

The election of wardens:

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Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery in the hall of St Thomas's, the new wardens for the coming year were elected, i.e. William Parker elected Richard Whittington, John More elected John Otley, William Sunningwell elected Thomas Aleyn, and William Marcheford elected Thomas Prudence, to the which new wardens the old wardens handed over that which remained in their hands, i.e. £291 4¼d.

Debtors of old:

Item, they handed over as debts which they had taken over from their predecessors:

The executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

Item, a bond obligatory from John Worstead – £3 6s. 8d.

Richard Forester for his second year – 6s. 8d.

William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew owe from the balance on the mistery's livery – 8d.

– £25 14s. 8d.

Sum total paid and handed over in money and in debts, as appears – £422 14s. ¾d.

New debts:

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Item, they handed over to the said new wardens as new debts from their term of office, as appears below:

The executors of John Bosham – £40

Bartholomew Bosan – £10

Nicholas Walsingham – 20s.

Item, from fines not levied from those who were absent from the procession on the King's return from Ireland, as appears in a document handed over to them – 16s.

³⁷ John Penros was a judge first in Ireland then in England, and from 1391 a justice of the king's bench, and trier of parliamentary petitions in 1393–94; see Foss, *Judges*, IV, p. 66; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 510.

³⁸ Also known as 'the queen's gold', 'aurum Regine': 'a percentage of one mark of gold per every 100 marks of silver, paid by the City to the King' (*CEMCR*, p. 152); 'a sum of money paid to the Queen Consort by the King's tenants *in capite* on every fine made to the King, [it] was in the proportion of one-tenth of each fine' (R.R. Sharpe in his introduction, pp. xxi–xxii, to the *CLB*, 'F').

Item, en secré promesses de certeynes gentz de lour volentee *pur* ayder a faire le purchace *purposée*, come piert *par* evidence secré entre les veilles mestres *et* les nouvelles – viii li. ix s. ii d.

– lx li. v s. ii d.

Si *qe* le somme q'ils ont delivré as nouvelles mestres amont net en deniers *et* dettours al oepe de mistere – CCCLxxvii li. ii d. q^a.

Causa quare nullum incrementum datur isto anno:

Et coment *qe* les ditz quatre veilles mestres soi chargent de CCCxviii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a, *qe* furent en les mains William Parker en manere come ad esté acustumé de receyvre les deniers del mercerye de cea en arrere paront *lour* predecessours soleyent doner encrees a *lour* acomptes, voirs fuist q'ils n'avoient unques denier d'ysel en lour mayns durant lour temps sinon une somme d'entour xli li. *qe* *lour* failly des costes del dit patent, le quele somme estoit païé auxy tost come ils l'avoient receu. Et le remenant demoroit toutdys nient occupié en les mayns del dit William Parker *par* avys *et* assent del compaignye *pur* attendre tiele chose come fuist *purposé* de fair d'ysel. Issynt *qe* les ditz veilles mestres sont dischargez *par* le compaignye d'ascune encrees rendre de lour temps.

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C'est l'acompte Richard Whityngtoun, Johan Otlee, Thomas Aleyn, *et* Thomas Prodance, mestres de la mercerye, faite l'endemayn Saint Johan Baptistre l'an du regne nostre seigneur le Roy Richard seconde vyntisme, comenceant *pur* l'an proscheyn devant passé, c'est assavoir l'an xix^{me}, *pur* quel an ils furent mestres.

Charge

Primerement, ils ont receu en argent xiii li. xvii s. ii d. ob., *et* outre ils soi chargent de une somme *qe* fuist es mains William Parker, delivré a eux *pur* soulement garder sans occuper, c'est assavoir CCLxxvii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a *summa*, come piert en le discharge de *lour* predecessours.

– CCiii^{xx}xi li. iiiii d. q^a.

Item, ils soi chargent ové dettours, come piert devant:

Les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.

Bertholomeu Bosan – x li.

Richard Forester *pur* soun an – vi s. viii d.

Item, une obligacioun de Johan Worsted – iii li. vi s. viii d.

William Shiryngham *et* Laurence Andrew – viii d.

Les executours Johan Boseham – xl li.

Nichol Walsyngham – xx s.

Item, en promesses graunté de diverses gentz⁵¹ de lour bone volentee – viii li. ix s. ii d.

51 MS: 'gentz del de'. Rather than deleting the 'del' one could edit to 'del [mercerie]'.

Item, as confidential promises from certain people of their own freewill, to help in making the proposed purchase, as appears in confidential evidence [shared] between the old wardens and the new – £8 9s. 2d.
– £60 5s. 2d.

So that the total handed over to the new wardens amounts net in money and debts, for the mystery's uses – £377 2¼d.

The reason why no increment has been given this year:
And although the four old wardens account in their receipts for £318 3s. 1¾d. which was in the hands of William Parker according to the manner customary for some time of holding money, whereby their predecessors have been accustomed to donate a sum of increment on this in their accounts, yet it is the truth that they have never had any of this money in their hands during their term of office apart from a sum of about £40 which they were short of on the costs of the aforesaid letters patent, which sum was paid out immediately upon their receipt of it. And the remainder has stayed the whole time uninvested in the keeping of the said William Parker, this by the advice and with the agreement of the company, awaiting a matter for which it has been the intention to use it. And thus the said old wardens are discharged by the company from [any obligation] to render any increment for their term of office.

This is the account of Richard Whittington, John Otley, Thomas Aleyn, and Thomas Prudence, wardens of the mercers' mystery, rendered on the day after that of St John the Baptist in the year 20 Richard II [25 June 1396], starting from the immediately preceding year, i.e. 19 [Richard II], for the which year they were wardens.

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Receipts

Firstly, they received in money £13 17s. 2½d., and besides they declare a sum that has been in the hands of William Parker, handed over to them to hold without investing it, i.e. £277 3s. 1¾d. in total, as appears in the disbursements section of their predecessors' account.

– £291 4¼d.

Item, they declare responsibility for debts, as appears above:

The executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

Bartholomew Bosan – £10

Richard Forester for his year – 6s. 8d.

Item, a bond obligatory from John Worstead – £3 6s. 8d.

William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew – 8d.

The executors of John Bosham – £40

Nicholas Walsingham – 20s.

Item, in promises granted by various people³⁹ of their goodwill – £8 9s. 2d.

³⁹ There might be a word missing, to say 'people/men of the mercers' mystery'.

Item, de certeyns gentz *qe* furent absentz al venu nostre *seignur* le Roi de Irland
– xvi s.

– iii^{xxv} li. xix s. x d.

De lour iii^e an:

De Thomas Dyster – vi s. viii d.
De Nicoll Bacoun – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Pichard – vi s. viii d.
De William Butte – vi s. viii d.
De Adam Cove – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Forster – vi s. viii d.
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Pur lour seconde an:

De Thomas Dentoun – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Everard – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Herkested – vi s. viii d.
De Henri Trenche – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Walsham – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Hadstoke – vi s. viii d.
De Rauf Middeltoun – vi s. viii d.
De Edmond Man – vi s. viii d.
De Nicholl Cokerell – vi s. viii d.
– iii li.

Pur lour primere an:

De William Walderne – vi s. viii d.
De Walter Cottoun – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Aleyn – vi s. viii d.
De Piers Belgrave – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Sikulbryce – vi s. viii d.
De William Roos – vi s. viii d.
– xl s.

Des issues des apprentices:

Item, de les avantditz vi homes *proschein* devant escriptz *pur* l'issue de lour⁵²
apprenticialté, de chescun ii s. *Summa* – xii s.

Item, ils ont receu des absentz a congre[ga]ciouns⁵³ en lour temps, de peyne *sur*
ceo mys – x s.

De introitu *apprenticiorum*:

De Johan Benyngtoun apprentice Johan Frosshe –	ii s.
De Johan Empynggham	} apprentices Richard Whityngtoun –
De Edmond Brigge	
De Johan Philippot apprentice William Parker –	ii s.

52 MS: de *lour* de *lour*.

53 MS: *congreociouns*.

Item, from certain people who were absent at the arrival from Ireland of our lord the King – 16s.

– £85 19s. 10d.

For their third year:

from Thomas Dyster –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Bacon –	6s. 8d.
from John Pichard –	6s. 8d.
from William Butte –	6s. 8d.
from Adam Cove –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Forester –	6s. 8d.

– 40s.

For their second year:

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from Thomas Denton –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Everard –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Harkstead –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Trenche –	6s. 8d.
from John Walsham –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hadstoke –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Man –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Cokerelle –	6s. 8d.

– £3

For their first year:

from William Walderne –	6s. 8d.
from Walter Cotton –	6s. 8d.
from John Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
from Piers Belgrave –	6s. 8d.
from John Sikilbryce –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.

– 40s.

From issues of apprentices:

Item, from the aforesaid six men written just above, for issue from their apprenticeship, from each 2s. Total – 12s.

Item, they received from those absent from assemblies during their term of office, as fines set for this – 10s.

From admission of apprentices:

from John Benyngton apprentice of John Fresshe –	2s.
from John Empyngnam } apprentices of Richard Whittington –	4s.
from Edmund Brigge }	
from John Philipot apprentice of William Parker –	2s.

De William Marschall	}	apprentices William Sonyngwell –	iiii s.
De Roger Russell			
De Everard Flete apprentice William Marcheford –			ii s.
De Thomas Austyn	}	apprentices Johan Otlee –	iiii s.
De Walter Bertoun			
De William Astoun apprentice Stephen Speleman –			ii s.
De Thomas Est	}	apprentices William Hawe –	iiii s.
De Thomas Osborn			
Somme des nouns de entree d'apprentices de cest part – xii.			
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	De Johanne Wasshbourne	} apprentices Johan Liengge –	iiii s.
	De Roberto Westoun		
	De Johan Bale apprentice Johan Lane –		ii s.
	De Walter Prodance	} apprentices Laurence Andrewe –	x s.
	De Richard Harpour		
	De Richard Aylmer		
	De Johan Moryell		
	De William Wy	} apprentices Aleyn Everard –	iiii s.
	De William Brygge		
	De Walter Lyndeseye		
	De Johan Somnour apprentice Thomas Aleyn –		ii s.
	De Thomas Chaltoun	} apprentices Robert Shirewynd –	iiii s.
	De William Colchestre		
	De Johan Enmede	} apprentices Johan Burre –	viii s.
	De Richard Southam		
	De Johan Estmond		
	De Richard Skete		
	De William Tikelwardyne apprentice Johan Bele –		ii s.
	De Richard Sprot apprentice Nicholl Walsyngham –		ii s.
	De Johan Balle apprentice Robert Speke –		ii s.
	De Thomas Marcheford apprentice William Audeby –		ii s.
	De Thomas Estoun apprentice Robert Betelee –		ii s.
	De Johan filtz Richard apprentice Johan Kestevne –		ii s.
	De Thomas Herkested	} apprentices Johan Vyne –	iiii s.
	De Thomas Gladman		
	De William Melrith	} apprentices William Foucher –	iiii s.
	De Johan Plomere		
	De Thomas Danyell apprentice James Surendene –		ii s.
	De William Acombe apprentice Johan Waltoun –		ii s.
	De William Bridleap	} apprentices Nichol Hamme –	vi s.
	De Adam Feraunt		
	De Thomas Devene		
	De Johan Crowe apprentice Johan Everard –		ii s.
	De Richard Parker apprentice Thomas Hawe –		ii s.
	De Johan Took	} apprentices William Erntoun –	iiii s.
	De Richard Bilby		

from William Marschall	}	apprentices of William Sunningwell –	4s.	
from Roger Russell				
from Everard Fleet	}	apprentice of William Marcheford –	2s.	
from Thomas Austyn		apprentices of John Otley –	4s.	
from Walter Barton				
from William Aston	}	apprentice of Stephen Speleman –	2s.	
from Thomas East		apprentices of William Hawe –	4s.	
from Thomas Osbarne				
Total of names for admission of apprentices in this section – 12.				
Total of money – 24s.				

from William Jolyf apprentice of Thomas Prudence –		2s.	f. 18v
from John Washbourne	} apprentices of John Leengge –	4s.	
from Robert Weston			
from John Bale apprentice of John Lane –		2s.	
from Walter Prudence	} apprentices of Laurence Andrew –	10s.	
from Richard Harpour			
from Richard Aylmere			
from John Morielle			
from William Wye	} apprentices of Alan Everard –	4s.	
from William Brigge			
from Walter Lyndesey			
from John Somnour apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –		2s.	
from Thomas Chalton	} apprentices of Robert Shirwynd –	4s.	
from William Colchester			
from John Enmede	} apprentices of John Burre –	8s.	
from Richard Southam			
from John Eastmond			
from Richard Skete			
from William Tikelwardyne apprentice of John Bele –		2s.	
from Richard Sprot apprentice of Nicholas Walsingham –		2s.	
from John Bally apprentice of Robert Speke –		2s.	
from Thomas Marcheford apprentice of William Audeby –		2s.	
from Thomas Easton apprentice of Robert Betelee –		2s.	
from John FitzRichard apprentice of John Kesteven –		2s.	
from Thomas Harkstead	} apprentices of John Vyne –	4s.	
from Thomas Gladman			
from William Meldreth	} apprentices of William Foucher	4s.	
from John Plomere			
from Thomas Danyel apprentice of James Surendene –		2s.	
from William Acombe apprentice of John Walton –		2s.	
from William Birdlip	} apprentices of Nicholas Hamme –	6s.	
from Adam Feraunt			
from Thomas Devene			
from John Crowe apprentice of John Everard –		2s.	
from Richard Parker apprentice of Thomas Hawe –		2s.	
from John Took	} apprentices of William Erntoun –	4s.	
from Richard Bilby			

	De Johan Halgate	}	apprentices Thomas Saccheford –	iiii s.
	De Henri Parker			
	Somme des nouns de cest part – xxxix. <i>Summa d'argent</i> – iii li. xviii s.			
f. 19r	De Johan Enefeld	}	apprentices Thomas Provendre –	iiii s.
	De Johan Moreby			
	De Johan Brekemast apprentice Thomas Halle –			ii s.
	De Johan Pidmell apprentice Rauf Middeltoun –			ii s.
	De William Erntoun apprentice Johan Butlee –			ii s.
	De Nichol Clerk	}	apprentices Hugh Clerk –	iiii s.
	De Johan Reynold			
	De Thomas Davy	}	apprentices Thomas Fauconer –	iiii s.
	De Johan Rokewode			
	De William Squyrell apprentice Richard Outshale –			ii s.
	De William Bryggenorth apprentice Johan Cosseham –			ii s.
	De Thomas Calwartoun apprentice William Rose –			ii s.
	De Johan Somerford	}	apprentices Johan Barry –	iiii s.
	De Johan Storyn			
	De Thomas Sparke apprentice Johan Grene –			ii s.
	De Thomas Birlyngham	}	apprentices William But –	vi s.
	De Thomas Maymond			
	De Johan Gliderowe			
	De Johan Abbot apprentice Thomas Dyster –			ii s.
	De Johan Mepesshale apprentice Johan Picchard –			ii s.
	De Thomas Grygory apprentice Thomas Dentoun –			ii s.
	De Thomas Spellesbury apprentice Nichol Cokerell –			ii s.
	De Johan Eytoun apprentice Henri Trenche –			ii s.
	De Geffrey Loveye	}	apprentices Thomas Brangewayn –	iiii s.
	De William Peke			
	De James Grigge apprentice Symond Bertelot –			ii s.
	De Robert Fakenham apprentice Thomas Moretoun –			ii s.
	De Johan Penne apprentice Symond Castelleyn –			ii s.
	De Johan Chaundeller apprentice Bette Bosan –			ii s.
	De Johan Whatlee	}	apprentices William Shiryngham –	vi s.
	De Nichol Hamme			
	De Johan Bestoun			
	De Symond Cheveyne apprentice Johan More –			ii s.
	De Johan Kendale	}	apprentices Adam Cove –	iiii s.
	De Johan Peryndoun			
	De Johan Gedeney apprentice Thomas Gedeney –			ii s.
	De Robert Aylesbury apprentice Thomas Newentoun –			ii s.
	De Martyn Kelom	}	apprentices Richard Northbury –	iiii s.
	De Johan Roland			
	Somme des nouns de cest part – xxxix. <i>Summa d'argent</i> – iii li. xviii s.			
	<i>Summa totalis</i> receu des apprentices – ix li.			

from John Algate	}	apprentices of Thomas Sedgeford –	4s.
from Henry Parker			

Total of names in this section – 39. Total of money – £3 18s.

from John Enfield	}	apprentices of Thomas Provendre –	4s.	f. 19r
from John Moreby				
from John Brekemast		apprentice of Thomas Halle –	2s.	
from John Pidmylle		apprentice of Ralph Middleton –	2s.	
from William Erntoun		apprentice of John Botley –	2s.	
from Nicholas Clerk	}	apprentices of Hugh Clerk –	4s.	
from John Reynold				
from Thomas Davy	}	apprentices of Thomas Fauconer –	4s.	
from John Rookwood				
from William Squirrel		apprentice of Richard Outshale –	2s.	
from William Bridgnorth		apprentice of John Cosham –	2s.	
from Thomas Calwarton		apprentice of William Roos –	2s.	
from John Somerford	}	apprentices of John Barry –	4s.	
from John Storyn				
from Thomas Sparke		apprentice of John Grene –	2s.	
from Thomas Birlyngham	}	apprentices of William Butte –	6s.	
from Thomas Maymond				
from John Clitheroe				
from John Abbot		apprentice of Thomas Dyster –	2s.	
from John Mepesshale		apprentice of John Pichard –	2s.	
from Thomas Gregory		apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.	
from Thomas Spelsbury		apprentice of Nicholas Cokerelle –	2s.	
from John Eton		apprentice of Henry Trench –	2s.	
from Geoffrey Loveye	}	apprentices of Thomas Brangwayn –	4s.	
from William Peke				
from James Grigge		apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.	
from Robert Fakenham		apprentice of Thomas Mordon –	2s.	
from John Penne		apprentice of Simon Casteleyn –	2s.	
from John Chaundeler		apprentice of Bartholomew Bosan –	2s.	
from John Whateley	}	apprentices of William Sheringham –	6s.	
from Nicholas Hamme				
from John Beston				
from Simon Chyveney		apprentice of John More –	2s.	
from John Kendal	}	apprentices of Adam Cove –	4s.	
from John Peryndon				
from John Gedeney		apprentice of Thomas Gedeney –	2s.	
from Robert Aylesbury		apprentice of Thomas Newenton –	2s.	
from Martin Kelom	}	apprentices of Richard Northbury –	4s.	
from John Roland				

Total of names in this section – 39. Total of money – £3 18s.

Sum total received from apprentices – £9

f. 19v Item, ils soy chargent de secré promesses *qe* lour predecessours lour delivererent de certains gentz, receu de ceo – viii li. ix s. ii d.

Item, de l'encrees de lour lyvree de mesme l'an – xlii s. iii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert devant:
CCCCiiii li. xiii s. vii d. q^a.

Discharge:

Salarye:

Primes, païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun *pur* soun salarie *et* *pur* soun furrure – vii li.

Item, a Janyn Somerford *pur* soun salarie – lii s.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.

Item, a Robert Langtoun *pur* iii quarters del an – xxxix s.

Item, a Roger Caustoun – xiii s.

Item, a Johan Worsted – v s.

v li. ix s.

Foreyne expense:

Item, *pur* lé expenses sur un mommer fait a nostre seignur le Roy en cel an – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils ont païé *pur* certeynes costages faite *par* avys del compaignye *pur* certeyne purveiance fair encontre lour purchace – xv li. x s. vii d. ob.

Summa expensarum – xxxvii li. iiiii s. xi d. ob.

1396 Et fait a savoir *qe* a ycel mesme feste de *Seint* Johan le Baptistre *proschain* devant escript, a une congregacioun des gentz del mistere en la sale de *Seint* Thomas d'Acres, furent esluz les nouvelles mestres *pur* l'an ensuyant, vidz: *Richard* Whityngtoun eslit Johan Shadworth, Johan Otlee eslit *Richard* Northebury, Thomas Aleyn eslit Aleyn Everard, Thomas Prodance eslit Nicholl Walsyngham, as queux nouvelles mestres les ditz veilles mestres ont delyvré l'argent *qe* remaint en lour mayns, vidz:

– xxxv li. vi s. x d.

f. 20r Item, ils ont delivré as ditz nouvelles mestres les deniers q'ils avoient de William Parker ové queux ils furent chargez *pur* garder, come piert devant – CCixxvii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a.

Item, they declare the confidential promises [of money] which their predecessors have handed over to them from certain people, received of this – £8 9s. 2d. f. 19v

Item, from profit on their livery of this year – 42s. 3d.

Sum total of their receipts, as appears above
£404 13s. 7¼d.

Disbursements

Salary:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and for his fur – £7

Item, to Janyyn Somerford for his salary – 52s.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.

Item, to Robert Langton for 3 quarters of the year – 39s.

Item, to Roger Caustoun – 13s.

Item, to John Worstead – 5s.

£5 9s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, for the expenses on a mummers' play performed for our lord the King this year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they have paid for certain expenses incurred by the advice of the company in making certain provisions towards their purchase – £15 10s. 7½d.

Total of expenses – £37 4s. 11½d.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist written above, at an assembly of the men of the mistery in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the new wardens for the following year were elected, i.e. Richard Whittington elected John Shadworth, John Otley elected Richard Northbury, Thomas Aleyn elected Alan Everard, Thomas Prudence elected Nicholas Walsingham, to the which new wardens the said old wardens handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. 1396

– £35 6s. 10d.

Item, they handed over to the said new wardens the money which they had from William Parker which was in their charge for safe-keeping, as appears above f. 20r
– £277 3s. 1¾d.

Item, ils ont delivré en dettours ové queux ils furent chargiez *pur* la greindre part, come piert:

Les executours Johan Boseham – xx li.

Les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.

Une obligacioun de Johan Worsted – iii li. vi s. viii d.

William Shiryngham *et* Laurence Andrew – viii d.

Richard Forester *pur* son iii an – vi s. viii d.

– xlv li. xiiii s. viii d.

Item, des absentz al chyvalché qant le Roi venoit de Irland, vidz:

De Johan Kestevene – ii s.

De Johan Grene – ii s.

De Richard Horwode – ii s.

De Robert Boxtoun – ii s.

– viii s.

Item, ils ont delivré en secré promesses de gentz *qe* lé donent de *leur* bon volentee *pur* ayder al purchace – viii li. xvi s.

Summa totalis de leur discharge amont net come piert

– CCCCiiii li. xiii s. vii d. q^a.

Et de ceo sont despendu come piert devant en cest acompte – xxxvii li. iiiii s. xi d. ob.

Et ency remaynt al oeups del mistere en argent *et* dettours – CCCLxvii li. viii s. vii d. ob. q^a.

Causa quare nullum incrementum datur de isto anno.

Et *par* cause *qe* la dite somme de CCLxxvii li. iii s. i. d. ob. q^a estoit gardé entier sans occuper sont les ditz mestres dischargez *par* le compaignie d'ascune encrees rendre de cest an.

Item, they handed over as debts, most of which had been handed on into their responsibility, as appears [above]:

The executors of John Bosham – £20

The executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

A bond obligatory from John Worstead – £3 6s. 8d.

William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew – 8d.

Richard Forester for his third year – 6s. 8d.

– £45 14s. 8d.

Item, from those absent from the procession when the King returned from Ireland, i.e.

from John Kesteven – 2s.

from John Grene – 2s.

from Richard Horwood – 2s.

from Robert Buxton – 2s.

– 8s.

Item, they have handed over as confidential promises from people who are willingly giving them in order to help with the purchase – £8 16s.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net, as appears, to

– £404 13s. 7¼d.

And of this has been spent out as appears above in this account – £37 4s. 11½d.

And thus there remains for the use of the mistery in money and in debts – £367 8s. 7¾d.

The reason why no increment has been given this year:

And because the said sum of £277 3s. 1¼d. was kept intact without being invested, the said wardens are discharged by the company from [any obligation] to render any increment on this year.

1396–97 C'est⁵⁵ l'acompt Johan Shadworth, Richard Northebury, Aleyn Everard, et Nichol
f. 20v⁵⁴ Walsyngham, mestres de la mercerye, faite l'endemayn Saint Johan le Baptistre
l'an du regne nostre seignur le Roi Richard vintisme primere, comenceant pur l'an
proschain devant passé, vidz l'an xx^{me}, pur quele an ils furent gardeins.

Primerement,⁵⁶ ils soy chargent ové les deniers et dettours delivré a eux par lour
predecessours, come piert en lour acompte proschein devant escript.

Summa – CCClxvii li. viii s. vii d. ob. q^a.

De lour tiercz an:

De Thomas Dentoun – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Everard – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Herksted – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Hadstoke – vi s. viii d.
De Rauf Middeltoun – vi s. viii d.
De Esmon Man – vi s. viii d.
De Nichol Kokerell – vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.

De lour seconde an:

De William Waldern – vi s. viii d.
De Walter Cottoun – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Aleyn – vi s. viii d.
De Piers Belgrave – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Sikelbrice – vi s. viii d.
De William Roos – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Grene – vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.

f. 21r De lour primere an:

De Thomas Roos – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Roos – vi s. viii d.
De James Bynde – vi s. viii d.
De Robert Kempe – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langham – vi s. viii d.
De Laurence Hamptoun – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Elys – vi s. viii d.
De Baldewyn Tetisbury – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dane – vi s. viii d.
De Robert Berkwey – vi s. viii d.

54 At the top of this page and the facing one are written the regnal year (R. xxj) and the names of the four wardens, in the scribe's hand, two wardens to each page, making a facing spread. The pages have been cropped taking off a small amount of the tops of the high letters. See also the Introduction, pp. 32–3. From here on also we find elaborately decorated pen and ink initials to the main paragraphs. The ruling of the page layout makes a square at the beginning of each line in which large initial letters are placed. Footnotes below note only the outstanding ones of these.

55 The initial 'C' takes up a space of three lines' depth, and a broad nib has been used to make an enclosed space around the initial. The same style of initials is used from here down to and including that on f. 31v, and minimal or no external flourishing is used.

56 The initial 'P' takes up over four lines' space and has a face inside the top section of the letter.

This is the account of John Shadworth, Richard Northbury, Alan Everard, and Nicholas Walsingham, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered the day after St John the Baptist's in the year 21 Richard II [25 June 1397], starting from the immediately preceding year, i.e. 20 [Richard II], for the which year they were wardens.⁴⁰

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f. 20v

Firstly, they declare the money and debts handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears in their account written just above.

Total – £367 8s. 7¾d.

For their third year:

from Thomas Denton –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Everard –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Harkstead –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hadstoke –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Man –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Cokerelle –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

For their second year:

from William Walderne –	6s. 8d.
from Walter Cotton –	6s. 8d.
from John Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
from Piers Belgrave –	6s. 8d.
from John Sikilbryce –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Grene –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

For their first year:

from Thomas Roos –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Roos –	6s. 8d.
from James Bynde –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Kemp –	6s. 8d.
from John Langham –	6s. 8d.
from Laurence Hampton –	6s. 8d.
from John Elys –	6s. 8d.
from Baldwin Tetisbury –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Dane –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Berkway –	6s. 8d.

f. 21r

⁴⁰ One may note in the original the alternation in using the word 'mestres' and the word 'gardeyns', both having the sense of wardens of a City mistery. See Introduction, p. 38.

De Richard Herry –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Stable –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Trees –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Whatlee –	vi s. viii d.
De Martyn Kelom –	vi s. viii d.
– v li.	

De exitibus apprenticiorum:

Item, receu des ditz xv persones proschein devant escriptz del issue de lour apprenticialtee, de chescun d’eux – ii s. *Summa* – xxx s.

De introitu apprenticiorum

Des entrees de apprentices:

De Thomas Osbern apprentice William Hawe –	ii s.
De Johan Waryn apprentice Johan Middeltoun –	ii s.
De Johan Richard ⁵⁷ apprentice Robert Shirewynd –	ii s.
De Johan Midenhale apprentice Thomas Herksted –	ii s.
De William Overtoun apprentice Aleyn Everard –	ii s.
De Johan Whitehed apprentice Nichol Walsyngham –	ii s.
De William Maldoun apprentice Thomas Fauconer –	ii s.
– xiiii s.	

Encrees:

Item, receu de remenantz de baldekyn *qe* remanoient de la livree fait encontre la venu del reigne⁵⁸ – vii s.

Encrees:

Item, receu de l’encrees de la livree de ray de *lour* temps – xlix s. x d.

Item, q’ils soi chargent del rent de cest an – vii li. xviii s. iiii d.⁵⁹

Summa totalis de *lour* charge amont net come piert
– CCCiiii^{xxx} li. xiii d. ob. q^a.

f. 21v

Discharge

Primement, ils ont paié *pur* certeine rent purchacé *par* assent del compaignye *par* manere del congié de nostre *seigneur* le Roy, come piert après *par* le chartre de feoffement après escript *et* auxy *par* lettres patentes nostre dit *seigneur* le Roi de confirmacioun d’ycel, après escript auxy – CClxxvii li. iii s. i d. ob. q^a.

⁵⁷ This surname has been written in later but by the scribe himself, replacing a scored through ‘Herry’.

⁵⁸ Isabella of France, second wife of Richard II, crowned on 7 January 1397; see *ODNB*, vol. 29, pp. 424–5.

⁵⁹ A sixteenth-century hand has written in the LH margin against this entry: ‘Rente per 1 a’.

from Richard Harry –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Stable –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Trees –	6s. 8d.
from John Whateley –	6s. 8d.
from Martin Kelom –	6s. 8d.
– £5	

From issues of apprentices:

Item, received from the said 15 people written just above, for issue from their apprenticeship, from each of them – 2s. Total – 30s.

From the admission of apprentices

From the admission of apprentices:

from Thomas Osbarne apprentice of William Hawe –	2s.
from John Wareyn apprentice of John Middleton –	2s.
from John Richard apprentice of Robert Shirwynd –	2s.
from John Midenhale apprentice of Thomas Harkstead –	2s.
from William Overton apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from John Whitehead apprentice of Nicholas Walsingham –	2s.
from William Maldon apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
– 14s.	

Profit:

Item, received for the remnants of the baudekin left over from the livery issued at the arrival of the Queen – 7s.

Profit:

Item, received in profit on the livery of striped cloth issued during their term of office – 49s. 10d.

Item, they declare the rent for this year⁴¹ – £7 18s. 4d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears – £390 13¾d.

Disbursements

f. 21v

Firstly, they have paid for a certain rental property⁴² bought with the consent of the company in the manner as in the leave given by our lord the King as appears below in the charter of feoffment written out below and also by the letters patent of our said lord the King in confirmation, also written out below – £277 3s. 1¾d.

41 The sixteenth-century annotator is highlighting how much rent they receive for one year, this being the first year when this income appears in the accounts.

42 'Investment property' would perhaps be a rather modern term for the word 'rent' of the original; what has been bought is a property intended to be rented out for the income.

C'est la copie del chartre de feoffement del rent del Mercerie en la rue de Bisshopesgate (Et le licence qe nous avoms del roy est escript après en le proschein foille et voirs est qe elle duist avoir esté escript devant)

1397 Omnibus⁶⁰ ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, nos Johannes Wodecok, Willelmus Cressewyk et Dionisius Lopham, salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum excellentissimus princeps dominus noster Rex Ricardus secundus per litteras suas patentes anno regni sui vicesimo concesserit et pro se et heredibus suis nobis licenciam dederit ad dandum et assignandum Johanni Shadeworth, Ricardo Northbury, Nicholao Walsyngham et Alano Everard, custodibus⁶¹ mistere mercerie London', ac communitati eiusdem mistere, tria mesuagia et octo shopas cum celariis et solariis super edificatis cum pertinenciis in parochia Sancti Martini Oteswych in warda de Bisshopesgatestrete London', habenda et tenenda eisdem custodibus et communitati et eorum successoribus in auxilium sustentacionis pauperum hominum dictarum communitatis et mistere ac unius capellani divina celebraturi juxta ordinacionem dictorum custodum et communitatis imperpetuum, et eisdem custodibus et communitati ad mesuagia, celaria et solaria predicta cum pertinenciis a nobis recipienda prout in dictis litteris domini regis inde habitis continetur. Noveritis nos prefatos Johannem Wodecok, Willelmum Cressewyk et Dionisium Lopham dimisisse, feoffasse et hoc presenti scripto nostro confirmasse et assignasse prefatis Johanni Shadeworth, Ricardo Northbury, Nicholao Walsyngham et Alano Everard, nunc custodibus predictae mistere mercerie, et communitati eiusdem mistere, omnia predicta tria mesuagia et octo shopas cum celariis, solariis et ceteris pertinenciis suis quibuscumque habenda et tenenda || eisdem custodibus et communitati et eorum successoribus de capitalibus dominis feodi per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta in auxilium sustentacionis pauperum hominum predictae mistere et unius capellani divina celebraturi juxta ordinacionem dictorum custodum et communitatis et eorum successorum imperpetuum secundam formam dictarum litterarum domini Regis inde confectarum. Et que vero predicta tria mesuagia et octo shope cum pertinenciis insimul jacent et situata sunt in predicta parochia Sancti Martini Oteswych inter tenementum Thome Pycot ex parte australi et tenementum Cristine que fuit uxor Johannis Newby, smyth, ex parte boreali, et extendunt se a parte orientali usque ad vicum de Bisshopgatestrete versus occidentem. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto nostro sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus: Adam Bamme, tunc Maiore civitatis London', Willelmo Parker et Thoma Welford, tunc vicecomitibus eiusdem civitatis, et prefato Willelmo Parkere, tunc aldermanno illius warde. Datum London' primo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi vicesimo.

f. 22r

60 The initial 'O' of this word has pen and ink decoration and takes up a space of more than three lines' depth.

61 MS: Custodidibus.

This is the copy of the charter of feoffment of the mercers' mystery's rental property in Bishopsgate Street. (And the licence from the King which we have is written afterwards on the next folio, and it is true that it should have been written out first.)

To all those whom this present document may reach, we, John Woodcock, William Cressewyk, and Denis Lopham⁴³ — everlasting salvation in the Lord. Whereas the most excellent prince, our lord the King Richard II, by his letters patent in the twentieth year of his reign [1397] granted and gave licence to us on behalf of himself and his heirs to give and assign to John Shadworth, Richard Northbury, Nicholas Walsingham and Alan Everard, wardens of the mystery of the mercers of London, and to the commonalty of that same mystery, three messuages and eight shops with storerooms and solars built above them and with appurtenances in the parish of St Martin Outwich in Bishopsgate Ward of London,⁴⁴ to have and to hold by these same wardens and commonalty and their successors for aid towards the support both of poor men of the said commonalty and mystery and of a chaplain to celebrate divine service according to the ordinance of the said wardens and commonalty in perpetuity, and for these aforesaid messuages, storerooms and solars with their appurtenances to be taken into their possession from us by those same wardens and commonalty, as is set out in the said letters from our lord the King which we hold about this. Know that we, the aforesaid John Woodcock, William Cressewyk and Denis Lopham, have demised, enfeoffed and by this our present deed have confirmed and assigned to the aforesaid John Shadworth, Richard Northbury, Nicholas Walsingham and Alan Everard, now wardens of the aforesaid mystery of the mercers, and the commonalty of that same mystery, all the aforesaid three messuages and eight shops with their storerooms, solars and all other appurtenances, to have and to hold || by those same wardens and commonalty and their successors from the lords in chief of the fief for the service owed for it and in law customary, for aid towards the support both of the poor men of the aforesaid mystery and of a chaplain to celebrate divine service according to the ordinance of the said wardens and commonalty and their successors in perpetuity according to the terms of the said letters of our lord the King drawn up about this matter. And that in truth the aforesaid three messuages and eight shops with appurtenances are together placed and situated in the aforesaid parish of St Martin Outwich between the tenement of Thomas Pycot on the south side and the tenement of Christine who was the wife of John Newby, smith, on the north side, and they extend from the east side as far as Bishopsgate Street towards the west. In witness of which matter we have affixed our seals to this present deed. Witnessed by Adam Bamme, then Mayor of the City of London, William Parker and Thomas Welford, then sheriffs of the same city, and the aforesaid William Parker then alderman of that ward. Given in London on the first day of May of the year 20 Richard II [1 May 1397].

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43 Denis (or Dionisius) de Lopham was a clerk and lawyer who was later made a freeman of the Mercers' mystery (see Name Index). References to some of his other activities may be found in *CPMR* 1381–1412, p. 120; *CPMR* 1413–37, pp. 19, 21; *CLB*, 'H', p. 84, Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, pp. 212, 262. See also Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 85 for him (it seems) as Rector of All Hallows Staining in 1362.

44 This property is known as 'The Pye'.

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C'est le enrollement del chartre:

Istud scriptum lectum fuit et irrotulatum in hustengo London' de placitis terre tento die lune proxima post festum Sancte Petronille virginis, anno regni regis Ricardi secundi vicesimo.

Marchaunt.

Remembrance des munimentz:

Et fait a savoir qe les munimentz des ditz trois mesuages et oet shoppes coment ils devenoient a les mayns des avantditz Johan Wodecok, William Cressewyk et Dionys Lopham sont et serront toutdis prestes et gardez par les gardeyns qe serront pur le temps pur moustrer a ceux qe reson soit de faire.

Le cost de la licence après escript:

Item, ils ount païé pur lettres patentes nostre seignur le roy bosoignables en cest cas et auxy pur le brief de roi nommé 'ad quod dampnum' et autres devoirs appartenant a ycest fait, le tenour desquelles lettres patentes est escript après de parole en parole vi li. ix s. vi d.

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Ricardus⁶³ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie, omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper per litteras nostras patentes concesserimus et licenciam dederimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est custodibus et communitati mistere mercerie civitatis nostre London' quod ipsi et successores sui terras tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem viginti librarum per annum tam in civitate nostra predicta quam in suburbiis eiusdem acquirere possint, habenda et tenenda eisdem custodibus et communitati et successoribus suis in auxilium sustentacionis tam pauperum hominum dictarum communitatis et mistere quam unius capellani divina pro salubri statu nostro dum vixerimus et pro anima nostra cum ab hac luce migraverimus ac anima Anne, nuper regine Anglie, ac animabus carissimi domini et patris ac carissime domine et matris nostre, necnon pro statu et animabus omnium hominum dictarum communitatis et mistere ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum celebraturi imperpetuum juxta ordinacionem dictorum custodum et communitatis et successorum suorum in hac parte faciendam, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito aut statuto facto in parlamento nostro tento apud Westmonasterium anno regni nostri quintodecimo seu eo quod dicta terre tenementa et redditus in civitate nostra predicta et suburbiis eiusdem sic acquirenda de nobis teneantur in liberum burgagium sicut tota civitas London' non obstantibus, dum tamen per inquisitiones inde capiendas et in cancellariam nostram vel heredum nostrorum rite retornandas compertum sit quod dicta adquisicio

62 Two notes have been written by the scribe himself in the LH margin of this page: 'C'est le patent de la licence qe duist avoir esté escript devant le chartre del purchase.' 'Et fait a savoir qe par cest patent nous sumes satisfié de x li. par an en partie de paiement de xx li. par an, de quelle nous avoms licence par le primere chartre'.

63 The initial 'R' is very elaborately decorated in pen and ink, with a small portrait of the King, wearing a crown and perhaps holding an open book, within the inner space of the letter.

This is the enrolment of the charter:

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This deed was read out and enrolled in the Husting Court of London among the land pleas held on the Monday after the feastday of St Petronilla, virgin, in the year 20 Richard II [4 June 1397].

Marchaunt.⁴⁵

Memorandum about the muniments:

Memorandum that the muniments of the said three messuages and eight shops concerning how they came into the hands of the aforesaid John Woodcock, William Cressewyk and Denis Lopham are and shall always be available and kept by the current wardens to show to those who have reasonable cause for this to be done.

The cost of the licence written below:

Item, they paid for letters patent of our lord the king that were needed in this case and also for the king's writ of 'ad quod damnum' and other necessities appertaining to this matter, the tenor of the which letters patent is written hereafter word for word – £6 9s. 6d.

Richard, by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to all those whom these present letters may reach, Greetings. Know that whereas recently by our letters patent we granted and gave licence on our own behalf and that of our heirs as far as in us lies, to the wardens and commonalty of the mistery of mercers of our city of London, that they and their successors might purchase lands, tenements and rents with their appurtenances to the value of £20 per year, both in our aforesaid city and in its suburbs, to have and to hold by those same wardens and commonalty and their successors for aid towards the support both of the poor men of the said commonalty and mistery and of a chaplain to celebrate in perpetuity divine service for our healthy estate while we live and for our souls when we pass over out of this light and for the soul of Anne, lately queen of England, and the souls of our most beloved lord and father and our most beloved lady and mother, and also for the estate and souls of all men of the said commonalty and mistery and the souls of all the faithful departed, according to the ordinance to be made concerning this by the said wardens and commonalty and their successors, notwithstanding the statute edicted about not placing lands and tenements in mortmain, or the statute made in our Parliament held at Westminster in the fifteenth year of our reign, or that the said lands, tenements and rents in our aforesaid city and its suburbs which are thus to be purchased be held by us in free burgage, as is the whole city of London, provided however that it be found through inquiries made and duly returned into our chancery or that of our heirs that the said purchase of the

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45 John Marchaunt was clerk of the Chamber at the Guildhall, sworn and admitted to this office from Michaelmas 1380 at a salary of 100 s. per annum; see *CLB*, 'H', p. 163.

46 The two notes say: 'These are the letters patent of the licence which should have been written out before the deed of purchase.' 'Memorandum that by these letters patent we are provided with £10 per year as part payment of the £20 per year for which we have licence by the first charter.'

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terrarum, tenementorum et reddituum predictorum fieri poterit absque dampno et prejudicio nostri et heredum nostrorum ac aliorum quorumcumque prout in litteris nostris predictis plenius continetur. Nos, volentes concessionem nostram predictam effectui debito mancuari, concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est Johanni Wodecok, Willelmo Cressewyk et Dionisio Lopham quod ipsi tria mesuagia et octo shopas cum celariis et solariis superedificatis cum pertinenciis in parochia Sancti Martini Oteswych in warda de Bisshopesgate London', que de nobis tenentur in burgagio sicut tota civitas London', et que valent quiete per annum ultra reprisas octo libras sicut per inquisitionem inde coram dilecto nobis Adam Bamme, maiore civitatis nostre London' et escaetore nostro in eadem civitate de mandato nostro captam et in cancellaria nostra retornatam est compertum dare possint et assignare Johanni Shadeworth, Ricardo North– || –bury, Nicholao Walsynham et Alano Everard, custodibus mistere predicte ac communitati eiusdem mistere habenda et tenenda eisdem custodibus et communitati et successoribus suis in auxilium susten[t]acionis⁶⁴ pauperum hominum dictarum communitatis et mistere ac capellani predicti divina in forma predicta celebraturi juxta ordinacionem eorundem custodum et communitatis et successorum suorum in hac parte faciendam in valorem decem librarum per annum in partem satisfactionis dictorum terrarum tenementorum et reddituum ad valorem viginti librarum per annum imperpetuum. Et eisdem custodibus et communitati quod ipsi mesuagia, shopas, celaria et solaria predicta cum pertinenciis a prefatis Johanne, Willelmo et Dionisio in forma predicta recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis imperpetuum sicut predictum est, tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus specialem, statutis predictis aut eo quod mesuagia, shope, celaria et solaria predicta de nobis teneantur in liberum burgagium sicut predictum est non obstantibus, nolentes quod predicti Johannes Wodecok, Willelmus et Dionisius vel heredes sui aut prefati custodes et communitas seu successores sui ratione statutorum predictorum aut aliorum premissorum per nos vel heredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros vel heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde impetantur inquietentur molestentur in aliquo seu graventur, salvis tamen nobis et heredibus nostris serviciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium undecimo die Aprilis anno regni nostri vicesimo.

Scarle

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Salarie:

Item, ils ont païé a Sire William Hedyndoun pur sa salarye et furrure – vii li.

Item, a Janyyn Somerford pur sa salarye – lii s.

ix li. xii s.

Almoigne:

Item, a Robert Langtoun en almoigne – lii s.

Item a Johan Bostoun en almoigne – lii s.

v li. iiiii s.

64 MS: sustencionis.

aforesaid lands, tenements and rents can be made without any harm or prejudice to us or our heirs or any other person, as is set out more fully in our said letters. We, wishing to carry into due effect our aforesaid concession, have granted and given licence for ourselves and our heirs as far as in us lies to John Woodcock, William Cressewyk, and Denis Lopham that they may give and assign three messuages and eight shops with storerooms and solars built above them with their appurtenances in the parish of St Martin Outwich in Bishopsgate Ward of London, which are held by us in free burgage as is the whole city of London, and which are worth £8 per annum freely over and above deductions, as has been found by inquiry made and returned into our chancery into this matter before our well-beloved Adam Bamme, mayor of our city of London and our escheator in the same city by our decree, to John Shadworth, Richard North- || -bury, Nicholas Walsingham and Alan Everard, wardens of the aforesaid mistery, and to the commonalty of the said mistery, to have and to hold by the same wardens and commonalty and their successors for aid towards the support both of the poor men of the said commonalty and mistery and of the aforesaid chaplain to celebrate divine service in the aforesaid manner according to the ordinance to be made about these matters by those same wardens and commonalty and their successors, to the value of £10 per annum in part provision of the said lands, tenements and rents up to the value of £20 per annum in perpetuity. And we in like manner have granted specific licence by the tenor of these present letters to those same wardens and commonalty that they themselves may take into their possession the aforementioned messuages, shops, storerooms and solars with their appurtenances from the aforesaid John, William and Denis in the aforesaid manner, and may hold them in perpetuity for themselves and their aforesaid successors, as is laid out above, notwithstanding the aforesaid statutes and that the aforesaid messuages, shops and solars are held by us in free burgage as is stated above, not wishing that the aforesaid John Woodcock, William, and Denis or their heirs or the aforesaid wardens and commonalty or their successors should be in any way impeded, disturbed, troubled or aggrieved by reason of the aforesaid statutes or other things mentioned above either by us or our heirs, or by any of our judges, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or ministers or those of our heirs, saving however the services due and accustomed from these to us and our heirs. In witness of which we have had made these our letters patent. Witnessed by myself at Westminster on 11 April of the 20th year of our reign [1397].

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Salary:

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Item, they have paid Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and his fur – £7

Item, to Janyng Somerford for his salary – 52s.

£9 12s.

Alms:

Item, to Robert Langton as alms – 52s.

Item, to John Boston as alms – 52s.

£5 4s.

Item, païé a minstrales al chivalchee des viscountes – xx s.

Item, païé *pur* costes de minstralles al chivalché del maire – iiiii s. vii d.

Item, despendu en plee contre Lideyerde⁶⁵ – iii s. viiii d.
xxviii s. iii d.

f. 23v Item, ils ont payé *pur* reparacioun de la rente faite en lour temps *come* apparust *par* evydençe moustré devant lour auditours assignez *par* le compaignye – xii li. xii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé *pur* quyterent a Westmynstre *et* Gyles⁶⁶ – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, q'ils despendu en lower *et* costages de mynstralles a ii chivalcheez faitez encontre la reigne pluis *qe* le somme amounta *qe* estoit ordeigné a paier *pur* ycel – iiiii li. vi s. v d.

Item, païé *pur* la copie del chartre del franch[is]⁶⁷ al Guyldhall – ii s. ii d.

Item, q'ils ont perdu en dettours del rent *qe* sont alopez – vii s. x d.

Item, q'ils soy deschargent ové les executours Johan Organ q'ils ne poaient lever en *lour* temps – xxii li. viii d.

Item, *qe* Richard Forester doit *pur* son tiercz an – vi s. viii d.

Item, *qe* William Shirynggham *et* Laurence Andrew doivent – viii d.

Item, de i obligacioun de Johan Worsted de iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils soi dischargent *qe* Johan Kesteven, Johan Grene, Richard Horwod, *et* Robert Buxton doivent chescun de eux ii s. *pur* le chyvalché del venu le roi de Irland – summa – viii s.

Item, ils soy dichargent ové les dettours *qe* devont *pur* rent de *lour* temps – viii li. iii s.

1397 L'eleccion des nouvelles gardeyns:

Et fait a savoir *qe* a ycel mesme feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre *proschein* devant escript, en une congregacioun fait des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas d'Acres, furent esluz nouvelles gardeynes *pur* l'an *proschein* vidz: Johan Shadworth eslit Johan Wodecok, Richard Northbury eslit William Butte, Aleyn Everard eslit Robert Shirewynd *et* Nichol Walsynggham eslit Nichol Hamme, as queux nouvelles gardeins ils ont delivré l'argent *qe* remeint en *lour* mayns, c'est assavoir – xxxvii li. iii s. ii d.

65 This case of 24 February 1397 is detailed in *CPMR 1381–1412*, pp. 245–6. It involved, among others, Richard Northbury and John More, mercers, against Edmund Fraunceys, grocer, and Thomas Lydyard, and concerned bonds in the sum of £100 and a house in Oxford.

66 For these quit-rents, see above, f. A1r.

67 MS: franchise.

Item, paid to musicians at the sheriffs' procession – 20s.

Item, paid for the musicians' costs at the Mayor's procession – 4s. 7d.

Item, spent on the plea against Lydyard – 3s. 8d.

28s. 3d.

Item, they have paid for repairs carried out during their term of office to the rental property, as was shown in evidence displayed before the auditors assigned to them by the company – £12 12s. 4d. f. 23v

Item, paid for quit-rent to Westminster [Abbey] and St Giles – 26s. 8d.

Item, they spent on the hire and the costs of musicians at two processions for the queen, over and above the total obtained from the sum set for paying for this – £4 6s. 5d.

Item, paid for the copy of the charter of liberties at the Guildhall⁴⁷ – 2s. 2d.

Item, they have lost from debtors for rent who have absconded – 7s. 10d.

Item, that they declare that they were unable to obtain from the executors of John Organ during their term of office – £22 8d.

Item, that Richard Forester owes for his third year – 6s. 8d.

Item, that William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew owe – 8d.

Item, from a bond obligatory from John Worstead of £3 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare that John Kesteven, John Grene, Richard Horwood and Robert Buxton each owes 2s. for the procession at the King's return from Ireland – total – 8s.

Item, they declare the debts owed for rent due during their term of office – £8 3s.

The election of the new wardens:

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Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, new wardens were elected for the coming year, i.e. John Shadworth elected John Woodcock, Richard Northbury elected William Butte, Alan Everard elected Robert Shirwynd, and Nicholas Walsingham elected Nicholas Hamme, to the which new wardens they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. – £37 3s. 2d.

⁴⁷ The text can be found in Rymer, *Foedera*, III, iv, 129.

f. 24r *Summa totalis* de lour charge⁶⁸ amont net come piert – CCCiiii^{xx} li. xiii d. ob. q^a
Dount les despences, paiementz *et* perds amonten[t]⁶⁹ net come piert – CCCxviii li.
xii s. iii d. ob. q^a

Et ency remainit al mistere en deniers *et* dettours – lxxi li. viii s. x d.

1397–98 C'est⁷⁰ l'acompt Johan Wodecok, William Butte, Robert Shirewynd, *et* Nichol Hamme, mestres de la mercerie, faite l'endemayn del feste de Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne nostre *seigneur* le roy Richard *seconde* vyntisme *seconde*, comenceant pur l'an prescheyn devant passé, vidz. l'an vyntisme *primere*, en quelle an les avantditz Johan, William, Robert, *et* Nichol furent gardeyns del dit mistere.

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Primerement, ils soy chargent ové les deniers *et* dettours delivrez a eux *par lours* predecessours, come piert en lour acompt *proscheyn* devant escript, vidz – lxxi li. viii s. x d.

Item, ils soy chargent d'autres recepts des revenuz de le mistere en cel an come piert après:

De lour tiercz an:

De Walter Cotton –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Silkilbrys –	vi s. viii d.
De William Waldern –	vi s. viii d.
De Piers Belgrave –	vi s. viii d.
De William Roos –	vi s. viii d.
– xl s.	

De lour *seconde* an:

De Thomas Roos –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Roos –	vi s. viii d.
De James Bynde –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Kemp –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langham –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Trees –	vi s. viii d.
De Jankyn Whatlee –	vi s. viii d.
De Martyn Kelom –	vi s. viii d.
De Baldewyn Tetisbury –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dane –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Berkewey –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Herry –	vi s. viii d.

68 MS: discharge.

69 MS: amonten.

70 The initial 'C' is elaborate, takes up a space of four lines and inside the letter are drawn two linked and elongated rings.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net, as appears, to – £390 13¾d.

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Of which the expenses, payments and losses amount net, as appears, to – £318 12s. 3¾d.

And thus there remains to the mistery in money and in debts – £71 8s. 10d.

This is the account of John Woodcock, William Butte, Robert Shirwynd and Nicholas Hamme, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered on the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 22 Richard II [25 June 1398], starting with the year immediately preceding, i.e. the year 21 [Richard II], in the which year the aforesaid John, William, Robert, and Nicholas were wardens of the said mistery.

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Receipts

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Firstly, they declare the money and the debts handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears in their account written just above, i.e. – £71 8s. 10d.

Item, they declare other receipts from the mistery's revenues during this year, as appear below:

For their third year:

from Walter Cotton –	6s. 8d.
from John Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Sikilbryce –	6s. 8d.
from William Walderne –	6s. 8d.
from Piers Belgrave –	6s. 8d.
from William Roos –	6s. 8d.
– 40s.	

For their second year:

from Thomas Roos –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Roos –	6s. 8d.
from James Bynde –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Kemp –	6s. 8d.
from John Langham –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Trees –	6s. 8d.
from John Whateley –	6s. 8d.
from Martin Kelom –	6s. 8d.
from Baldwin Tetisbury –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Dane –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Berkway –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Harry –	6s. 8d.

De Thomas Stable – vi s. viii d.
 De Laurence Hamptoun – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Elys – vi s. viii d.
 – v li.

De lour primere an:

De Aleyn Noreys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Bally – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Godston – vi s. viii d.
 – xx s.

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Des entrees d'apprentices:

De Robert Strode apprentice Thomas Fauconer – ii s.
 De William Aspiloun apprentice Thomas Aleyn – ii s.
 De Johan Randolf apprentice Richard Everard – ii s.
 De Richard Somery apprentice Johan Lardener – ii s.
 – viii s.

L'issu d'apprentice:

Item, receu de Thomas Gartoun qe fuist l'apprentice Robert Harengeye de l'issue d'app[re]nticialté⁷¹ – ii s.

Fynes de lowys del mistere nient levez pur costes faitz encontre la Reigne:

De Johan Borham – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard, servant Johan Waltoun – vi s. viii d.
 – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils ont receu de le rent del mercerye de lour temps, come piert par le bille des nons moustré devant les auditours – vii li. xi s.

Item, q'ils soy chargent de l'encrees de la lyvree del mistere encontre Paske – v li.

Item, ils soy chargent de l'encrees d'une livree d'un chivalcher ové le maire vidz. vert *et* sangwyn – v s. ix d.⁷²

Summa totalis de lour charge amount net come piert devaunt – iiii^{xx}xiii li. viii s. xi d.

⁷¹ MS: dapnticialte.

⁷² In the RH margin at this point is noted the total to date in Arabic figures: '93.8.11'.

from Thomas Stable – 6s. 8d.
 from Laurence Hampton – 6s. 8d.
 from John Elys – 6s. 8d.
 – £5

For their first year:

from Alan Noreys – 6s. 8d.
 from John Bally – 6s. 8d.
 from John Godstone – 6s. 8d.
 – 20s.

From the admission of apprentices:

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from Robert Strode apprentice of Thomas Fauconer – 2s.
 from William Aspilon apprentice of Thomas Aleyn – 2s.
 from John Randolf apprentice of Richard Everard – 2s.
 from Richard Somery apprentice of John Lardynner – 2s.
 – 8s.

Issue of an apprentice:

Item, received from Thomas Garton who had been the apprentice of Robert Haringey, for his issue from apprenticeship – 2s.

Fines from serving-men of the mistery not levied, for costs incurred at the arrival of the queen:

from John Borham – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard, serving-man of John Walton – 6s. 8d.
 – 13s. 4d.

Item, they have received from the rent of the mercers' mistery during their term of office, as appears by the list of names presented before the auditors – £7 11s.

Item, they declare the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £5

Item, they declare the profit on a livery for a procession with the Mayor,⁴⁸ i.e. green and red – 5s. 9d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears above to – £93 8s. 11d.

⁴⁸ In later times those who accompanied the Mayor on his procession to Westminster were the 'bachelors' of the company, for whom 'a leverey & sute of oun colour' would be ordered and paid for. The *Acts of Court*, pp. 282–3, record in 1465 that 'of olde hath ben accustomed' that certain bachelors be appointed to organise all this, and for that year they are all to have violet gowns and scarlet hoods. An undated ordinance (probably of the very early sixteenth century) is written into the preliminary quire of the *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 5r–6r, and concerns the bachelors and their barge to accompany the Mayor, and their livery for this is said to be 'as of olde used and yerely accustomed'. Judging by some of the fines listed, at this period the custom had not yet been introduced. See also pp. 828–9.

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Discharge

Salarie:

Primerement, païé a Sire William, lour chapelein, pur salarye *et* furrure – vii li.
 I[tem],⁷³ païé a Janyn Somerford a deux [foith]⁷⁴ de don *et* pur sa salarie – iii li.
 – x li.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.
 Item, païé a Robert Langetoun – lii s.
 – v li. iiiii s.

Quitrent:

Item, païé a Westmynstre pur quiterent – xx s.
 Item, païé al abbé del Tourhille – vi s. viii d.
 – xxvi s. viii d.

Costes faitz sur le rent a^o xxj:

Item, païé pur reparacioun del rent, dont fuist pur pavage – v marcz i d., come
 piert par evidence moustré *et* allowé devant les auditours – viii li. xiii d.

Dettours:

Item, ils soy dischargent ové les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.
 Item, un obligacioun de Johan Worsted – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Richard Forester pur son tiercz an – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de William Shiryngham *et* Laurence Andrew – viii d.

Amercimentz pur le chivalché encontre le roy a sa venue d'Irland:

De Johan Kestevene – ii s.
 De Johan Grene – ii s.
 De Richard Horwode – ii s.
 De Robert Buxtoun – ii s.
 – viii s.

Item, ils soy dischargent de un persone *qe* doit pur rent del darrein an, delivré a
 eux deins le somme de viii li. iii s., vidz. Johan Norfolk – ii s.

Summa totalis discharge amont *net* come piert desuis – L li. xvi s. v d.⁷⁵

⁷³ The initial 'I' is there but no more.

⁷⁴ The word is needed for the sense and is supplied by analogy with other occurrences.

⁷⁵ A contemporary hand has written this sum in Arabic numerals (50.16.5) in the RH margin at this point.

Disbursements

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Salary:

Firstly, paid to Sir William, their chaplain, for salary and fur – £7
 Item, paid to Janyng Somerford on two occasions, as a gift and for his salary – £3
 – £10

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.
 Item, paid to Robert Langton – 52s.
 – £5 4s.

Quit-rent:

Item paid to Westminster for quit-rent – 20s.
 Item, paid to the Abbey of Tower Hill⁴⁹ – 6s. 8d.
 – 26s. 8d.

Costs incurred on the rental property in the year 21 [Richard II]:

Item, paid for repairs of the rental property, of which 5 marks 1d. was for paving,
 as appears in evidence presented to and allowed by the auditors – £8 13d.

Debtors:

Item, they declare the executors of John Organ – £22 8d.
 Item, a bond obligatory from John Worstead – £3 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Richard Forester for his third year – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew – 8d.

Fines for the procession at the King's return from Ireland:

from John Kesteven – 2s.
 from John Grene – 2s.
 from Richard Horwood – 2s.
 from Robert Buxton – 2s.
 – 8s.

Item, they declare rent money owed by a person from the previous year, handed
 over [as a debt] to them, within the sum of £8 3s.,⁵⁰ i.e. John Norfolk – 2s.

Sum total of disbursements amounts net as appears above to – £50 16s. 5d.

⁴⁹ The Cistercian Abbey of St Mary Graces. See *VCH London*, I, pp. 461–4. This quit-rent had previously been paid to the Hospital of St Giles in the Fields; it is now paid to Tower Hill for a few years, and then from 1402–1403 the payment is again regularly listed as to St Giles. For an explanation of all this, see Parton, *Some Account*, pp. 23–6; *VCH Middlesex*, I, pp. 206–10, esp. pp. 207–8.

⁵⁰ See above, f. 23v.

1398 L'eleccion des nouvelles mestres:
 f. 26r Et fait a savoyr qe a ycel mesme feste de Seint Johan proschein devant escript, en un congregacioun fait des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas, les avantditz veiles mestres choiserent gardeyns *pur* l'an avenir, c'est assavoir: Johan Wodecok eslit William Waldern, Robert Shirewynd eslit Thomas Fauconer, William Butte eslit Johan Leengge, Nicholas Hamme eslit Thomas Dyster, as queux nouvelles gardeyns ils ont delyvré l'argent qe remeynt en lour mayns, come piert *par* lour acompte, vidz – xlii li. xii s. vi d.

Item, donerent outre en dettours qe devoient *pur* rent de *lour* temps, come piert *par* i bille moustré devant les auditours *et* delivré as ditz nouvelles gardeyns – iiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis qe remaynt due al mistere en la charge des ditz nouvelles gardeyns – lxxiii li. iii s. x d.

1398–99 C'est⁷⁶ l'acompte William Walderne, Johan Leengge, Thomas Fauconer, *et*
 f. 26v Thomas Dyster, mestres de la mercerye, faite l'endemayn del feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Richard *seconde* xxiii^{ce}, comenceant *pur* l'an proschein devant passé, c'est assavoir l'an xxii^{de}, en quele an les ditz William, Johan, Thomas, *et* Thomas furent gardeins del dite mistere.

Charge

Primerelement, ils se chargent ové les deniers *et* dettours delivrez a eux *par* lour predecessours, come piert en *lour* acompte proscheyn devant escripte, c'est assavoir – lxxiii li. iii s. x d.

Item, ils se chargent d'autres receptz des revenuz del mistere en cele an, come piert après:

Pur *lour* tierce an:

De Richard Roos –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Staple –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Trees –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Ros –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langham –	vi s. viii d.
De James Bynde –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Herry –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Berkewey –	vi s. viii d.
De Baldewyn Tetisbury –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dane –	vi s. viii d.
De Laurence Hamptoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Elys –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Kemp –	vi s. viii d.

⁷⁶ The initial 'C' has pen-and-ink decoration and occupies a space three lines high.

The election of the new wardens:

1398

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the aforesaid old wardens chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. John Woodcock elected William Walderne, Robert Shirwynd elected Thomas Fauconer, William Butte elected John Leengge, Nicholas Hamme elected Thomas Dyster, to the which new wardens they handed over the money remaining in their hands, as appears in their account, i.e. – £42 12s. 6d.

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Item, and besides they handed over as debts owed for rent during their term of office, as appears in a list presented before the auditors and handed over to the new wardens – £4 6s. 8d.

Sum total which remains due to the mistery in the charge of the said new wardens – £73 3s. 10d.

This is the account of William Walderne, John Leengge, Thomas Fauconer, and Thomas Dyster, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered on the day after the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 23 Richard II [25 June 1399], starting with the immediately preceding year, i.e. 22 [Richard II], during the which year the said William, John, Thomas, and Thomas were wardens of the said mistery.

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f. 26v

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the money and the debts handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears in their account written immediately above, i.e. – £ 73 3s. 10d.

Item, they declare other receipts from the revenues of the mistery during this year, as appears below:

For their third year:

from Richard Roos –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Stable –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Trees –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Roos –	6s. 8d.
from John Langham –	6s. 8d.
from James Bynde –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Harry –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Berkway –	6s. 8d.
from Baldwin Tetisbury –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Dane –	6s. 8d.
from Laurence Hampton –	6s. 8d.
from John Elys –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Kemp –	6s. 8d.

De Johan Whatlee – vi s. viii d.
 De Martyn Kelom – vi s. viii d.
 – v li.

Pur lour seconde an:

De Aleyn Noreys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Bally – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Godstoun – vi s. viii d.
 – xx s.

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Pur lour an primere:

De Johan Knottynglee – vi s. viii d.
 De Henri Somer – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Philipot – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Whyte – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Boys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Typpot – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Ryngsted – vi s. viii d.
 – xlvi s. viii d.

Exitus apprenticiorum:

Item, ils soy chargent receu des *proscheyn* avant escriptz vii *persones* de chescun d'eux – ii s. de l'issue de leurs *apprenticialtees*: *summa* – xiiii s.

Item, ils soy chargent des entrees d'apprentices come piert:

De William Thymelby apprentice William Marcheford –	ii s.	
De William Wiot apprentice Salamon Salman –	ii s.	
De William Trompintoun apprentice Nichol Walsyngham –	ii s.	
De Johan Donstall apprentice Johan Wellis –	ii s.	
De Johan Saunderdoun apprentice Robert Trees –	ii s.	
De Richard Cof apprentice Johan Whatlee –	ii s.	
De Nicholas Westertall apprentice Stephen Speleman –	ii s.	
De Andrew Gryme apprentice Johan Philipot –	ii s.	
De Richard Pekke apprentice ⁷⁷ Thomas Saccheford –	ii s.	
De Johan Scales apprentice Nichol Bacoun –	ii s.	
De Johan ⁷⁸ apprentice Thomas Dentoun –	ii s.	
De Thomas Prentys	} apprentices Thomas Fauconer –	iiii s.
De Johan Bernham		
De Henri Frowyk	} apprentices Johan Otlee –	iiii s.
De Symond Herward		
De William Prentice apprentice Johan Lane –	ii s.	
De Thomas Skorier	} apprentices Johan Cosham –	iiii s.
De Johan Stavertoun		
De Johan Cottoun	} apprentices William Butte –	iiii s.
De Thomas Vyne		

⁷⁷ MS: anprentice.

⁷⁸ A gap follows.

from John Whateley –	6s. 8d.
from Martin Kelom –	6s. 8d.
– £5	

For their second year:

from Alan Noreys –	6s. 8d.
from John Bally –	6s. 8d.
from John Godston –	6s. 8d.
– 20s.	

For their first year:

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from John Knottyngley –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Somer –	6s. 8d.
from John Philipot –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas White –	6s. 8d.
from John Boys –	6s. 8d.
from John Tippit –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Ringstead –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from each of the 7 persons written just above – 2s. for issue from their apprenticeship: total – 14s.

Item, they declare from the admission of apprentices, as appears:

from William Thymelby apprentice of William Marcheford –	2s.
from William Wiot apprentice of Solomon Salman –	2s.
from William Trumpington apprentice of Nicholas Walsingham –	2s.
from John Donstall apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
from John Saunderdon apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.
from Richard Cof apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.
from Nicholas Westertall apprentice of Stephen Speleman –	2s.
from Andrew Gryme apprentice of John Philipot –	2s.
from Richard Pekke apprentice of Thomas Sedgford –	2s.
from John Scales apprentice of Nicholas Bacon –	2s.
from John apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.
from Thomas Prentice } apprentices of Thomas Fauconer –	4s.
from John Bernham }	
from Henry Frowyk } apprentices of John Otley –	4s.
from Simon Herward }	
from William Prentice apprentice of John Lane –	2s.
from Thomas Skorier } apprentices of John Cosham –	4s.
from John Staverton }	
from John Cotton } apprentices of William Butte –	4s.
from Thomas Vyne }	

	De Richard Scotisbury apprentice de dit William –	ii s.
	De Johan Fysshier apprentice William Sonyngwell –	ii s.
	De Elys Davy apprentice William Hawe –	ii s.
	De James Wynstanlee apprentice Thomas Prudence –	ii s.
	De Johan Walcot apprentice Thomas Hawe –	ii s.
	– L s.	
f. 27v	Adhuc de introitu apprenticiorum:	
	De Thomas Philip apprentice Johan Langham –	ii s.
	De James Tedde apprentice Thomas Gedenay –	ii s.
	De Edward ⁷⁹ apprentice Thomas Provendre –	ii s.
	De William Chalvertoun apprentice Johan Burre –	ii s.
	De Johan Condoun } apprentices Johan Aleyn –	iiii s.
	De Thomas Wilwys }	
	– xii s.	

Receitz del rent de l'an present:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ont resceu de les tenementz qe tenent le rent del mercerye vidz. *pur* leur temps, come piert *par* evydenche moustré as auditours – v li. ii s.

Fyn *pur* le cause come piert:

Item, receu de Johan Coventre qe fuist apprentice Johan Cosham, obligé a luy devant le temps q'il estoit receu en le mistere, *par* cause qe ses endentours furent faitz al mistere de haberdasshers – xx s.

Fyn ové le cause:

Item, receu de Johan Knottyngelee de ceo q'il estoit rebel encontre l'ordynance del mistere – xiii s. iiii d.

Fyn sans cause:

Item, receuz des fines de autres gentz de queux ils n'ont limité la cause – iii s.

L'encrees de leur temps:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ont receu de l'encrees de chaperons del chyvalchee ové le Maire *et* auxy de l'encrees de le lyveree encontre Paske, outre touz costages faitz *sur* eux – ix li. xvi d.⁸⁰

La somme de leur charge amount net en tout, come piert *par* l'acompt devant – Ci li. vi s. ii d.

⁷⁹ A gap follows.

⁸⁰ The sum of '101.6.2' is written just below here.

from Richard Scotisbury apprentice of the said William –	2s.
from John Fisher apprentice of William Sunningwell –	2s.
from Ellis Davy apprentice of William Hawe –	2s.
from James Wynstanlee apprentice of Thomas Prudence –	2s.
from John Walcot apprentice of Thomas Hawe –	2s.
– 50s.	

Further from admission of apprentices:

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from Thomas Philip apprentice of John Langham –	2s.
from James Tedde apprentice of Thomas Gedeney –	2s.
from Edward apprentice of Thomas Provendre –	2s.
from William Chalverton apprentice of John Burre –	2s.
from John Condon } apprentices of John Aleyn –	4s.
from Thomas Wilwys }	
– 12s.	

Receipts from the rental property for the present year:

Item, they declare that they have received from the tenements which are contained in the rental property of the mercers' mistery, that is, for their term of office, as appears in evidence presented to the auditors – £5 2s.

Fee for the stated reason:

Item, received from John Coventry who was the apprentice of John Cosham, bound to him before the time when he was admitted into the mistery, because his indentures were made to the haberdashers' mistery – 20s.

Fine with the reason:

Item, received from John Knottynghley, for the reason that he was rebellious against the mistery's ordinance – 13s. 4d.

Fine[s] without a reason:

Item, received from fines from other people, the reasons for which they have not stated – 4s.

Profits during their term of office:

Item, they declare that they have received from the profit on the hoods for the procession with the Mayor and also from the profit on the livery for Easter, over and above all costs incurred on these – £9 16d.

Total of their receipts amounts net in all, as appears in the account above – £101 6s. 2d.

f. 28r

Discharge

Le prestre:

Primes, païé a Sire William Hedyngdon, *lour chapelleyne, pur sa salarye et soun furrure* – vii li.

Salarye:

Item, païé a Janyn Somerford, *bedel de mistere,*
 pur sa salarye pur l'an – iiii li.
 Item, doné a le dit⁸¹ Janyn de reward *par eux granté* – xiii s. iiii d.

Quiterent:

Item, païé pur quiterent a Westmynstre *pur un an* – xx s.
 Item, païé *pur* quiterent al Tour Hille *pur un an* – vi s. viii d.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun *pur almoigne pur l'an* – lii s. viii d.
 Item, a Robert Langetoun *pur almoigne pur l'an* – lii s.
 Item, a Perlee *pur xv sepmaignes pur almoigne* – xv s.

Costages al chyvalchee del Maire:

Item, ils soy dischargent q'ils ont païé *pur* costages faitz al chyvalchee del Maire, *c'est assavoir pur fason de chaperons de minstralles* – iiii s. iiii d.
 Item, *pur* costages des mynstralles *et pur* le chival del bedel lower – xxix s. ii d.
 Item, païé *pur* tondure⁸² del livree del mistere contre Paske – xxxi s. xi d.
 – iii li. v s. vd.

Reparacioun:

Item, ils soy dischargent *pur* costages faitz sur le reparacioun de *lour* rent *pur* cel an – xxxvii s. iii d.

Veille dette:

Item, ils soy dischargent en le dette delivré a eux en les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.
 Item, en une obligacioun de Johan Worsted – v marcz
 Item, qe Richard Forester doit *pur* soun tiercz an – vi s. viii d.
 Item, qe William Shyrynggham *et* Laurence Andrew doient de *lour* temps – viii d.
 – xxv li. xiiii s. viii d.

Dette de un veille fyn:

Item, ils soi dischargent del dette delivré a eux de iiii persones vidz. Johan Kestevene, Johan Grene, Richard Horwode *et* Robert Buxtoun, de chescun ii s., *summa* – viii s.

81 This word has been added later by the scribe in paler ink over an omission mark.

82 It is just possible that this word is 'coudure'.

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The priest:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton, their chaplain, for his salary and his fur
– £7

Salary:

Item, paid to Janyn Somerford, beadle of the mistery,
for his salary for the year – £4
Item, given to the said Janyn as a grant made by them – 13s. 4d.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid as quit-rent to Westminster [Abbey] for a year – 20s.
Item, paid as quit-rent to Tower Hill for a year – 6s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston, as alms for the year – 52s. 8d.
Item, to Robert Langton, as alms for the year – 52s.
Item, to [John] Perlee as alms for 15 weeks – 15s.

Expenditure at the Mayor's procession:

Item, they declare that they have paid for the costs incurred at the Mayor's procession, i.e. for the making of hoods for the musicians – 4s. 4d.
Item, for the costs of the musicians and for the hire of the beadle's horse – 29s. 2d.
Item, paid for shearing⁵¹ of the mistery's livery cloth at Easter time – 31s. 11d.
– £3 5s. 5d.

Repairs:

Item, they declare costs incurred on the repair of their rental property this year
– 37s. 3d.

Old debt:

Item, they declare the debt handed over to them of the executors of John Organ
– £22 8d.
Item, a bond obligatory of John Worstead – 5 marks
Item, that Richard Forester owes for his third year – 6s. 8d.
Item, that William Sheringham and Laurence Andrew owe from their term of office – 8d.
– £25 14s. 8d.

Debt from an old fine:

Item, they declare the debt handed over to them of 4 persons, i.e. John Kesteven, John Grene, Richard Horwood, and Robert Buxton, 2s. [owed] from each, total
– 8s.

⁵¹ If 'coudure' were the correct reading, the payment would have been for 'sewing', but it is much more likely that it was for the shearing of the cloth.

f. 28v Item, ils soy dischargent en certain dettours *qe* devient *pur* rent de veille *qe* furent delivré a eux deins la somme de iiii li. vi s. viii d., come piert après *par* leur nouns:

Adam Gaas –	viii d.
Johan Wodward –	vi s. viii d.
Alice Huxter –	vi s.
William Rutland –	ix s.
deux femes <i>sur</i> i nape <i>qe</i> vaut – viii s.	
Item, Thomas Taillour q'est perdu – xvi s. ⁸³	
– xlvi s. iiii d.	

Somme total de leur discharge amont net come piert – lii li. xi s. iiii d.

1399 Le eleccioun des nouvelles mestres:
Et fait assavoir *qe* a ycel mesme feste de Seint Johan proschein devant escript en une congregacioun faite des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seynt Thomas, les avantditz veilles mestres choiserent gardeyns *pur* l'an avenir, c'est assavoir: William Waldern eslit Walter Cottoun, Johan Leengge eslit Johan Whyte le puisné, Thomas Fauconer eslit Johan Middeltoun, et Thomas Dyster eslit Nichol Bacoun, as queux nouvelles gardeyns ils ont deliverez le somme *qe* remaint en leur mains, come piert *par* l'acompt devant escript, vidz – xlvi li. xiii s. x d.

f. 29r Item, ils deliverent outre as ditz nouvelles mestres certains dettours *qe* devient *pur* rent a leur issue, dont les nouns sont escriptz après ové les sommes:

Adam Gas –	viii s.
Johan Wodward –	xxiii s.
Kateryne Rykes –	iii s.
Jankyn Middeltoun –	xx d.
Alice Huxster –	xii s.
William Rutland –	xii s.
Stephen Docket –	viii s.
Johan Nonys –	xii s.
Robert Basketmaker –	vi s. viii d.
William Fowcer	} vii s. vi d. ⁸⁴
et William Rutland	
– iiii li. xiii s. x d.	

Et fait assavoir q'il est accordé *par* les bones gentz del mistere de cesser desoremes d'escrire en les acomptes avenirs les sommes après escriptz *par* cause q'ils sont toutoutrement perduz sycome il semble as ditz bones gentz, c'est assavoir:

83 The sum in Arabic figures of '52.11.4' is written here. The placing, as previously also, to the right-hand side of this entry and above the total written below in Roman figures, is to be noted.

84 The Arabic figures '4.14.10' are written just below here.

Item, they declare certain debtors who owe from previous times for their rent, [their debts] passed on to them within the sum of £4 6s. 8d., as appears below under their names: f. 28v

Adam Gase – 8d.
 John Woodward – 6s. 8d.
 Alice Huxter – 6s.
 William Rutland – 9s.
 two women for a cloth worth – 8s.
 Item, Thomas Taillour, which is irrecoverable⁵² – 16s.
 – 46s. 4d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to – £52 11s. 4d.

The election of the new wardens:

1399

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas's, the aforesaid old wardens chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. William Walderne elected Walter Cotton, John Leengge elected John White the younger, Thomas Fauconer elected John Middleton, and Thomas Dyster elected Nicholas Bacon, to the which new wardens they handed over the total remaining in their hands, as appears in the account written above, i.e. – £48 14s. 10d.

Item, and besides they handed over to the said new wardens certain debts from those who owe for rent at the time they left office, whose names are written below with the amounts: f. 29r

Adam Gase – 8s.
 John Woodward – 24s.
 Katharine Rykes – 3s.
 Jankyn Middleton – 20d.
 Alice Huxter – 12s.
 William Rutland – 12s.
 Stephen Docket – 8s.
 John Nones – 12s.
 Robert Basketmaker – 6s. 8d.
 William Foucher }
 and William Rutland⁵³ } 7s. 6d.
 – £4 14s. 10d.

Memorandum that it has been agreed by the goodmen of the mistery that from now onwards there is no need to write the following sums into future accounts, since they are entirely irrecoverable as it seems to the said goodmen, i.e.

⁵² The original says 'perdu', literally: 'lost'.

⁵³ Presumably, since this is a joint debt, these two men ran a business together, shared a shop or sold?

Dette perdu *et* voidé hors l'acompt par avys:⁸⁵
 De Johan Worsted – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Forester – vi s. viii d.
 De Laurence Andrew et W. Shiryngham – viii d.
 De Johan Kestevane – ii s.
 De Johan Grene – ii s.
 De Richard Horwode – ii s.
 De Robert Boxtoun – ii s.
 – iii li. ii s.

Summa totalis qe remeynt due al mistere en la charge des ditz nouvelles gardeyns
 amount net⁸⁶ – lxxvii li. xvi s. viii d.

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C'est l'acompte Walter Cottoun, Johan Whyte le puisné, Johan Middeltoun, *et*
 Nichol Bacoun, mestres de la mercerye, faite l'endemeyn del feste Seint Johan le
 Baptistre l'an du regne le roy Henry le quarte après le conquete primere, pur l'an
 proscheyn devant passé, en le quele les ditz Walter, Johan, Johan, *et* Nichol furent
 gardeyns del dite mistere.

Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent ové les deniers *et* dettours delivrez a eux *par* lour
 predecessours, come piert *par* lour accompte proschein devant escript, c'est
 assavoir:⁸⁷ – lxxvii li. xvi s. viii d.

Autres receptz

De lour iii^e an:
 De Aleyn Noreys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Bally – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Gostoun – vi s. viii d.
 – xx s.

De lour seconde an:
 De Johan Knottynglee – vi s. viii d.
 De Henry Somer – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Philippot – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Whyte – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Boys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Typpot – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Ryngested – vi s. viii d.
 – xlvi s. viii d.

85 This is a note written in the LH margin beside the names and in the RH margin there is also a little note
 'dette perdu' written beside the total figure.

86 The sum in Arabic figures of '77.15.8' is written here, the '5' of '15' looks as if some attempt has been
 made to alter it to a '6'.

87 The Arabic figures '77.15.8' are again written here, and no attempt at changing the '5' is visible here.

Irrecoverable debt, removed from the account after advice:

from John Worstead – £3 6s. 8d.

from Richard Forester – 6s. 8d.

from Laurence Andrew and W. Sheringham – 8d.

from John Kesteven – 2s.

from John Grene – 2s.

from Richard Horwood – 2s.

from Robert Buxton – 2s.

– £4 2s.⁵⁴

Sum total which remains due to the mistery in the custody of the said new wardens amounts net to – £77 16s. 8d.

This is the account of Walter Cotton, John White the younger, John Middleton, and Nicholas Bacon, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered on the day after the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 1 Henry IV [25 June 1400], for the year immediately preceding, during which the said Walter, John, John, and Nicholas were wardens of the said mistery.

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f. 29v

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the money and the debts handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears by their account written just above, i.e. £77 16s. 8d.

Other receipts

For their third year:

from Alan Noreys – 6s. 8d.

from John Bally – 6s. 8d.

from John Godston – 6s. 8d.

– 20s.

For their second year:

from John Knottyngley – 6s. 8d.

from Henry Somer – 6s. 8d.

from John Philipot – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas White – 6s. 8d.

from John Boys – 6s. 8d.

from John Tippot – 6s. 8d.

from Richard Ringstead – 6s. 8d.

– 46s. 8d.

⁵⁴ The note beside this total in the RH margin means 'irrecoverable debt'.

Cause *pur* quoy n’y ad nul receyt de gentz de *leur* entree del *primere* an:
Et fait a savoir *qe* en cest an *par* assent de tout le *mistere* demorerent sans estre
vestuz de livree sicome ils soleient, et *par* cele cause n’y ad nul recept de gentz
de *leur primere* an.

Receytz des issues d’apprenticialtee:

De Johan Derwynt –	ii s.
De Thomas Haukedene –	ii s.
De Richard Parker –	ii s.
De Johan Borham –	ii s.
De Richard Harpour –	ii s.
– x s.	

f. 30r	De Johan Faunteleroy –	ii s.
	De Thomas Red –	ii s.
	De Johan Drasse –	ii s.
	De Robert Delamare –	ii s.
	De Thomas Jentil –	ii s.
	De William Keteshawe –	ii s.
	De Johan Coventree –	ii s.
	De Johan Somery –	ii s.
	De Johan Chamberleyn –	ii s.
	De Richard Eylmere –	ii s.
	De Johan Filtz Richard –	ii s.
	De Thomas Berard –	ii s.
	De Johan Bestoun –	ii s.
	De Geffrey Lovey –	ii s.
	De Thomas Depden –	ii s.
	De Henry Dymmok –	ii s.
	De Johan Estmond –	ii s.
	De Thomas Austyn –	ii s.
	De Richard Setryngtoun –	ii s.
	De Roger Haukeden –	ii s.
	– xl s.	

Item, ils soy chargent de toute le rent occupié en l’an q’ils ont estez mestres, c’est
assavoir del *somme* – xiii li. vi d.

Summa totalis de leur charge amont net come pier⁸⁸ – iii^{xx}vi li. xiii s. x d.

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Discharge

Salarye:

Primerement, ils soy dischargent q’ils ont païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun,
chapeleyn del *mistere*, *pur* son salarye *et pur* soun furrure – vii li.

⁸⁸ The sum in Arabic figures of ‘96.13.10’ is written here.

Reason why there is no receipt from those paying for admission for the first year:

Memorandum that with the agreement of the whole mistery there was no issue of the usual livery clothing this year, and for that reason there is no receipt from people for their first year.

Receipts from issue from apprenticeship:

from John Derwent –	2s.
from Thomas Hawkedene –	2s.
from Richard Parker –	2s.
from John Boreham –	2s.
from Richard Harpour –	2s.
– 10s.	

from John Fauntleroy –	2s.
from Thomas Reed –	2s.
from John Drasse –	2s.
from Robert de la Mare –	2s.
from Thomas Gentil –	2s.
from William Keteshawe –	2s.
from John Coventry –	2s.
from John Somery –	2s.
from John Chamberleyne –	2s.
from Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from John FitzRichard –	2s.
from Thomas Berard –	2s.
from John Beston –	2s.
from Geoffrey Loveye –	2s.
from Thomas Depden –	2s.
from Henry Dymmok –	2s.
from John Eastmond –	2s.
from Thomas Austyn –	2s.
from Richard Settrington –	2s.
from Roger Hawkedene –	2s.
– 40s.	

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Item, they declare all the rent from property held during the year when they were wardens, i.e. the sum of – £13 6d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £96 13s. 10d.

Disbursements

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Salary:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary and his fur – £7

Salarye *et* reward:

Item, a Janyñ Somerford, bedel del mistere, *pur* salarye *pur* cel an – iiii li. Item, en reward *pur* garde del rent – xiii s. iiii d.
– iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Almoigne:

Item, payé a Johan Bostoun *pur* almoigne – lii s.

Amoigne:

Item, païé a Robert Langtoun *pur* almoigne – lii s.

Quiterent:

Item, païé al abbé de Tourhille *pur* quitrent – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé a Westmystre *pur* quitrent – xx s.

Costes:

Item, païé *pur* mynstralles *et* autres costes ové le Maire – xxviii s. viii d.

Reparacioun:

Item, païé *pur* reparacioun del rent come ils ount acompté devant les auditours – x li. iiii s. vi d.

Foreine costes:

Item, païé *pur* une dyner al Guyldhalle *pur* nostre fraunchise – xvii s.

Foreine coste:

Item, al comune *serjaunt* *pur* le seel del graunde chartre – xl s.

Item, ils soy dischargent de certeyns dettours *qe* divent *pur* rent al temps de lour issue, come piert après:

Dettours del rent:

Adam Gaas –	xiiii s.
Walter Welles –	xiii s. iiii d.
Robert Basketmaker –	ii s
Johan Wodward –	xxi s. iiii d.
Kateryne Rykes –	vi s.
Johanet Middeltoun –	v s.
Alice Huxster –	xii s.
William Rutland –	xii s.

Salary and remuneration:⁵⁵

Item, to Janyyn Somerford, beadle of the mistery, for this year's salary – £4. Item, as remuneration for looking after the rent⁵⁶ – 13s. 4d.
– £4 13s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston as alms – 52s.

Alms:

Item, paid to Robert Langton as alms – 52s.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid to the abbey of Tower Hill for quit-rent – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Westminster for quit-rent – 20s.

Expenditure:

Item, paid for musicians and other expenses at the Mayor's procession⁵⁷ – 28s. 8d.

Repairs:

Item, paid for repairs to the rental property, as they accounted for to the auditors – £10 4s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for a dinner at the Guildhall, for our franchise⁵⁸ – 17s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, to the Common Sergeant for the seal of the great charter – 40s.

Item, they declare debts owed by certain persons for rent at the time they left office, as appears below:

Rent debtors:

Adam Gase –	14s.
Walter Welles –	13s. 4d.
Robert Basketmaker –	2s.
John Woodward –	21s. 4d.
Katharine Rykes –	6s.
John Middleton –	5s.
Alice Huxter –	12s.
William Rutland –	12s.

⁵⁵ A 'reward' is a one-off payment, rather than a regular sum such as a fixed salary. Such payments as extras have been made in previous years also to Janyyn Somerford, but we learn here for the first time what services of his are being remunerated.

⁵⁶ It is ambiguous as to whether he was looking after the rental property or holding the rent-money safe. The latter meaning is perhaps more probable, that he was in effect acting as the rent-collector. In later years a separate office is made and a set salary paid for this job.

⁵⁷ Literally here it says 'with the Mayor' but this certainly refers to the annual procession.

⁵⁸ Presumably this reference and that below to 'the great charter' refer to a confirmation by Henry IV of the Mercers' own charter, and are not late expenses on the City of London's charter of 1397? See above, pp. 96–103.

Johan Nones –	iiii s.
William Foucer <i>et</i> William Rutland –	xvii s. vi d.
Johan Cosser ⁸⁹ <i>pur</i> plegge de un lumbard –	xl s.
– vii li. vii s. ii d.	

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Martyn Carpenter –	iii s. iiii d.
Johan Martyn, taillour –	xiii s. iiii d.
Lore Sherman <i>pur</i> <i>dimi</i> an –	iiii s.
– xx s. viii d.	

Veille dette:

Item, ils soy dischargent de dette delivré a eux auxy en lour charge vidz. de les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.⁹⁰

Item, ils soy dischargent en certaines dettours del rent *qe* lour *predecessours* delivererent a eux *qe* devoient *pur* rent, de quele partie estoit perdu devant lour temps *et* partye q'ils ne poaient lever come ils dient, et ceo estoit deins la somme de xlvi s. iiii d. come en l'*acompte proschein* devant appiert: – xxxviii s. iiii d.⁹¹

Summa totalis de lour discharge amount net come piert – lxxv li. xii d.

1400 Et fait a savoir *qe* a cele mesmes feste de Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an *primere* del roi Henry le quarte, en une congregacioun fait des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Saint Thomas d'Acres, les avauntiditz mestres a lour issue choiserent gardeyns *pur* l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Walter Cottoun eslit Johan More, Johan White eslit Richard Everard, Nicholas Bacoun eslit William Marcheford, Johan Middeltoun eslit William Sonyngwell, et tost après le dit William devya, en lieu de quele le dit Johan Middeltoun eslit en lieu de luy Johan Whatlee. As queux nouvelles mestres ils ount delivré la somme *qe* remeynt en lour mains, come *par* lour acompte devant escript appiert⁹² – xxxi li. xii s. x d.

⁸⁹ It is very possible that this is John Cosham; see Name Index.

⁹⁰ In the RH margin just below here is written in a contemporary hand: '*totalis* discharge 63.2.8'.

⁹¹ In the RH margin at this point the scribe has written '*videte*' (in order to draw attention to this entry).

⁹² The sum of '31.12.4' is written here. The Roman figures showing addition at this point disagree with this figure.

John Nones –	4s.
William Foucher and William Rutland –	17s. 6d.
John Cosser for a pledge from a Lombard –	40s.
– £7 7s. 2d.	

Item, rent debtors:

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Martin Carpenter –	3s. 4d.
John Martyn, tailor –	13s. 4d.
Lore Sherman, for half a year –	4s.
– 20s. 8d.	

Old debt:

Item, they declare a debt handed over to them and listed also in their receipts section, i.e. that of the executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

Item, they declare debts from certain persons who owed for rent that their predecessors handed over to them, of which some was [declared] irrecoverable before their term of office started, and some they were unable to collect, as they declare, and this was out of the total of 46s. 4d. as appears in the account immediately above – 38s. 4d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to – £65 12d.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist in the year 1 Henry IV [24 June 1400], at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the aforesaid masters on demitting office chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. Walter Cotton elected John More, John White elected Richard Everard, Nicholas Bacon elected William Marcheford, John Middleton elected William Sunningwell, and immediately afterwards the said William died, and in his place the said John Middleton elected John Whateley. To the which new wardens they handed over the sum which remained in their hands, as appears in their account written above – £31 12s. 10d.

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f. 31v C'est⁹³ l'acompt Johan More, William Marcheford, Richard Everard, *et* Johan Whatelee, mestres de la mercerie, faite l'endemein del feste Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Henry le quarte après le conqueste *seconde*, pur l'an *proschein* devant passé, en le quel les ditz Johan, William, Richard, *et* Johan furent gardeins del dite mistere.

Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent q'ils ont receu de *leur* predecessours en argent contant – xxxi li. xii s. x d.

Item, ils soi chargent ové le dette due de les executours Johan Organ, c'est assavoir – xxii li. viii d.

Autres receptz

Pur leur iii^e an:

De Johan Knottynglee –	vi s. viii d.
De Henry Somer –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Philipot –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Boys –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Typput –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Ryngsted –	vi s. viii d.
– xl s.	

Pur l'an seconde, nichil:

Et fait a remembrier qe la receyt de l'an *seconde* est voide pur la cause expressé en l'acompt *proschein* devant.

Pur leur primer an:

De Johan Coventre –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Fauntleroy –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Talbot –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Delamare –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Jentil –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Aylmere –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Bures –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Austyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Birlyngham –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li.	

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De Johan Talbot –	ii s.
De Richard Bures –	ii s.
De Thomas Birlyngham –	ii s.
De Robert Middeltoun –	ii s.
De Johan Wasshebourne –	ii s.

93 The initial 'C' is decorated in pen and ink and takes up a space three-and-a-half lines high.

This is the account of John More, William Marcheford, Richard Everard, and John Whateley, wardens of the mercers' mistery, rendered on the day after the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 2 Henry IV [25 June 1401], for the year immediately preceding during which the said John, William, Richard, and John were wardens of the said mistery.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare that they have received from their predecessors in cash – £31 12s. 10d.

Item, they declare the debt due from the executors of John Organ, i.e. – £22 8d.

Other receipts

For their third year:

from John Knottingley –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Somer –	6s. 8d.
from John Philipot –	6s. 8d.
from John Boys –	6s. 8d.
from John Tippit –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Ringstead –	6s. 8d.
– 40s.	

For the second year – nothing:

Memorandum that there is no receipt [of payments] for the second year for the reason given in the account immediately above.

For their first year:

from John Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from John Fauntleroy –	6s. 8d.
from John Talbot –	6s. 8d.
from Robert de la Mare –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gentil –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Aylmere –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Bures –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Austyn –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Birlyngham –	6s. 8d.
– £3	

From issues of apprentices:

from John Talbot –	2s.
from Richard Bures –	2s.
from Thomas Birlyngham –	2s.
from Robert Middleton –	2s.
from John Washbourne –	2s.

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De William Joly –	ii s.
De Thomas Whaddene –	ii s.
De Johan Godestoun –	ii s.
De Elys Clyderowe –	ii s.
De Thomas Raftoun –	ii s.
De Johan Chipenhale –	ii s.
De Aleyn Roys ⁹⁴ –	ii s.
De Thomas Weltoun –	ii s.
De Johan Holand –	ii s.
De Johan Moriel –	ii s.
De Robert Horwode –	ii s.
De Johan Hake, <i>serjaunt</i> –	ii s.
De Thomas Estoun apprentice R. Speek –	ii s.
De Richard Sandoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Symond apprentice H. Birtoun –	ii s.
De Johan Botiller –	ii s.
De Nichol Lemyng –	ii s.
De Thomas Chaltoun –	ii s.
– xlvi s.	

De introitu apprenticiorum:

De Johanne Leengge apprentice Robert Middeltoun –	ii s.
De Richard Wyche apprentice Thomas Roos –	ii s.
De Raulyn Longtre apprentice Johan Tippot –	ii s.
De Robert Crane apprentice Richard Everard –	ii s.
De William Aleyn apprentice Laurence Hamptoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Debenham apprentice Richard Parker –	ii s.
De William Lovell apprentice Johan Fauntleroy –	ii s.
De Johan Redy	} apprentices Baldewyn Tetesbury –
De Nichol Mayhu	
De William Parker apprentice Thomas Halle –	ii s.
De Richard Medrose apprentice Johan Wodcok –	ii s.
De Johan Bostoun apprentice Thomas Est –	ii s.
– xxiii s.	

f. 32v	De Johan Prynce apprentice William Erntoun –	ii s.
	De Johan Lenam	} apprentices William Rose –
	De Johan Bailly ⁹⁵	
	De Thomas Whittowe	} apprentices Johan More –
	De Johan Huet	
	De Johan Lyndwode	
	De Johan Overton apprentice Johan Knottynglee –	ii s.
	De William Maltby apprentice William Marcheford –	ii s.

⁹⁴ The scribe has added a later note here in fainter ink and a smaller hand: 'Walsham aliter'.

⁹⁵ The scribe has written in later above this name in fainter ink: 'ové Olney'. The reason for this is unclear; John Bailly was admitted in 1410 as the former apprentice of William Rose; he might now be a serving-man with John Olney, or there might perhaps be some confusion with John Bille, see Name Index.

from William Joly –	2s.
from Thomas Whaddon –	2s.
from John Godston –	2s.
from Ellis Clitheroe –	2s.
from Thomas Rafton –	2s.
from John Chippenhale –	2s.
from Alan Roys ⁵⁹ –	2s.
from Thomas Welton –	2s.
from John Holland –	2s.
from John Morielle –	2s.
from Robert Horwood –	2s.
from John Hake, serving-man ⁶⁰ –	2s.
from Thomas Easton apprentice of Robert Speke –	2s.
from Richard Sandon –	2s.
from Thomas Symond apprentice of Henry Byrton –	2s.
from John Butler –	2s.
from Nicholas Lemyng –	2s.
from Thomas Chalton –	2s.
– 46s.	

From the admission of apprentices:

from John Leengge apprentice of Robert Middleton –	2s.
from Richard Wyche apprentice of Thomas Roos –	2s.
from Raulyn Longtre apprentice of John Tippet –	2s.
from Robert Crane apprentice of Richard Everard –	2s.
from William Aleyn apprentice of Laurence Hampton –	2s.
from Thomas Debenham apprentice of Richard Parker –	2s.
from William Lovell apprentice of John Fauntleroy –	2s.
from John Redy	} apprentices of Baldwin Tetisbury – 4s.
from Nicholas Mayhew	
from William Parker apprentice of Thomas Halle –	2s.
from Richard Medrose apprentice of John Woodcock –	2s.
from John Boston apprentice of Thomas East –	2s.
– 24s.	

from John Prynce apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.	f. 32v
from John Lenam	} apprentices of William Roos – 4s.	
from John Bailly		
from Thomas Whittow	} apprentices of John More – 6s.	
from John Huet		
from John Linwood		
from John Overton apprentice of John Knottynghley –	2s.	
from William Maltby apprentice of William Marcheford –	2s.	

⁵⁹ The scribe's note against this name suggests he was also known under the surname of Walsham. See the Name Index.

⁶⁰ See also above, f. 15r, where he has paid a fine for admission not in accordance with the ordinances. It would seem that he came out of his apprenticeship early but still had to pay his issue fee at the time when his terms were due to end. See Name Index.

De Richard Holand apprentice William But –	ii s.
De Thomas Austyn apprentice Johan White, junior –	ii s.
De Nichol Witleseye apprentice Richard Ryngsted –	ii s.
De Johan Paiable apprentice Esmon Alderford –	ii s.
De Johan Stevenne apprentice Robert Delamare –	ii s.
De Reynold Wynetoun apprentice Johan Philippot –	ii s.
De William Skynner } apprentices Piers Belgrave –	iiii s.
De William Peek }	
De Edward Piers apprentice Aleyn Everard }	iiii s.
De William Rody apprentice del dit Alein }	
De Johan Broun apprentice Thomas Dister –	ii s.
De Johan Frankys apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.
De Johan Erstoun apprentice Johan Sikilbryce –	ii s.
De Richard Cook apprentice Johan Otle –	ii s.
De William Cavendisshe } apprentices Richard Whityntoun –	iiii s.
De Henry Londoun }	
De William Saustoun apprentice Thomas Gedeney –	ii s.
– 1 s.	

Amercimentz:

Item, ils ont receu de amercimentz de absentez a diverses congregaciouns sans congié ou cause resonable – xiiii s. viii d.

Item, receu de Johan Knottyngley – ii s.

Encrees des liverees:

Item, ils ont receu de encrees de une liveree de chaperouns ordeyné pur le Maire Johan Franceys, les minstralles paiey – xiiii s. vi d.

Item, ils ont receu del encrees del collect pur le mommer fait al Roy a Eltham, outre touz costes – xxxv s. iii d.

Item, ils ont receu del encrees de la liveree del mistere encontre Paske – xii li.

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For drawynge of knyfes:

Item, ils ont receu de Thomas Gedeney, compaignoun del mistere, un amerciment pur ceo q'il estoit trové en defaute encontre l'ordinance del mistere fait le xxiiii jour de May l'an del Roy Edward le tierce xxiiii, come piert en le fin del primere foile del veille papere rouge,⁹⁶ en treiant son cotel en malice a William Rose, compaignoun del dite mistere. Et coment qe le dit Thomas estoit resonablement garny de soy southmettre *et* confourmer al ordinance des mestres del dite mistere touchant ycel lour debat, le dit Thomas le refusa tanqe par force d'enprisonement a luy fait par commandement del Mair solonc la ley *et* costume del Citee faite *et* usé encontre

⁹⁶ Which of course is now lost but the ordinance, with the set fine, appears in later form in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 7r: 'Ne that ony persone of our feliship smyte or drawe dagger, knyfe, or oþer wepen to ony of the same felasshippe in violence nor malice, uppon payne to paie to þe boxe for eny suche defaute be hym so giltye ... xl s.'.

from Richard Holland apprentice of William Butte –	2s.
from Thomas Austyn apprentice of John White, junior –	2s.
from Nicholas Witleseye apprentice of Richard Ringstead –	2s.
from John Payable apprentice of Edmund Alderford –	2s.
from John Stevenne apprentice of Robert de la Mare –	2s.
from Reynold Wyneton apprentice of John Philipot –	2s.
from William Skynner } apprentices of Piers Belgrave –	4s.
from William Pekke }	
from Edward Piers apprentice of Alan Everard }	4s.
from William Ruddy apprentice of the said Alan }	
from John Brown apprentice of Thomas Dyster –	2s.
from John Frankysse apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
from John Herston apprentice of John Sikilbryce –	2s.
from Richard Cook apprentice of John Otley –	2s.
from William Cavendish } apprentices of Richard Whittington –	4s.
from Henry London }	
from William Sawston apprentice of Thomas Gedeney –	2s.
50s.	

Fines:

Item, they have received in fines from those absent from various assemblies without leave or reasonable cause – 14s. 8d.

Item, received from John Knottyngley – 2s.

Profit on the livery:

Item, they have received from profit on the livery of hoods appointed for [the procession with] the Mayor John Fraunceys, after payment of the musicians⁶¹ – 14s. 6d.

Item, they have received from profit on the collection made for the mummers' play performed for the King at Eltham, over and above all costs – 35s. 4d.

Item, they have received from profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £12

For the drawing of knives:

Item, they have received from Thomas Gedeney, a member of the mistery, a fine for having been found at fault against the ordinance of the mistery enacted on 24 May of the year 24 Edward III [1350], as appears at the end of the first folio of the old red paper record-book, as he drew his knife in malice against William Roos, a member of the said mistery. And although the said Thomas was in proper manner summoned to submit himself and accept the decision of the wardens of the said mistery over this quarrel of theirs, the said Thomas refused to do this until, in consequence of his imprisonment by order of the Mayor, made according to the law and custom of the City to deal with and use against those who are

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⁶¹ The text says literally 'the musicians paid'. Were the costs of the musicians for the procession paid out of the money coming from profit on the hoods? In later years it is clear that the hoods were for the musicians.

rebelles a *lour* misters, il soi obeia devant les Meir *et* Aldermans a ses mestres de soun mistere sur ses genoils, empriant grace d'ysel rebelté, *et* se mist en *lour* ordenance en haut *et* bas, au quel prier *et* prier de certains aldermans *et* autres ses amys en la sale de Saint Thomas a un *comune* congregacioun, le trespas del rebeltee fuist pardoné mais le merciment païé, vidz. – xl s.

Item, ils ont receu de Johan Tippet, compaignoun del mistere, un amerciment pur ceo q'il estoit trové en defaute en treiant son cotel a un *servant* de compaignon del mistere, *et pur* ce q'il soi southmyst bonement al ordenance del mistere, le dit amercement luy estoit pardoné *jesques* al somme après escript, c'est asavoir – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de *lour* charge amont come piert devant – iiiii^{xxii} li. vi s. viii d.

Incrementum:

Item, ils ont [doné]⁹⁷ de encrees de *lour* bone volentee – xliiii s. iiiii d.
– iiiii^{xx}iiii li. xi s.

Cause *pur* quoy les ditz mestres ne soi chargent ové le rent:

Et fait a savoir *qe par comune* assent de tout le mister Johan Cosham de sa bone volentee ad la charge *pur* *lour* temps del rent, *et* ent rent acompt soul, *et par* celle cause les ditz Johan, William, Richard, *et* Johan ne sont chargeables de rien d'icel.

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Discharge

Primes, ils soi dischargent, païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun *pur* son salarie *et pur* son furrure – vii li.

Item, païé [a] Janyyn Somerford, bedel del mistere – iiiii li.

Item, a Johan Bostoun *pur* almoigne – lii s.

Item, païé a Robert Langtoun *pur* almoigne – lii s.

Item, païé *pur* enseveler Richard Bromptoun, veille homme del mistere chayetz a povert – vi s. ii d.

Item, païé *pur* amendement del *comune* vestiment *et pur* deux nouvelles aubes – xi s.

Item, *pur* seignes de soie a cest livre – iiiii d.⁹⁸

Item, païé a minstralles *et pur* *lour* chaperouns al venu le Roy Henry hors d'Escoce *et* Walis – xli s. x d.

Item, païé a minstralles *et pur* *lour* chaperouns en chivalché encontre l'emperour de Costantinople – xl s. iiiii d.

⁹⁷ This word, missing in the text, is supplied by analogy with such entries in other years' accounts.

⁹⁸ There is now no sign of these.

rebellious against their misteries, he knelt down on his knees before the wardens of his mistery in the presence of the Mayor and aldermen, asking forgiveness for this rebelliousness and he submitted himself entirely to their judgement, at the which supplication and by that of certain aldermen and other of his friends in the hall of St Thomas's at a communal assembly, the offence of rebelliousness was forgiven but the fine paid was – 40s.

Item, they have received from John Tippet, a member of the mistery, a fine for having been found at fault in drawing his knife against a serving-man of a member of the mistery, and because he submitted himself willingly to the judgement of the mistery, the said fine was commuted for him down to the sum written below, i.e. – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts as appears above to – £82 6s. 8d.

Increment:

Item, they have out of their own goodwill [given] an increment of – 44s. 4d.
– £84 11s.

Reason for which the said wardens do not declare receipt of the rent-money:
Memorandum that by communal agreement of the whole mistery, John Cosham out of his own goodwill has been in charge of the rent during their term of office and he renders his account for this on his own, and for this reason the said John, William, Richard, and John are not responsible⁶² for any of this.

Disbursements

f. 33v

Firstly, they declare as paid to Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and his fur – £7

Item, paid to Janyn Somerford, beadle of the mistery – £4

Item, paid to John Boston as alms – 52s.

Item, paid to Robert Langton as alms – 52s.

Item, paid for the burial of Robert Brompton, an old man of the mistery who had fallen into poverty – 6s. 2d.

Item, paid for the mending of the communal vestments and for two new albs – 11s.

Item, for silk bookmarks for this book – 4d.

Item, paid to musicians and for their hoods at the arrival of King Henry from Scotland and Wales⁶³ – 41s. 10d.

Item, paid to musicians and for their hoods for the procession to meet the Emperor of Constantinople⁶⁴ – 40s. 4d.

62 Literally 'chargeable' = liable to have these amounts added to their 'charge', the receipts section of their account.

63 On Henry IV's expeditions to Scotland and Wales, see e.g. Kirby, *Henry IV*, pp. 99–109.

64 Manuel II of Constantinople. Henry IV met him on his arrival at Blackheath and they rode to London together on 21 December 1400; see e.g. Barron, 'Richard Whittington', p. 237 and Kirby, *Henry IV*, p. 109.

Item, païé pur quitrent al abbé del Tourhille pur un an entier due al Seint Johan l'an primere le Roi Henry – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur quitrent a Westmynstre pur un an due al Pask l'an seconde le roi Henry – xx s.

Item, ils soi dischargent en veille dette delivéré a eux par lour predecessours vidz. les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont come piert – xliiii li. xi s.

1401 Et fait a savoir *qe* a cel mesme feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an seconde le Roi
f. 34r Henry devant escript, en une congregacioun fait des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas d'Acres, les avantditz mestres choiserent gardeins pur l'an avenir, vidz. Johan More eslit Richard Whityngtoun, William Marcheford eslit Thomas Roos, Richard Everad eslit Johan Lane, Johan Whatlee eslit Thomas Saccheford, as queux nouvelles mestres ils ont delivéré l'argent sek *qe* remeint en lour mains, come piert par l'acompt devant escript, vidz. – xl li.

1401–02 ⁹⁹C'est¹⁰⁰ l'acompte Richard Whityngtoun, Thomas Roos, Johan Lane, et Thomas Sacheford, mestres del mercerye, fait al feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roi Henry le quarte puis le conquete tierce, pur l'an proschein devant passé, en le quel les ditz Richard, Thomas, Johan, et Thomas furent gardeyns del dite mistere.

Charge

Primerelement, ils soy chargent ové l'argent q'ils ont receu de lour predecessours en deniers – xl li.

Item, ils soy chargent ové le dette due de les executours Johan Organ c'est assavoir – xxii li. viii d.

De gentz de lour tierce an – *nihil*

De lour an secounde:

De Johan Coventree – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Fauntleroy – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Talbot – vi s. viii d.

– xx s.

f. 34v Pur lour an secounde:

De Richard Aylmere – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Bures – vi s. viii d.

99 Above this, since for once a set of accounts is starting mid-page rather than at the top, are written out the names of the four wardens (initial and surname only) followed by 'Computus – a° iii°'.

100 The initial 'C' is elaborately decorated with pen and ink and of a very different style to all previous such decorated initials. Here, very delicate tracery lines and circles are used, the whole effect being far more elegant. The same style is found in a number of other initials, noted below.

Item, paid for quit-rent to the Abbey of Tower Hill for a whole year, due at the feast of St John in the year 1 Henry [IV] [24 June 1400] – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for quit-rent to Westminster for a year due at Easter in the year 2 Henry [IV] [1401] – 20s.

Item, they declare an old debt handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. the executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £44 11s.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist in the year 2 Henry [IV] as written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the aforesaid masters chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. John More elected Richard Whittington, William Marcheford elected Thomas Roos, Richard Everard elected John Lane, John Whateley elected Thomas Sedgeford, to the which new wardens they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above, i.e. – £40

1401

f. 34r

This is the account of Richard Whittington, Thomas Roos, John Lane, and Thomas Sedgeford, wardens of the mercers' mistery, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 3 Henry IV [24 June 1402], for the year immediately preceding, during which the said Richard, Thomas, John, and Thomas were wardens of the said mistery.

1401-02

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the money which they have received from their predecessors in cash – £40

Item, they declare the debt due from the executors of John Organ, i.e. – £22 8d.

From men for their third year – nothing

For their second year:

from John Coventry – 6s. 8d.

from John Fauntleroy – 6s. 8d.

from John Talbot – 6s. 8d.

– 20s.

For their second year:

from Richard Aylemere – 6s. 8d.

from Richard Bures – 6s. 8d.

f. 34v

De Thomas Austyn – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Byrlyngham – vi s. viii d.
 – xxvi s. viii d.

Pur lour an primere:

De Sire Piers Gyveyne pur toutz iii ans – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Derwynt – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Middeltoun – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Boram – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Cressy¹⁰¹ – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Harpour – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Hylle – vi s. viii d.
 – xlvi s. viii d.

De les entrees de apprentices:

De Thomas Whittow	} apprentices Johan More –	iiii s.
De Johanne Lyndewode		
De Philippe Fyfyd apprentice Johan Middeltoun –		ii s.
De Johan Cantelow apprentice Thomas Dentoun –		ii s.
De Thomas Corbyn apprentice Johan Whyte –		ii s.
De William Hardwyk apprentice Roberd Middeltoun –		ii s.
De Robert Tarry apprentice Richard Roos –		ii s.
De Thomas Cobbe apprentice Thomas Hawe –		ii s.
De Thomas Dale apprentice Johan Whatlee –		ii s.
De Robert Nichol apprentice Johan Langham –		ii s.
De Johan Butler apprentice William Marcheford –		ii s.
De James Cotes apprentice Aleyn Everard –		ii s.
De Symond Flete apprentice Johan Wodcok –		ii s.
De Johan Rychmonde apprentice Johan Coventree –		ii s.
De Johan Onley	} apprentices Thomas Aleyn –	vi s.
De Johan Kirkeby		
De Johan Gerveys		
De Thomas Batail apprentice Thomas Depden –		ii s.
De Richard Gryspe apprentice Richard Ryngested –		ii s.
De William Haalle apprentice Richard Bures –		ii s.
De Johan Atherstoun apprentice Thomas Seggefard –		ii s.
De William Estfeld apprentice Robert Trees –		ii s.
De Edward Chambre apprentice Thomas Halle –		ii s.
– xlvi s.		

Amercimentz:

De Robert Guphey pur un amerciement – xii d.

¹⁰¹ Against this name there is a cross in the LH margin and a note: 'non intravit – liberatum', and another cross to the RH side of the sum of money.

from Thomas Austyn – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Birlyngham – 6s. 8d.
 – 26s. 8d.

For their first year:

from Sir Piers Geveyen for all three years – 6s. 8d.
 from John Derwent – 6s. 8d.
 from Robert Middleton – 6s. 8d.
 from John Boreham – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Cressy⁶⁵ – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Harpour – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Hille – 6s. 8d.
 – 46s. 8d.

From admission of apprentices:

from Thomas Whittow	} apprentices of John More –	4s.
from John Linwood		
from Philip Fifehead apprentice of John Middleton –		2s.
from John Cantelowe apprentice of Thomas Denton –		2s.
from Thomas Corbyn apprentice of John White –		2s.
from William Hardwick apprentice of Robert Middleton –		2s.
from Robert Tarry apprentice of Richard Roos –		2s.
from Thomas Cobbe apprentice of Thomas Hawe –		2s.
from Thomas Dale apprentice of John Whateley –		2s.
from Robert Nichol apprentice of John Langham –		2s.
from John Butler apprentice of William Marcheford –		2s.
from James Cotes apprentice of Alan Everard –		2s.
from Simon Fleet apprentice of John Woodcock –		2s.
from John Richmond apprentice of John Coventry –		2s.
from John Onley	} apprentices of Thomas Aleyn –	6s.
from John Kirkeby		
from John Gerveys		
from Thomas Bataille apprentice of Thomas Depden –		2s.
from Richard Crisp apprentice of Richard Ringstead –		2s.
from William Halle apprentice of Richard Bures –		2s.
from John Atherstone apprentice of Thomas Sedgeford –		2s.
from William Eastfield ⁶⁶ apprentice of Robert Trees –		2s.
from Edward Chamber apprentice of Thomas Halle –		2s.
– 46s.		

Fine:

from Robert Guppy for a fine – 12d.

⁶⁵ The note against his name indicates that he had not been admitted although he has received the livery. See the Name Index and note that Coke's *Register* does not record his admission until 1403.

⁶⁶ His entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 17, pp. 589–90, states that he 'first appears in the records in 1419'. The author had unfortunately not used the records at Mercers' Hall.

f. 35r	De les issues d'apprentices:	
	De Sire Piers Gyveyne –	ii s.
	De Thomas Cressy –	ii s.
	De Richard Hylle –	ii s.
	De Thomas Tornour –	ii s.
	De Thomas Estoun apprentice Thomas Fauconer –	ii s.
	De Esmon Walsyngham –	ii s.
	De William Caundyssh –	ii s.
	De Thomas Tykylle –	ii s.
	De William Wye –	ii s.
	– xviii s.	

Encrees de liverees:

Item, de l'encrees de la livree vert *et* rouge pur le chyvalchee del Maire Johan Shadeworthe – L s. vii d.

Item, de l'encrees de la livree del mistere encontre Paske – xii li. iii s.

Summa totalis de lour charge amount net come piert – iii^{xx} li. xii s. vii d.

Discharge

Salarye:

Prymes, ils soy dischargent païé a Sire William Edyngdoun pur soun salarye *et* furrure – vii li.

Item, païé a Janyn Somerford, bedel – iii li.
– xi li.

Almoigne:

Item, a Johan Bostoun –	lii s.
Item, a Robert Langtoun –	lii s.
– v li. iii s.	

Dette:

Item, ils soy dischargent en veille dette delyvré a eux *par* lour predecessours, vidz. les executours Johan Organ – xxii li. viii d.

Quiterent:

Item, payé pur quytrent al abbey del Tourhille pur un an entier – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur quytrent a Westmynstre – xx s.
– xxvi s. viii d.

Expenses:

Item, païé pur une petit cofre pur eyns garder les munimentz del mistere – xii d.

f. 35v	<i>Summa totalis</i> de lour discharge amount net come piert – xxxix li. xii s. iii d.
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From issues of apprentices:

f. 35r

from Sir Piers Geveyne –	2s.
from Thomas Cressy –	2s.
from Richard Hille –	2s.
from Thomas Turnour –	2s.
from Thomas Easton apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
from Edmund Walsingham –	2s.
from William Cavendish –	2s.
from Thomas Tickhill –	2s.
from William Wye –	2s.
– 18s.	

Profit on the liveries:

Item, from the profit on the green and red livery for the procession with the Mayor John Shadworth – 50s. 7d.

Item, from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £12 3s.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £84 12s. 7d.

Disbursements

Salary:

Firstly, they declare as paid to Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and fur – £7

Item, paid to Janyn Somerford, beadle – £4
– £11

Alms:

Item, to John Boston –	52s.
Item, to Robert Langton –	52s.
– £5 4s.	

Debt:

Item, they declare an old debt handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. the executors of John Organ – £22 8d.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid for quit-rent to the abbey of Tower Hill for a whole year – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for quit-rent to Westminster – 20s.
– 26s. 8d.

Expenditure:

Item, paid for a small chest in which to keep the mistery's muniments – 12d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to –
£39 12s. 4d.

f. 35v

1402 Eleccion des nouvelles mestres:
Et¹⁰² fait a savoir qe a mesme cele feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an tierce le Roi Henry devant escript, en une congregacioun fait des bones gentz del mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas d'Acres, les avantditz mestres choiserent gardeins pur l'an avenir, vidz. Richard Whityngtoun eslit William Parker, Thomas Roos eslit Johan Aleyn, Johan Lane eslit Richard Northbury, et Thomas Saccheford eslit Esmon Alderford, as *queux* nouvelles mestres ils ont delivré l'argent sek qe remeynt en leur mayns, come piert *par* l'acompte devant escript, c'est assavoir – xlv li. iiiii d.¹⁰³

1402–03 [C']est¹⁰⁴ l'acompte William Parker, Richard Northbury, Esmoun Alderford, et Johan Aleyn, mestres de la mistere del mercerye, faite l'endemainne del feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Henry le quarte puis le conquete quarte, pur l'an devant passee, en quel ils furent gardeyns del mistere suisdite.

f. 36r

Charge

Primerelement, ils soy chargent ové les deniers delivrez a eux *par* les darreyners gardeyns al temps de leur eleccioun, come piert devant – xlv li. iiiii d.

Item, receu de la devys de Johan Whyte l'einsné puis sa mort *par* ses executours payez – v li.

Item, ils soy chargent ové le dette duee des executours de Johan Organ, vidz. – xxii li. iiiii d.

Item, receu qant ils recoeverent envers les ditz executours, adjudgez pur damages – xx s.

De leur tierce an:

De Johan Fauntleroy –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Aylemere –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Austyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Coventree –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Talbot –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Burys –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Birlyngham –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvii s. viii d.	

102 The initial 'E' is elaborately decorated in the same style as above and occupies a space three lines high.

103 Below this after a gap of four full blank lines, once again the four new wardens' names are written half way down the page above the start of their accounts, but this time their names are in full and after them is written: 'acompte a° iiiii° R. H.'. Five full blank lines are then left below.

104 In previous accounts, as noted above, the beginning has been illustrated by a fine large pen-and-ink initial; here a space has been left, but the initial has not been done. A small 'c' has however been written in the outer LH margin as an indication of the initial to be done, and similar small letters are found in the outer margins beside initials which have been done.

Election of the new wardens:

1402

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist in the year 3 Henry [IV] written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the aforesaid masters chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. Richard Whittington elected William Parker, Thomas Roos elected John Aleyn, John Lane elected Richard Northbury, and Thomas Sedgeford elected Edmund Alderford, to the which new wardens they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above, i.e. £45 4d.

This is the account of William Parker, Richard Northbury, Edmund Alderford, and John Aleyn, wardens of the mercers' mistery, made the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 4 Henry IV [25 June 1403], for the previous year during which they were wardens of the aforesaid mistery.

1402-03

Receipts

f. 36r

Firstly, they declare the money handed over to them by the previous wardens at the time of their election, as appears above – £45 4d.

Item, received from the bequest of John White the elder, paid by his executors after his death – £5

Item, they declare the debt due from the executors of John Organ, i.e. £22 4d.

Item, received when they took action of recovery against the said executors, adjudged as damages – 20s.

For their third year:

from John Fauntleroy –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Aylemere –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Austyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from John Talbot –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Bures –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Birlynggham –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

De lour ii^{de} an:

De Johan Derwynt – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Borham – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Harpour – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Hylle – vi s. viii d.
 – xxvi s. viii d.

De lour primere an:

De Esmon Parker – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Wasshbourne – vi s. viii d.
 De Elys Glyderowe – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Tornour – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Muryelle – vi s. viii d.
 – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Fins *pur* lour entree par *traytee*:

Item, receu de Albrand Gascoyn *pur* sa fyn – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, receu de William Coventree l'einsné *pur* sa fyn al entree *et pur* ses autres
 deovys – xx li. viii s. viii d.

f. 36v

Fins *pur* lour absence al chivalchee le Maire de cest an:

De Robert Guphay – xii d.
 De Richard Ryingsted – xii d.
 De William Foucher – xii d.
 De Richard Aylemere – xii d.
 De Johan Cosham – xii d.
 – v s.

Fins de lowys *et* autrez levez *pur* la chyvalchee de la Reigne Johanne:

De William Bury – x s.
 De Johan Filtz Richard – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Drasse – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Thomas Depden – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Esmoun Walsyngham – ii s.
 De Johan Wasshborn – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Haukeden *et* son frere – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Richard Horwode – xx d.
 De John Grene – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Thomas Chaltoun – xx d.
 – xlii s.

For their second year:

from John Derwent –	6s. 8d.
from John Boreham –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Harpour –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Hille –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

For their first year:

from Edmund Parker –	6s. 8d.
from John Washbourne –	6s. 8d.
from Ellis Clitheroe –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Turnour –	6s. 8d.
from John Morielle –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

Fees for their admission by agreement:

Item, received from Aldebrand Gascoigne for his fee – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, received from William Coventy the elder for his admission-fee and for his other dues – £20 8s. 8d.

Fines for their absence from the Mayor's procession this year:

f. 36v

from Robert Guppey –	12d.
from Richard Ringstead –	12d.
from William Foucher –	12d.
from Richard Aylemere –	12d.
from John Cosham –	12d.
– 5s.	

Fees from serving-men and others levied for the procession of Queen Joanna:⁶⁷

from William Bury –	10s.
from John FitzRichard –	6s. 8d.
from John Drasse –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Depden –	3s. 4d.
from Edmund Walsingham –	2s.
from John Washbourne –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hawkedene and his brother ⁶⁸ –	3s. 4d.
from Richard Horwood –	20d.
from John Grene –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Chalton –	20d.
– 42s.	

⁶⁷ Joan or Joanna, duchess of Brittany, second wife of Henry IV, married by proxy on 2 April 1402 but only arrived in England in February 1403, and then made a state journey to London, was met by the citizens of London at Blackheath and then accompanied in procession by way of Cheapside to Westminster for her coronation on 26 February. See *ODNB*, vol. 30, pp. 139–42; and Davies, *An English Chronicle*, p. 29.

⁶⁸ This is probably Roger Hawkedene.

L'encrees des liverees:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ont receu de l'encrees de la livree vert encontre la Reigne Johanne – iii li. vi s. ix d.

Item, q'ils ont receu de l'encrees de la lyvree del mistere encontre Paske – x li. xiiii s. ix d.

Item, receu de Esmon Man *pur* ceo q'il ne chivalcha poynt encontre la Reygne, *pur* sa fyn – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net come piert – Cxxii li. iiiii s. vi d.

Dyscharge

Salarye:

Primerement, ils soy dischargent païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun, lour chapeleyn, *pur* sa salarye – vii li.

Item, payé a Janyn Somerford, bedel – iiiii li.

f. 37r

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.

Item, païé a Robert Langtoun – lii s.

Item, païé a Johan Stoke – xxvi s.
– vi li. x s.

Quitrent:

Item, païé *pur* quitrent a Westmynstre *et* a Seint Egidies spitel – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, païé *pur* costes del plee encontre les *executours* Johan Organ – xxvii s.

Item, païé as minstralles al chivalchee del Maire Johan Walcot, ové lour costes – xxviii s. vi d.

Item, païé *pur* l'escire de ix obligacions – xviii d.

Item, païé *pur* papire *et* parchemyn – vii d.

Item, ils soy dischargent de ceo qe Thomas Prudence doit *par* vii obligaciouns *pur* le dette del dit Johan Organ – x li. x s.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont net come piert –
xxxii li. iiiii s. iii d.

The profit on the liveries:

Item, they declare that they have received from the profit on the green livery for Queen Joanna – £3 6s. 9d.

Item, that they have received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £10 14s. 9d.

Item, received from Edmund Man because he did not ride to meet the Queen, as his fine – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £122 4s. 6d.

Disbursements

Salary:

Firstly, they declare as paid to Sir William Hedyngton, their chaplain, for his salary – £7

Item, paid to Janyyn Somerford, beadle – £4

Alms:

f. 37r

Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.

Item, paid to Robert Langton – 52s.

Item, paid to John Stoke – 26s.

– £6 10s.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid for quit-rent to Westminster and to St Giles's Hospital⁶⁹ – 26s. 8d.

Item, paid for the costs of the court action against the executors of John Organ – 27s.

Item, paid to the musicians at the procession of the Mayor John Walcot, with their expenses – 28s. 6d.

Item, paid for the writing of 9 bonds obligatory – 18d.

Item, paid for paper and parchment – 7d.

Item, they declare that Thomas Prudence owes for the debt of the said John Organ, by 7 bonds obligatory – £10 10s.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to – £32 4s. 3d.

⁶⁹ For a few years the quit-rent has been paid to Tower Hill, here it reverts to St Giles. See above, p. 131, note 49.

1403 Et¹⁰⁵ fait assavoir *qe* a mesme cel feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre devant escript, en une congregacioun fait des bons gentz de la mistere en la sale de Seint Thomas d'Acres, choiserent les avantditz mestres gardeyns pur l'an avenyr, c'est assavoir William Parker eslit Johan Shadworth, Richard Northbury eslit Thomas Hawe, Esmon Alderford eslit Thomas Aleyn, *et* Johan Aleyn eslit Aleyn Everard, as queux ils ont delyvrez l'argent sek *qe* remanoit en lour mayns, come piert par l'acompt faite desuis, vidz. – iiiii^{xx} x li. iii d.

1403–04 C'est¹⁰⁶ l'acompt Johan Shadeworth, Thomas Aleyn, Alein Everard, *et* Thomas
f. 37v Hawe, mestres de la mistier del mercerie, faite l'endemain del feste Seint Johan le Baptistre, l'an du regne le Roi Henry le *quarte* puis le conquete quinte, pur l'an devant passee en le quel ils estoient gardeins del mistier suisdite.

Charge

Primes, ils soi chargent del argent receu de *lour* predecessours, come piert devant – vidz. – iiiii^{xx} x li. iii d.

Item, receu de vii obligaciouns de Thomas Prudence q'amountent – x li. x s.

Item, receu de l'encrees de les chaperouns ordeignez encontre la chyvalchee ové le maire W. Askham – ix s. xi d.

Item, receu de l'encrees del liveree del mistier encontre le feste de Paske – xii li. xviii d.

Pur *lour* tierce an:

De Johan Boreham – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Derwynt – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Hille – vi s. viii d.
De Richard Harpour – vi s. viii d.
– xxvi s. viii d.

Pur *lour* seconde an:

De Thomas Tournour – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wasshbourne – vi s. viii d.
De Elys Glyderowe – vi s. viii d.
De Johan Muryelle – vi s. viii d.
De Esmoun Parker – vi s. viii d.
– xxxiii s. iiiii d.

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Pur *lour* primere an:

De William Coventre, le pere – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Haukeden – vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Chaltoun – vi s. viii d.

105 The initial 'E' takes up a space of over three lines high and is in the same elegant style with very fine tracery lines.

106 The initial 'C', in the same elegant style, occupies a space of four lines high.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the aforesaid masters chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. William Parker elected John Shadworth, Richard Northbury elected Thomas Hawe, Edmund Alderford elected Thomas Aleyn, and John Aleyn elected Alan Everard, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account rendered above, i.e. – £90 3d. 1403

This is the account of John Shadworth, Thomas Aleyn, Alan Everard, and Thomas Hawe, wardens of the mercers' mistery, made the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 5 Henry IV [25 June 1404], for the previous year, during which they were wardens of the aforesaid mistery. 1403–04 f. 37v

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the money received from their predecessors, as appears above, i.e. £90 3d.

Item, received in 7 bonds obligatory of Thomas Prudence amounting to – £10 10s.

Item, received from the profit on the hoods appointed for the Mayor William Askham's procession – 9s. 11d.

Item, received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £12 18d.

For their third year:

from John Boreham –	6s. 8d.
from John Derwent –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Hille –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Harpour –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

For their second year:

from Thomas Turnour –	6s. 8d.
from John Washbourne –	6s. 8d.
from Ellis Clitheroe –	6s. 8d.
from John Morielle –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Parker –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

For their first year:

from William Coventry the elder ⁷⁰ –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hawkedene –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Chalton –	6s. 8d.

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⁷⁰ Literally, 'the father'.

<i>De William Cavendyche</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Johan Estmond</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De William Coventre, le filtz</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Thomas Cressy</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Johan Etoun</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Johan Chepenhale</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Aleyn Roys</i> –	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Thomas Tykhille</i> –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li. xiii s. iii d.	

Des issues de apprentices:¹⁰⁷

<i>De Thomas Chaltoun</i> –	ii s.
<i>De William Cavendysshe</i> –	ii s.
<i>De William Coventre, le filtz</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Cressy</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Johan Etoun</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Tykhille</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Johan Algate</i> –	ii s.
– xiiii s.	

Des entrees des apprentices:

<i>De Thomas Exham</i>	} apprentices Thomas Hawe –	iiii s.
<i>De Johan Amour</i>		
<i>De Richard Shynyngtoun</i>	} apprentices Thomas Tournour –	iiii s.
<i>De Richard Herdewyk</i>		
<i>De Robert Corner apprentice Richard Everard</i> –		ii s.
<i>De Johan Welbourn apprentice Johan Wasshourn</i> –		ii s.
<i>De Johan Dobeles apprentice William Erntoun</i> –		ii s.
<i>De Phelyp Gartoun apprentice William Cavendysshe</i> –		ii s.
<i>De Stephen Caustoun</i>	} apprentices William Coventre, le filtz –	iiii s.
<i>De William Townesende</i>		
[De] Robert Pynnoke apprentice William Coventre, le pere –		ii s.
<i>De Johan More</i>	} apprentices William Butte –	viii s.
<i>De William Roys</i>		
<i>De Robert Stevenes</i>		
<i>De Robert Trenerth</i>		
<i>De Johan Glover</i>	} apprentices Richard Ryngsted –	vi s.
<i>De Johan Langhaker</i>		
<i>De Thomas Maunfeld</i>		
– xxxvi s.		

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Des entrees des apprentices:

<i>De Robert Colwelle apprentice Robert Trees</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Johan Clerk apprentice Johan Lane</i> –	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Bitterden apprentice Walter Cottoun</i> –	ii s.

¹⁰⁷ Four of the men listed below have already been recorded as having paid this fee: Thomas Chalton, William Cavendish, Thomas Cressy and Thomas Tickhill. The most probable explanation is that the scribe has become muddled among the rough drafts from which he is copying.

from William Cavendish –	6s. 8d.
from John Eastmond –	6s. 8d.
from William Coventry the younger ⁷¹ –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Cressy –	6s. 8d.
from John Eton –	6s. 8d.
from John Chippenhale –	6s. 8d.
from Alan Roys –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.
– £3 13s. 4d.	

From issues of apprentices:

from Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from William Cavendish –	2s.
from William Coventry the younger –	2s.
from Thomas Cressy –	2s.
from John Eton –	2s.
from Thomas Tickhill –	2s.
from John Algate –	2s.
– 14s.	

From admission of apprentices:

from Thomas Exham	} apprentices of Thomas Hawe –	4s.
from John Amour		
from Richard Shynnyngton	} apprentices of Thomas Turnour –	4s.
from Richard Hardwick		
from Robert Corner apprentice of Richard Everard –		2s.
from John Welbourn apprentice of John Washbourne –		2s.
from John Dobeale apprentice of William Erntoun –		2s.
from Philip Garton apprentice of William Cavendish –		2s.
from Stephen Causton	} apprentices of William Coventry the younger –	4s.
from William Townsend		
from Robert Pinnock apprentice of William Coventry the elder –		2s.
from John More	} apprentices of William Butte –	8s.
from William Roys		
from Robert Stevenes		
from Robert Trenerth	} apprentices of Richard Ringstead –	6s.
from John Glover		
from John Langacre		
from Thomas Manfield		
– 36s.		

From admission of apprentices:

from Robert Colwell apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.
from John Clerk apprentice of John Lane –	2s.
from Thomas Bitterden apprentice of Walter Cotton –	2s.

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⁷¹ Literally, 'the son'.

De Henry Osbern apprentice Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De William Langham apprentice Johan Elys –	ii s.
De Johan Juntyng apprentice de Thomas Faulconer –	ii s.
De Richard Kyngestoun apprentice Johan Wodecok –	ii s.
De William Forster apprentice Johan Philipot –	ii s.
De William Mildren/Mildreu apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.
De William Pikeryng apprentice Thomas Cressy –	ii s.
De Johan Wodeward apprentice Johan Etoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Bekyngtoun	} apprentices William Walderne – vi s.
De William Otes	
De William Whyte	
De William Tolond apprentice Robert Shirewynd –	ii s.
– xxx s.	

Amercimentz pur defaute de chivacher ou le maire:

De Johan Wasshbourn –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Ryngested –	vi s. viii d.
De Aldebrand Gascoigne –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langham –	vi s. viii d.
De William Bury –	iii s. iii d.
– xxx s.	

Amercimentz pur lour absence as congregaciouns a Seint Thomas:

De James Suredene –	vi d.
De Thomas Dane –	vi d.
De Richard Ryngested –	vi d.
De Johan Derwynt –	vi d.
De Thomas Dentoun –	xii d.
– iii s.	

*Fyns faitz:*¹⁰⁸

De Thomas Seggeford –	v li.
De Richard Northbury –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
De William Coventre, le filtz –	vi li. xiii s. iii d.
De Johan Lane –	x li.
De Esmond Alderford –	xl s.
De executours William Parker –	xl s.
– xxix li.	

Item, ils soi chargent ové le dette due de Johan Cosham pur le rent – x li.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net come piert – Clxiii li. viii s.

¹⁰⁸ On these fines, see below, ff. 39v–40r.

from Henry Osbern apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from William Langham apprentice of John Elys –	2s.
from John Juntynge apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
from Richard Kingston apprentice of John Woodcock –	2s.
from William Forster apprentice of John Philipot –	2s.
from William Mildren/Mildreu apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
from William Pickering apprentice of Thomas Cressy –	2s.
from John Woodward apprentice of John Eton –	2s.
from Thomas Bekyngton	} apprentices of William Walderne – 6s.
from William Otes	
from William White	
from William Townland apprentice of Robert Shirwynd –	2s.
– 30s.	

Fines for not riding in the procession with the Mayor:

from John Washbourne –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Ringstead –	6s. 8d.
from Aldebrand Gascoigne –	6s. 8d.
from John Langham –	6s. 8d.
from William Bury –	3s. 4d.
– 30s.	

Fines for their absence from assemblies at St Thomas's:

from James Suredene –	6d.
from Thomas Dane –	6d.
from Richard Ringstead –	6d.
from John Derwent –	6d.
from Thomas Denton –	12d.
– 3s.	

Fees and fines paid:⁷²

from Thomas Sedgford –	£5
from Richard Northbury –	£3 6s. 8d.
from William Coventry the younger –	£6 13s. 4d.
from John Lane –	£10
from Edmund Alderford –	40s.
from the executors of William Parker –	40s.
– £29	

Item, they declare the debt due from John Cosham for the rent – £10

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £164 8s.

⁷² The word 'fin/fyn' can mean either a fee or a fine, and without further details one cannot know for certain which. At the end of this year's account, the monies listed here are explained, and they include both what in modern English would be termed a 'fee' and what would be termed 'fines'.

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Discharge

Salarie:

Primes, païé a *Sire William Hedyngtoun*, chapelain – vii li.

Item, païé a *Janyñ Somerford* – iiiii li.

– xi li.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a *Johan Bostoun* – lii s.

Item, païé a *Robert Langtoun* – lii s.

Item, païé a *Johan Stoke* – lii s.

Item, païé a *Johan Sewale* – xiii s.

– viiii li. ix s.

Quiterent:

Item, *pur* quitrent a *Westmynstre et Seint Egidies* *pur* l'an – xxvi s. viiii d.

Dette:

Item, ils soy deschargent *qe* T. Prudence doit *par* v obligations – vii li. x s.

Dette:

Item, ils soi di[s]chargent¹⁰⁹ del dette *qe* *Johan Cosham* doit, appaier en ii ans *proscheins* – vidz. – x li.

Despence:¹¹⁰

Item, païé *pur* papire *et* *pur* i penner ové le cornet – xii d.

Item, païé a M. Kelome *pur* escrire l'ordinance al comencement de cest livre¹¹¹ – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis del discharge amont net come piert – xxxviii li. x s.

Et ency reest *par* l'acompte en lour mains en argent sek, le dette desuis escript rebatu – Cxxv li. xviii s.

Encrees:

Item, donent en encrees – xii s.

¹⁰⁹ MS: dichargent.

¹¹⁰ This whole entry has been added slightly later by the scribe himself and in the same ink into a space that had been left between the previous entry and the sum total; the writing is a little cramped in order to fit it all in.

¹¹¹ See Introduction, pp. 10–11 and see the 1376 ordinances printed above here, pp. 58–62, which were copied this year as the scribe there notes.

Disbursements

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Salary:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain – £7

Item, paid to Janyn Somerford – £4

– £11

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.

Item, paid to Robert Langton – 52s.

Item, paid to John Stoke – 52s.

Item, paid to John Sewale – 13s.

– £8 9s.

Quit-rent:

Item, for quit-rent to Westminster and to St Giles, for the year – 26s. 8d.

Debt:

Item, they declare that Thomas Prudence owes by 5 bonds obligatory – £7 10s.

Debt:

Item, they declare the debt owed by John Cosham, to be paid over the next two years, i.e. £10

Expenditure:

Item, paid for paper and for a penner with inkhorn – 12d.

Item, paid to [Martin]⁷³ Kelom for writing the ordinance at the beginning of this book – 3s. 4d.

Total – 4s. 4d.

Sum total of disbursements amounts net as appears to – £38 10s.

And thus there remains by account as ready money in their hands, the debt written above subtracted – £125 18s.

Increment:

Item, they give as increment – 12s.

73 The 'M.' might stand for 'Martin' or for 'Mestre' – 'Master'.

1404 Et fait a savoir *qe* a mesme cel feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre devant escript, en une congregacioun faite des bons gentz del mistier en la sale de Seint Thomas d'Acres, choiserent les ditz mestres gardeins *pur* l'an avenyr, vidz. Johan Shadeworth eslit Robert Domenyk, Thomas Aleyn eslit Laurence Hamptoun, Aleyn Everard eslit William Waldern *et* Thomas Hawe eslit Raulyn Middeltoun, as queux ils ont delivre^z l'argent *qe* remeint en lour mains, come piert desuis en l'acompte, ové les xii s. donez en encrees net – Cxxvi li. x s.

Et ency remeint due al mister en argent sek *et* dette,
en tout – Cxliiii li.

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112 The initial 'E' is elaborate, occupying a space of four lines high, in the same elegant fine tracery style with long extensions to the flourishes here.

113 In 1376 William Coventry was one of two men representing the Pinners' Mistery on the Common Council of the City of London (see *CLB*, 'H', pp. 41–4), and on 14 January 1379 n.s. he was sworn as a Master of the Pinners' Mistery (*CLB*, 'H', p. 97). See also Imray, 'Les bones gentes', pp. 165–6.

Memorandum that at that same feast of St John the Baptist written above, at an assembly of the goodmen of the mistery held in the hall of St Thomas of Acon, the said masters chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. John Shadworth elected Robert Domenyk, Thomas Aleyn elected Laurence Hampton, Alan Everard elected William Waldern and Thomas Hawe elected Ralph Middleton, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, as appears above in the account, along with the 12s. given as increase, net – £126 10s. 1404

And thus there remains due to the mistery in ready money and debts,
in all – £144

And whereas certain fines have been levied from certain persons of the mistery, as appears in the account written just above, and are to be levied as will appear in the account just below, and the reason why these fines are levied is not explained or defined specifically, it is to be made known that William Coventry the elder, formerly a pinner and now a mercer, having over a long period of time solicited through intermediary persons his request to be a member⁷⁴ of the mistery, and although some of the company were in favour of this, an equal number of others were continually against him, and at every assembly at which this matter was brought up they expressly said that he should never be admitted for any reason⁷⁵ with their consent. But the wardens, that is Richard Whittington, John Lane, Thomas Roos and Thomas Sedgeford, during their term of office, thinking to bring an end to the disagreement, gave their consent to the said William in accord with those who were in agreement, and they took him to the Guildhall, attesting him to be a freeman of the company and all his sons also, for the sum of £20, and this was entered in the record. When this matter was learnt and made known to those who had been against it, great disturbance and division began to erupt among the company, with the result that the said wardens who had made him a freeman of the mistery, and his sons also, refrained from taking the aforesaid £20, and the said William also remained without having the company's livery for that whole year. And in the following year, that is when William Parker, Richard Northbury, Edmund Alderford were wardens, they, without the consent of their fourth colleague John Aleyn, and also without the consent of the opposing party, accepted the aforesaid £20 from the said William Coventry and granted him the mistery's livery. When this had been done, such controversy and division arose in the company about it that it seemed probable that the unity of the company was about to be shattered and destroyed for a long period or for ever. And for this reason the goodmen of the mistery, considering in general the danger that could come from such division, at a general assembly held for this very reason aforesaid, with the agreement of all members of the company, elected eight persons of wisdom and discretion whose names follow: 1401-04
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⁷⁴ Literally 'companion'.

⁷⁵ The phrase 'pur nul fyn' might mean 'for any fee (however large)', but the sense would seem to be wider, and that this is a matter of principle.

Johan Wodecok	}	Aldermans
William Walderne		
Robert Domenyk		
William Marcheford		
Walter Cottoun		
Rauf Myddletoun		
Nichol Hamme		
Johan Whatlee		

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queux *persones* al requeste del compaignye de lour frank volentee furent jurez sur le lyvre de examyner duement toute ceste matire et de mettre a fyn touz ceux *qe* lour sembla *par* lour conscience *qe* avoient errez encontre la *comune* usage del compaignie,¹¹⁴ accordant toute la compaignye d'estre obeysant en haut *et* bas a lour agard. Et fuist assentuz en outre en generale *qe* chescune *personne* *qe* en ascune temps avenyr contredisoit ou ascune male *parole* || disoit encontre l'agard de les avantditz viii *persones* agardours, *qe* a chescun foith q'il fuist trovee coupable il paieroit a la compaignye xx s. outre le fyn *par* les avantditz *persones* limitee. Les oet *persones* agardours agardoient: en *primes*, *par* cause *qe* grande divisioun avoit esté entre eux *pur* ceste matire, *et par* longe temps devant lour feste n'avoit estee tenuz, *pur* pees *et* unitee reformer le fest devroyt estre tenue al temps usee. A quel le dit William Coventree le pierre dorroit un¹¹⁵ pipe de vyn outre le somme des ditz xx li. Item, William Coventree soun filtz dorroit *pur* soun entree – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, Richard Coventre soun filz *pur* soun entree – iii li. vi s. viii d.¹¹⁶

Fyns:

Item, Thomas Roos –	vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, Johan Lane –	x li.
Item, Thomas Seggefard –	v li.
Item, Richard Northbury –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, William Parker –	xl s.
Item, Esmoun Alderford –	xl s.

114 One may note also in this context that it was on 20 June 1404 that the wardens asked for the ordinances of 1376 to be entered up and recorded. See above, pp. 58–9.

115 At this point in the LH margin the last three lines of the entry have a bracket to them and to the left the scribe has written: 'Entree'.

116 On this case, see Imray, 'Les bones gentes', pp. 165–6, who explains the glaring omission of Richard Whittington's name among those fined as because he 'was, presumably, too powerful a man for the Company to touch'.

John Woodcock	}	Aldermen
William Walderne		
Robert Domenyk		
William Marcheford		
Walter Cotton		
Ralph Middleton		
Nicholas Hamme		
John Whateley		

which persons at the request of the company were of their own free will sworn on the book⁷⁶ that they would dutifully examine this whole matter and would impose fines on all those who, in their estimation and according to their conscience, had erred against the common usages of the company, bringing the whole company to agreement to obey in every way the judgement they would make. And it was besides agreed by all that any person who at any future time might speak against or say any bad word || against the judgement of the aforesaid eight persons set to judge this matter, at each occasion when he was found guilty should pay 20s. to the company, over and above the fine set by the aforesaid persons. The eight persons adjudging adjudged: firstly, because there had been great discord among them on account of this matter, and since for a long time beforehand their feast had not been held, in order to restore peace and unity the feast should be held at the customary time. To the which [feast] the said William Coventry the elder⁷⁷ would donate a pipe of wine over and above the said sum of £20. Item, William Coventry his son would donate for his admission – £6 13s. 4d. Item, Richard Coventry his son for his admission – £3 6s. 8d.

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Fines:

Item, Thomas Roos –	£6 13s. 4d.
Item, John Lane –	£10
Item, Thomas Sedgford –	£5
Item, Richard Northbury –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, William Parker –	40s.
Item, Edmund Alderford –	40s.

⁷⁶ i.e. on a copy of the Gospels most probably, rather than a whole Bible.

⁷⁷ Literally 'the father'.

1404–05 ¹¹⁷L'acompte de William Walderne, Robert Domenyk, Rauf Myddeltoun, et Laurence Hamptoun, mestres de la mercerye, faite al feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Henry le *quarte* puis le conqueste sysme pur l'an proschein devant passee en quele les avantditz William, Robert, Rauf, et Laurence furent gardeyns del dite mistere.

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Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent ové les deniers q'ils ont receus de les darreyners mestres qe furent devant eux en argent sek – Cxxvi li. x s.

Item, ils soy chargent ové le dette Thomas Prudence q'amonte q'il doyt *par* v obligaciouns – vii li. x s.

Item, ils soy chargen[t]¹¹⁸ del dette qe Johan Cosham doit – x li.

Encrees de la lyvree:

Item, ils [ont]¹¹⁹ receu de l'encrees de la lyvree encontre le feste de Pasche – xii li. xii s. v d.

De *lour tierce an*:

De Thomas Tournour –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wasshebourn –	vi s. viii d.
De Elys Glyderowe –	vi s. viii d.
De Esmoun Parker –	vi s. viii d.
– xxvi s. viii d.	

De *lour seconde an*:

De William Coventree le piere –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Haukeden –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Chaltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De William Cavendysshe –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Estmond –	vi s. viii d.
De William Coventree le filz –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Cressy –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Etoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Chyppenhale –	vi s. viii d.
De Aleyne Roys –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Tykhylle –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li. xiii s. iii d.	

De *lour primere an*:

De Richard Coventree –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Depden –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Skete –	vi s. viii d.
– xx s.	

¹¹⁷ Once again the regnal year and the names of the wardens are written above this across the page, in the same way as they are usually written across the top of each double-page spread.

¹¹⁸ MS: chargen.

¹¹⁹ Word missing in the manuscript.

The account of William Walderne, Robert Domenyk, Ralph Middleton, and Laurence Hampton, wardens of the mercers' mistery, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 6 Henry IV [24 June 1405], for the year immediately preceding, during which the aforesaid William, Robert, Ralph, and Laurence were wardens of the said mistery. 1404–05

Receipts

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Firstly, they declare the money which they have received from the last wardens before them in ready money – £126 10s.

Item, they declare the debt of Thomas Prudence which amounts that he owes by 5 bonds obligatory – £7 10s.

Item, they declare the debt which John Cosham owes – £10

Profit on the livery:

Item, they received from the profit on the livery for the feast of Easter – £12 12s. 5d.

For their third year:

from Thomas Turnour –	6s. 8d.
from John Washbourne –	6s. 8d.
from Ellis Clitheroe –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Parker –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

For their second year:

from William Coventry the elder ⁷⁸ –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hawkedene –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Chalton –	6s. 8d.
from William Cavendish –	6s. 8d.
from John Eastmond –	6s. 8d.
from William Coventry the younger ⁷⁹ –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Cressy –	6s. 8d.
from John Eton –	6s. 8d.
from John Chippenhale –	6s. 8d.
from Alan Roys –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.
– £3 13s. 4d.	

For their first year:

from Richard Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Depden –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Skete –	6s. 8d.
– 20s.	

⁷⁸ Literally, 'the father'.

⁷⁹ Literally, 'the son'.

f. 41r

Fyn:

De Richard Coventree *pur* entrer le vesture del mistere – iii li. vi s. viii d.

De issues de apprentices:

De Richard Coventree –	ii s.
De Thomas Osberne –	ii s.
De Thomas Philyppe –	ii s.
De Johan Richard –	ii s.
De Richard Skete –	ii s.
– x s.	

De entrees de apprentices:

De William Haddoun apprentice Thomas Chaltoun –	ii s.	
De Robert Large apprentice Richard Herry –	ii s.	
De Thomas Pudman	} apprentices Johan Langham –	iiii s.
De Thomas Dalby		
De John Fairsted apprentice Johan Welles –	ii s.	
De Thomas Nortoun	} apprentices William Bertelot –	iiii s.
De Thomas Wynter		
De Thomas Telleneye apprentice Johan Coventree –	ii s.	
De Johan Everard	} apprentices Johan Cosham –	iiii s.
De Johan Clerk		
De William Colle apprentice Richard Bures –	ii s.	
De William Kyngestoun apprentice Thomas Dentoun –	ii s.	
De William Peryman apprentice Johan Waltoun –	ii s.	
De Thomas Chypenam	} apprentices Johan Whyte –	iiii s.
De Richard Hanbery		
De Stephen ¹²⁰ Rydemere apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.	
De Johan Randolf apprentice Johan Knottynglee –	ii s.	
De Robert Reynham apprentice Nichol Bakoun –	ii s.	
De Johan Hertwelle apprentice Robert Domenyk –	ii s.	
De Thomas Glenant apprentice William Walderne –	ii s.	
De Laurence Cambo apprentice Richard Coventree –	ii s.	
– xlii s.		

Amencimentz:

Item, ils ount receu de amercimentz de devant leur temps, vidz.:

De John More <i>pur</i> ceo il ne chivalcha encontre le Roy –	xl d.
De Nichol Bakoun <i>pur</i> mesme cause –	xl d.
De dit Johan More <i>pur</i> absence a un somouns –	xii d.
De dit Nichol <i>pur</i> absence a deux somouns –	ii s.
– ix s. viii d.	

Encrees des mestres:

La somme total de leur charge en argent sek *et* dettours amont net come piert – ovesqe xiiii s. viii d. q'ils donent en encrees – Clxix li. xv s. v d.

120 MS: Sthephen.

Fee:

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from Richard Coventry for admission to the mistery's livery – £3 6s. 8d.

From issues of apprentices:

from Richard Coventry –	2s.
from Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from Thomas Philip –	2s.
from John Richard –	2s.
from Richard Skete –	2s.
– 10s.	

From admission of apprentices:

from William Haddon apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from Robert Large apprentice of Richard Harry –	2s.
from Thomas Prodman	} apprentices of John Langham –
from Thomas Dalby	
from John Fairsted apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
from Thomas Norton	} apprentices of William Bartelot –
from Thomas Wynter	
from Thomas Telleneye apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from John Everard	} apprentices of John Cosham –
from John Clerk	
from William Colle apprentice of Richard Bures –	2s.
from William Kingston apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.
from William Piryman apprentice of John Walton –	2s.
from Thomas Chippenham	} apprentices of John White –
from Richard Hanbery	
from Stephen Rydemere apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from John Randolf apprentice of John Knottyngeley –	2s.
from Robert Raynham apprentice of Nicholas Bacon –	2s.
from John Hartwelle apprentice of Robert Domenyk –	2s.
from Thomas Glenant apprentice of William Walderne –	2s.
from Laurence Cambo apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
– 42s.	

Fines:

Item, they have received from fines [imposed] before their term of office. i.e.

from John More because he did not ride in the procession for the King –	40d.
from Nicholas Bacon for the same reason –	40d.
from the said John More for absence from a meeting called by summons –	12d.
from the said Nicholas for absence from two meetings summoned –	2s.
– 9s. 8d.	

Increment from the wardens:

The sum total of their receipts in ready money and debts amounts net as appears
– with 14s. 8d. which they give as increment – £169 15s. 5d.

f. 41v

Discharge

Salaries:

Primerement, ils soy dischargent q'ils ount payé a Sire William Hedyngdoun pur sa salarie *et* furrure – vii li.

Item, païé a Janyn Somerford pur sa salarye – iiiii li.

Almoigne:

Item, payé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.

Item, païé a Robert Langtoun – lii s.

Item, payé a Johan Stoke – lii s.

Item, payé a Johan Sewale – lii s.

– x li. viiii s.

Quitrent:

Item, païé pur quytrent al hospital Seint Egidie – vi s. viiii d.

Item, païé al abbé de Westmynstre pur quytrent – xx s.

– xxvi s. viiii d.

Mynstralles costes:

Item, païé pur costes de mynstralles al chyvalché de le maire Johan Hende – L s. ix d.

Dette:

Item, ils soy dischargent qe Johan Cosham doyt – v li.

Item, qe Thomas Prudence doit par iiiii obligacions – vi li.

– xi li.

Somme totale de lour discharge – xxxvi li. v s. v d.

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Et fait a savoyr qe al congregacioun des compaignouns a lour mangerye solonqe q'ils ont acoustumez,¹²¹ les avantditz William, Robert, Rauf, et Laurence choyserent gardeins pur l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoir l'avantdit William Waldern eslit Thomas Fauconer, Robert Domenyk eslit Thomas Cressy, Rauf Middeltoun eslit William Erntoun, Laurence Hamptoun eslit Johan Elys, as queux ils ont delivré l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, come piert par l'acompte desuis escript – Cxxxiii li. x s.

Item, donent outre en dettours, vidz.

Dette hors del acompte:

Johan Morrelle pur son tierce an – vi s. viiii d.

Thomas Roos pur le fyn del entree de Coventre – x marc

¹²¹ One may remember that the previous year it had been pointed out (see above, f. 40r) that this feast had not been held for some time, and the 'accustomed manner' is therefore being stressed here. In the 1347 ordinances (see f. 1v above) it is laid down that the annual feast should preferably be held on the Sunday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and his fur – £7

Item, paid to Janyyn Somerford for his salary – £4

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.

Item, paid to Robert Langton – 52s.

Item, paid to John Stoke – 52s.

Item, paid to John Sewale – 52s.

– £10 8s.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid for quit-rent to St Giles's Hospital – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Westminster Abbey for quit-rent – 20s.

– 26s. 8d.

Musicians' costs:

Item, paid for the costs of musicians at the procession of the Mayor John Hende – 50s. 9d.

Debt:

Item, they declare that John Cosham owes – £5

Item, that Thomas Prudence owes by 4 bonds obligatory – £6

– £11

Sum total of their disbursements – £36 5s. 5d.

Memorandum that at the meeting of the members of the company held at their feast in their accustomed manner, the aforesaid William, Robert, Ralph, and Laurence chose wardens for the following year, i.e. the aforesaid William Waldern elected Thomas Fauconer, Robert Domenyk elected Thomas Cressy, Ralph Middleton elected William Erntoun, Laurence Hampton elected John Elys, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above – £133 10s.

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Item, they also handed over the following debts:

Debt not included in the account:

John Morielle for his third year – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Roos for the fine for Coventry's admission – 10 marks

f. 42r Item, ils ont delyverés outre en argent des fyns de certains gentz des queux les nons ensuient:

De Nichol Bacoun –	xii d.
De William Marcheford –	xii d.
De Johan Cosham –	ii s.
De William Foucher –	xii d.
De Richard Aylemer –	xii d.
De Johan Estmond –	xii d.
De William Bury –	xii d.
De Thomas Cressy –	xii d.
De Esmoun Man –	xii d.
De Johan Etoun –	iiii s.
De Johan Langham –	xii d.
De William Butte –	ii s.
De William Cavendysshe –	vi d.
De Johan Chippenhale –	xii d.
De Johan Whyte –	xii d.
– Summa –	xx s. vi d.

La somme totale qe remeynt due al mistere en dettours *et* argent sek come piert par l'acompte devant escript amont *net* – Clii li. x s. vi d.

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Ordinacio facta tempore Johannis Hende, Maioris anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum sexto:¹²²

En primes, qe nulle merchant estraunge a la libertee de la citee de Loundres vende ascunes merchandises deyns la libertee de mesme la citee a autry merchant estraunge. Ne tiel merchant estraunge d'autre merchant estraunge autieles merchandises achate, sur forfaiture de mesme les merchandises. Les privileges des lieges nostre tresdouté Sire le Roy de Guyene toutdys salvez, ency toutz foitz qe tielx achate *et* vende taunt soulement soient faitz entre merchant *et* merchant, ascunes ordinances par la citee de Loundres eynces faitz au contraire nounobstant.¹²³

Item, si ascuns forfaitures soient espiez ou prises par les mestres d'ascun mistier du dit Citee qe a mesme le mistier appartient, adonques la quarte partie del fyn fait pur mesme la forfaiture remeyndra al oepe des ditz mestres qi le eyent espie ou prys pur lour travaille, et tout le remeynant du dit fyn remeindra al oepe de la chaumbre de Guyhalle al oepe *et* profit de la comunealtee.

122 The ordinance is dated 9 March 1405, see *CLB*, 'T', p. 40. It is written out in the preliminary pages in the same hand as wrote the preceding pages there and the present section of the accounts.

123 Two previous ordinances may for instance be found in Riley, *Liber Albus*, pp. 492–4.

Item, they handed over also in money from the fines of certain people whose names follow: f. 42r

from Nicholas Bacon –	12d.
from William Marcheford –	12d.
from John Cosham –	2s.
from William Foucher –	12d.
from Richard Aylemere –	12d.
from John Eastmond –	12d.
from William Bury –	12d.
from Thomas Cressy –	12d.
from Edmund Man –	12d.
from John Eton –	4s.
from John Langham –	12d.
from William Butte –	2s.
from William Cavendish –	6d.
from John Chippenhale –	12d.
from John White –	12d.
– total –	20s. 6d.

The sum total which remains due to the mistery in both debts and ready money, as appears by the account written above, amounts net to – £152 10s. 6d.

Ordinance made during the term of office of John Hende, Mayor in the year 6 Henry IV: 1405 f. A4r

Firstly, that no foreign⁸⁰ merchant, one not a freeman of the City of London, shall sell any merchandise within the freedom of the said City to any other foreign merchant. Nor shall any such foreign merchant buy any such merchandise from another foreign merchant, upon pain of forfeiture of the same merchandise. With the exception always of the privileges of our dread lord the King's lieges from Guyenne, provided however that such purchases or sales are only made between one merchant and another, notwithstanding any previous ordinances to the contrary made by the City of London.

Item, if any forfeitures shall be detected or taken by the wardens of any mistery of the said City and which appertain to the same mistery, then a quarter of the fine for the same forfeiture shall, for their labour, be allocated to the use of the said wardens who detected or took it, and all the remainder of the said fine shall be allocated to the use of the Guildhall Chamber, for the use and the profit of the community.

⁸⁰ The word 'estrange' here covers all those who are not free of the City, both those from other parts of England and those we now term 'foreigners'.

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f. 42v C'est¹²⁴ l'acompte de Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Cressy, William Erntoun, et Johan Elys, faite al feste de Saint Johan le Baptistre pur l'an proschein devant passee en le quel an ils furent gardeins de mistere del mercerye, c'est assavoir l'an vii^e le Roy Henry le quarte.¹²⁵

Charge

Primerelement, ils soi chagent de la some due al mister come piert en la darreyn acompte, vidz. en sek argent *et* dettours – Clii li. x s. vi d.

Rent:

Item, ils ont receu de Laurence Hampton¹²⁶ *et* ses compaignouns des profites de le rente del mistere levee en lour temps – x li. vi s. ix d.

Item, ils ont receu de l'encrees de la lyveree del chyvalchee ové le Maire Johan Wodecok – xxx s. ix d.

Une fyn ovesqe la cause:¹²⁷

Item, receu de Johan Cosham pur un fyn faite al mistere *pur* ceo q'il fuist trovee coupable q'il amesna un marchant foreyn al warchambre d'un home de Northfolk, et le dit Cosham eyant le clyef del chambre suisdit, en l'absence del dit home de Northfolk vendist ses marchandises al dit forein,¹²⁸ *pur* qoy *etc* – xl s.

Item, receu de Nicholas Banastre *pur* soun entree en la mistere – v li.

Pur le primere an:

Item, receu del dit Nicholas *pur* soun primere an – vi s. viii d.

Pur lour seconde an:

De Richard Coventree – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Skyet – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Depden – vi s. viii d.

– xx s.

Item, receu de forfeitures de certains compaignons – iii s.

124 The initial 'C' is in the same elegant fine style and occupies a space three lines high.

125 This last phrase giving the regnal year is unusually placed and should have gone in after the mention of the feastday; see above and below for the standard formula.

126 From this entry it seems that, as in later years, the fourth warden listed acted as renter-warden. Here, however, his financial responsibility is accounted as one shared with the other wardens of that year. See Introduction, pp. 39–41.

127 A hand with pointing index finger has been drawn at the edge of the LH margin pointing towards this paragraph.

128 See above, p. 188, for the City ordinance enacted to deal precisely with this type of case. See also the mercers' own ordinances in their *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 6r–6v: 'Also þat no persone undir þe saide obeysaunce bye, selle, covere, mayntene, coloure, nor receyve ony ware of ony straunge persone foreyne, by þe whiche þe kyng may be hurte in his custome, the fraunchese of þe Cytee myneshed or þe profite and þe wele of þe felasshippe hyndred and appeyred, uppon payne to paie to þe boxe, for every defaute so founde – v li.

Also that no persone under the saide obeysaunce knowe prevyne nor aperte ony straunge persone not free of þe Citee bye, selle, nor marchaunde with anoþer foreyne excepte the pryvylagis of þe kynges lyeges of Guyonne ...'.

This is the account of Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Cressy, William Erntoun, and John Elys, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist, i.e. the year 7 Henry IV [24 June 1406], for the immediately preceding year during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery. 1405-06 f. 42v

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the sum due to the mistery as appears in the last account, i.e. in ready money and debts – £152 10s. 6d.

Rent:

Item, they have received from Laurence Hampton and his fellow-wardens the net income from the mistery's rent levied during their term of office – £10 6s. 9d.

Item, they have received from the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor John Woodcock – 30s. 9d.

Fine with the reason:

Item, received from John Cosham for a fine paid to the mistery because he was found guilty in that he had taken a foreign merchant to the storeroom of a man from Norfolk, and, the said Cosham having the key of the said room, he had, in the absence of the said Norfolk man, sold his merchandise to the said foreigner, for the which reason, etc. – 40s.

Item, received from Nicholas Banaster for his admission to the mistery – £5

For the first year:

Item, received from the said Nicholas for his first year – 6s. 8d.

For their second year:

from Richard Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Skete –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Depden –	6s. 8d.
– 20s.	

Item, received as fines from certain members of the company – 3s.

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Pur lour tierce an:

De Johan Etoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Tykhille –	vi s. viii d.
De Aleyn Roys –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Chippenhale –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Estmond –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Haukedene –	vi s. viii d.
De William Cavendysshe –	vi s. viii d.
De William Coventre, filz –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Chaltoun –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li.	

Des issues d'apprentices:

De Simond Chyveney –	ii s.
De Johan Roukwode –	ii s.
De Thomas Estoun en Milkstrete –	ii s.
De William Brygge –	ii s.
De Nicholas Banastre –	ii s.
De Johan Somerford –	ii s.
De William Tykelwardyn –	ii s.
De Johan Strattoun –	ii s.
De Elys Davy –	ii s.
– xviii s.	

De entrees de apprentices:

De Johan Tounesende apprentice William Coventre –		ii s.
De Robert Masoun apprentice Thomas Philipp –		ii s.
De Thomas Segge apprentice James Bynde –		ii s.
De Thomas Gylle	} apprentices Robert Domenyk –	vi s.
De Richard Chymbham		
De Raulyn Lovelle		
De Johan Clement apprentice Johan Richard –		ii s.
De Reynold Strete apprentice Johan Lane –		ii s.
De Hugh Boys apprentice Aleyn Everard –		ii s.
De Nichol Ivy apprentice Johan Somery –		ii s.
De William Pole	} apprentices Thomas Fauconer –	viii s.
De Richard Beek		
De Johan Drake		
De Thomas Danyel		
De Thomas Watlyngtoun apprentice Richard Burys –		ii s.
De Johan Parkier apprentice Johan Etoun –		ii s.
De William Barnabe	} apprentices Thomas Cressy –	vi s.
De Johan Bartoun		
De Johan Sevyllle		
– xxxviii s.		

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net come piert –
Clxxviii li. xiii s. viii d.

For their third year:

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from John Eton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.
from Alan Roys –	6s. 8d.
from John Chippenhale –	6s. 8d.
from John Eastmond –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Hawkedene –	6s. 8d.
from William Cavendish –	6s. 8d.
from William Coventry the younger –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Chalton –	6s. 8d.
– £3	

From issues of apprentices:

from Simon Chyveney –	2s.
from John Rookwood –	2s.
from Thomas Easton in Milk Street –	2s.
from William Brigge –	2s.
from Nicholas Banaster –	2s.
from John Somerford –	2s.
from William Tikelwardyne –	2s.
from John Stratton –	2s.
from Ellis Davy –	2s.
– 18s.	

From admission of apprentices:

from John Townsend apprentice of William Coventry –		2s.
from Robert Mason apprentice of Thomas Philip –		2s.
from Thomas Sedge apprentice of James Bynde –		2s.
from Thomas Gille	} apprentices of Robert Domenyk –	6s.
from Richard Chymbham		
from Ralph Lovelle		
from John Clement apprentice of John Richard –		2s.
from Reynold Street apprentice of John Lane –		2s.
from Hugh Boys apprentice of Alan Everard –		2s.
from Nicholas Ivy apprentice of John Somery –		2s.
from William Pole	} apprentices of Thomas Fauconer –	8s.
from Richard Beek		
from John Drake		
from Thomas Danyel		
from Thomas Watlyngton apprentice of Richard Bures –		2s.
from John Parker apprentice of John Eton –		2s.
from William Barnaby	} apprentices of Thomas Cressy –	6s.
from John Barton		
from John Sevyll		
– 38s.		

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £178 13s. 8d.

f. 43v

Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils soi dischargent q'ils ont païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun pur son salarie *et furrure* – vii li.

Item, a Janyyn Somerford le comune servant pur l'an – iiiii li.

– xi li.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun pur almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Robert Langtoun pur almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Johan Stoke pur almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Johan Sewal pur almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Robert Brynklee pur almoigne – xiii s.

– xi li. xii d.

Quite Rent:

Item, païé pur quiterent – xvi s. viii d.¹²⁹

Item, discharge en dettours, vidz.

Dettours:

Johan Morielle pur son tierce an – vi s. viii d.

Thomas Prudence par iiiii obligacions – vi li.

Thomas Roos pur un fyn come piert devant – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

– xiii li.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont ové le dette –

xxxv li. xvii s. viii d.

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Et fait a savoyr qe le dismenge *proscheyn* devant le dit feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre al congregacioun des compaignons a lour maungerye solonqe q'ils ont acustumez, choiserent gardeyns pur l'an ensuiant, c'est assavoyr: Thomas Fauconer eslit Johan More, Thomas Cressy eslit Walter Cottoun, William Erntoun eslit Stephen Speleman, et Johan Elys eslit William Marcheford, as queux ils ont delyverez l'argent sek qe remeynt en lour mayns, c'est *assavoyr* – Cxlii li. xvi s.

Summa totalis qe remeynt due al mistere ové dettours – Clv li. xvi s.

¹²⁹ This amount is less than usual, which might be a scribal error, writing 'xvi' instead of 'xxvi', but the total below shows 16s. to be correct. For some reason only 10s. has been paid this year to Westminster Abbey, and an extra 5s. is then paid on two occasions later, see below ff. 52v and 55r.

Disbursements

f. 43v

Salaries:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and his fur – £7

Item, to Janyn Somerford, the beadle, for the year – £4

– £11

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston for alms – 52s.

Item, to Robert Langton for alms – 52s.

Item, to John Stoke for alms – 52s.

Item, to John Sewale for alms – 52s.

Item, to Robert Brynkle for alms – 13s.

– £11 12d.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid for quit-rent – 16s. 8d.

Item, debts declared, i.e.

Debtors:

John Morielle for his third year – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Prudence by 4 bonds obligatory – £6

Thomas Roos for a fine as appears above – £6 13s. 4d.

– £13

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net, including the debt –
£35 17s. 8d.

Memorandum that on the Sunday preceding the said feast of St John the Baptist [20 June 1406], at the assembly of members of the company at their feast held in the accustomed manner, they chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Fauconer elected John More, Thomas Cressy elected Walter Cotton, William Erntoun elected Stephen Speleman, and John Elys elected William Marcheford, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. – £142 16s.

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Sum total which remains due to the mistery including debts – £155 16s.

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C'est¹³⁰ l'acompte de Stephen Speleman, Johan More, Walter Cottoun, et William Marcheford, faite al feste de la Nativité de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an viii^{me} de regne le Roy Henry le iii^{te} pur l'an *proscheine* devant passee, en quele an ils estoient gardeyns de la mistere de mercerye.

Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent de la somme due al mistere come piert en le darreyne accompte, c'est assavoyr en argent sek *et* dettours – Clv li. xvi s.

Rent:

Item, ount receu de Laurence Hamptoun des *profites* de le rent del mistere levez puis l'an *qe* William Walderne, Robert Domenyk, Rauf Middeltoun *et* le dit Laurence furent gardeyns – iii li. x s. i d.

Item, ils ont receu des *profites* del dit rent de William Eryngtoun *pur* l'an *qe* Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Cressy, Johan Elys *et* le dit William furent gardeyns – xiiii li. xiiii s. iii d.

Item, ils ont receu de Richard Guy¹³¹ des *profites* del rent levee *pur* iii *quarters* de lour temps, c'est assavoyr Seynt Michel, Nowel *et* Paske – vi li. iii s. ii d. ob.

De lour tierce an

Item, de Richard Skiet – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Coventre – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Depdene – vi s. viii d.

– xx s.

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Del *seconde* an:

De Nichol Banastre *pur* soun an – vi s. viii d.

De lour *primer* an:

De Thomas Osberne – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Horwode – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Somery – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Abbot – vi s. viii d.

De Everard Flete – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Prynce – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Strattoun – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Philip – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Admond – vi s. viii d.

De Maister Dionys Lopham – vi s. viii d.

– iii li. vi s. viii d.

130 The initial 'C' here occupies a space over three lines high and is in a different style. The pen used is not as fine, the extensions are more elaborate, not quite so delicately elegant, and are more floral.

131 He has evidently been appointed as rent-collector, rather than this being the responsibility of the fourth warden as in the previous two years. He continues in this post until c. 1414–15. No salary is listed for him until 1408-09 (see f. 49v).

132 At the top of this page, under the usual 'running title' across the double-page spread, giving the year and the names of the four wardens, is an additional heading: 'Ricardus Whetyngtoun maior'.

This is the account of Stephen Speleman, John More, Walter Cotton, and William Marcheford, made up to the feastday of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 8 Henry IV [24 June 1407] for the immediately preceding year, during which year they were wardens of the mercers' mistery. 1406–07
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Receipts

Firstly, they declare the sum due to the mistery as appears in the last account, i.e. in ready money and debts – £155 16s.

Rent:

Item, received from Laurence Hampton from the net income from the mistery's rent levied since the year when William Walderne, Robert Domenyk, Ralph Middleton, and the said Laurence were wardens [1404–05] – £3 10s. 1d.

Item, they have received from the net income on the said rent from William Erntoun for the year when Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Cressy, John Elys, and the said William were wardens [1405–06] – £14 14s. 4d.

Item, they have received from Richard Guy from the net income on the rent levied for three quarters⁸¹ during their term of office, i.e. Michaelmas, Christmas, and Easter – £6 4s. 2½d.

For their third year:

Item, from Richard Skete –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Depden –	6s. 8d.
– 20s.	

For the second year:

from Nicholas Banaster for his year – 6s. 8d.

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For their first year:

from Thomas Osbarne –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Horwood –	6s. 8d.
from John Somery –	6s. 8d.
from John Abbot –	6s. 8d.
from Everard Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Prynce –	6s. 8d.
from John Stratton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Philip –	6s. 8d.
from John Admond –	6s. 8d.
from Master Denis Lopham –	6s. 8d.
– £3 6s. 8d.	

⁸¹ i.e. quarter periods of the year, rent by custom being due and collected on the quarter-days named, the fourth one being Midsummer Day, the day up to which date this account is rendered and those monies evidently not counted here.

Des issues d'apprentices:

De Robert Horwode –	ii s.
De Johan Somerey –	ii s.
De Johan Abbot –	ii s.
De Johan Prynce –	ii s.
De Everad Flete –	ii s.
De Johan Strattoun –	ii s.
De Maistre Dionys Lopham –	ii s.
– xiiii s.	

Forfaitures:

Item, ils ont receu de forfaitures de certains compaignons durant lour temps
– iii s.

Fyn:

Item, ils ont receu de Johan Prynce *pur* un fyn – xl s.

Encrees de liveres:

Item, ils ont receu de l'encrees de la lyvree de la chyvalchee ové le Maire Richard
Whityngtoun – liiii s. xi d.

Item, ils ont receu de l'encrees de la lyvree de la mistere encontre le feste de Pask
– vii li. vi s. vi d.

Fyn:

Item, ils ount receu de William Bartelot *pur* un fyn – xiii s. iiii d.

Summa totalis receu en clere amont come piert –
Ciiii^x xviii li. ix s. viii d. ob.

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Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils soy disch[arg]ent¹³³ q'ils ont païé a Sire William Hedyngton, chapeleyn
del mister, *pur soun salarye et furrure* – vii li.

Item, païé a Janyn Somerford *pur* sa salarie de troys quarters d'un an – iii li.

Item, païé a Richard, *comune servant*, *pur* salarie *pur* vi sepmayns – vi s. viii d.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun –	lii s.
Item, païé a Robert Langtoun –	xxi s.
Item, païé a Johan Stoke –	xiii s.
Item, païé a Johan Sewale –	lii s.
Item, païé a Richard Notynggham –	xiii s.
Item, païé a Johan Botlee –	xiii s. iiii d.
– viii li. iiii s. iiii d.	

133 MS: dischent.

From issues of apprentices:

from Robert Horwood –	2s.
from John Somery –	2s.
from John Abbot –	2s.
from John Prynce –	2s.
from Everard Fleet –	2s.
from John Stratton –	2s.
from Master Denis Lopham –	2s.
– 14s.	

Fines:⁸²

Item, they have received in fines from certain members of the company during their term of office – 3s.

Fine / Fee:⁸³

Item, they have received from John Prynce for a fine / fee – 40s.

Profit on the liveries:

Item, they have received from the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor Richard Whittington – 54s. 11d.

Item, they have received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £7 6s. 8d.

Fine/fee:

Item, they have received from William Bartelot for a fine/fee – 13s. 4d.

Sum total received net amounts as appears to – £198 9s. 8½d.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary and fur – £7

Item, paid to Janyyn Somerford for his salary for three quarters of the year – £3

Item, paid to Richard [Horwood],⁸⁴ beadle, for his salary for 6 weeks – 6s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Boston –	52s.
Item, paid to Robert Langton –	21s.
Item, paid to John Stoke –	13s.
Item, paid to John Sewale –	52s.
Item, paid to Richard Nottingham –	13s.
Item, paid to John Botley –	13s. 4d.
– £8 4s. 4d.	

⁸² The Anglo-French word 'forfeiture' can mean either the action of forfeiture, or goods forfeited, or the sum of money fined for an offence.

⁸³ This might be a fee connected with his admission to the livery, but might be a fine for some serious offence. Given that he pays no further admission fees until 1412–13, it is possible that he was excluded in the interim.

⁸⁴ His surname is given in the following year's account.

Perde *sur* les weres:¹³⁴

Item, ils soy dischargent en perde en le costage fait entour les weres – xxv s. v d.

Quiterent:

Item, païé *pur* quitrent de lour temps, vidz. al hospital Seint Egidies – vi s. viii d.,
et al abbé de Westmynstre – xx s. – *Summa* – xxvi s. viii d.

Forein costes *pur* necessities:¹³⁵

Item, ils ont païé *pur* deux standardes – vi s. viii d.¹³⁶ – de latoun, vidz. un del
mesure del allne *et* un del mesure del verge, *et* une pile – xii s. vi d. – de latoun *qe*
poys viii lb. de xvi ounces la lb., *et pur* le cofyn – ii s. viii d. – *pur* eynz garder les
avantditz alle, verge, *et* pile – xxi s. x d.

Autres costes:

Item, *pur* fason d’une paire endentures faitz parentre le mistere del mercerye *et*
le Gardeyn *et* confrers del mesoun de Seint Thomas d’Acres, *et pur* cire – viii s.
ix d. ob.

Item, discharge *par* dettours q’ensuent, c’est *assavoyr*:

Dettours:

Johan Morielle *pur* son tierce an – vi s. viii d.

Thomas Prudence *par* iiii obligacions – vi li.

Thomas Roos *pur* un fyn – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.
– xiii li.

Somme totalis discharge – xxxv li. xiii s. viii d. ob.

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Et fait assavoir *qe* en la congregacioun de les compaignons a lour maungerye
tenue le dismenge proschein devant le dit feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre solonqe
q’ils sont acustumez, les avantditz Stephen, Johan, Walter *et* William choiserent
gardeins *pur* l’an ensuiant, c’est *assavoir* Stephen Speleman eslit Johan Wodecok,
Johan More eslit Johan Etoun, Walter Cottoun eslit Johan Whatlee *et* William
Marcheford eslit Johan Middeltoun, as queux ils ont delivree l’argent sek *qe*
remeynt en lour mains, c’est assavoir – Clxii li. xvi s.

Item, ils delyvrent outre en dettours *pur* costes faitz entour les weres de Thamyse
ouster, c’est *assavoir*.¹³⁷

Nichol Bacoun – vii s.

Johan Philippot – vii s.

William Butte – vii s.

134 See below also for further entries on this matter of the weirs. On City ordinances for weirs see Riley, *Liber Albus*, I, pp. 497–518 (II, pp. 427–44).

135 A sixteenth-century hand has written in the RH margin against this entry: ‘standard of the ell and yerd of laten’.

136 This sum of money has been written by the scribe above the word ‘standardes’, as have the other two sums within the paragraph, i.e. as an afterthought to give the individual costs not just the total.

137 An additional note by the scribe in the LH margin here reads: ‘Dettours assessez *pur* costes entour les weres ouster, nient paie.’

Loss on the weirs:

Item, they declare a loss⁸⁵ on the expenses incurred on the weirs – 25s. 5d.

Quit-rent:

Item, paid for quit-rent during their term of office, i.e. to St Giles's Hospital – 6s. 8d. and to Westminster Abbey – 20s. Total – 26s. 8d.

Extrinsic expenditure on necessary items:

Item, they have paid for two latten standards – 6s. 8d. – i.e. one the measure of the ell and one the measure of the yard; and a latten pile⁸⁶ – 12s. 6d. – weighing 8lb. at 16 oz. to the pound; and for the case – 2s. 8d. – in which to keep the aforesaid ell, yard, and pile – 21s. 10d.

Other expenditure:

Item, for the drawing up of a pair of indentures made between the mercers' mistery and the warden and brethren of St Thomas of Acon,⁸⁷ and for wax – 8s. 9½d.

Item, the following debts are declared, i.e.

Debtors:

John Morielle for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Prudence by 4 bonds obligatory –	£6
Thomas Roos for a fine –	£6 13s. 4d.
– £13	

Sum total of disbursements – £35 13s. 8½d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of the members of the company at their feast held in the accustomed manner on the Sunday preceding the said feastday of St John the Baptist [19 June 1407] the aforesaid Stephen, John, Walter, and William chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Stephen Speleman elected John Woodcock, John More elected John Eton, Walter Cotton elected John Whateley, and William Marcheford elected John Middleton, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £162 16s.

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Item, and besides they handed over debts due from men for the expenses on removing the weirs in the Thames, i.e.:⁸⁸

Nicholas Bacon –	7s.
John Philipot –	7s.
William Butte –	7s.

85 See below also for debts due on the expenses of removing weirs from the Thames. The word 'perde' = 'loss' should here be understood as the amount over and above what was assessed as due and shared in contributions from members of the company.

86 A pile = 'a series of weights fitting one within or upon another, so as to form a solid cone or other figure' (*OED*).

87 This would appear to be the first formal definition of the Mercers' use of and rights to the chapel and other further space in the Hospital.

88 The note says 'Debtors assessed for costs in removing the weirs, not paid.'

Johan Boys – iiii s. viii d.
 Johan Barbour – ii s. iiiii d.
 Richard Hille – ii s. iiiii d.
 James Surendene – ii s. iiiii d.
 – xxxii s. viii d.

Nichol Hamme doyt auxi pur un fyn pur ceo q'il ne venoit al somons *pur* fair soun devoir ovesqe les compaignons *pur* les weres, ne ne se excusa, vidz. – iii s. iiiii d.

La somme totale due al mistere amont en clere come piert en argent sek *et* dettours – Clxxvii li. xii s.

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C'est¹³⁸ l'acompte de Johan Wodecok, Johan Middeltoun, Johan Whatlee, et Johan Etoun faite al feste de la Nativité de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an ix^{me} del regne le Roy Henry le quarte pur l'an *proschein* devant passee, en quele an ils estoient gardeins del mistere de la mercerie.

Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent sek dewee al mistere *et* delyvré a eux *par* lour *predecessours*, come piert en le darreine acompte – Clxii li. xvi s.

Rent:

Item, q'ils ount receu de Richard Guy, mercer, des *profitz* de le rent del mercerye pur l'an suisdit, outre les costages *et* expenses de reparacion des ditz rentz, *et* les quitrentes rebatuz *et* paieiz – vi li. xviii s. viii d.

Pur lour iii^e an:

Item, q'ils ont receu de Nichol Banastre *pur* iii^{ce} an – vi s. viii d.

Pur lour seconde an:

De Thomas Osbern – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Horwode – vi s. viii d.
 De Johanne Abbot – vi s. viii d.
 De Everard Flete – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Strattoun – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Philip – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Admond – vi s. viii d.
 De Meistre Dionys Lopham – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Somerey – vi s. viii d.
 – iii li.

138 The initial 'C', in the same style as the last one, occupies a space of four lines high. As before, a great deal more pen-flourishing is made outside the letter, to the LH side, going along the edge of the whole paragraph and above it. The designs tend to thin branches with leaves, or fan-flourishes.

John Boys –	4s. 8d.
John Barbour –	2s. 4d.
Richard Hille –	2s. 4d.
James Surendene –	2s. 4d.
– 32s. 8d.	

Nicholas Hamme also owes for a fine because he did not come at the summons to fulfil his duty concerning the weirs with members of the company, nor did he excuse himself, i.e. – 3s. 4d.

Sum total due to the mistery amounts net as appears in ready money and debts – £177 12s.

This is the account of John Woodcock, John Middleton, John Whateley, and John Eton, made up to the feastday of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 9 Henry IV [24 June 1408] for the preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of ready money due to the mistery and handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears in the last account – £162 16s.

Rent:

Item, that they have received from Richard Guy, mercer, from the net income on the mistery's rent for the aforesaid year, over and above the costs and expenses of repairs to the said rental properties, and the quit-rents deducted and paid – £6 18s. 8d.

For their third year:

Item, that they have received from Nicholas Banaster for the third year – 6s. 8d.

For their second year:

from Thomas Osbarne –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Horwood –	6s. 8d.
from John Abbot –	6s. 8d.
from Everard Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Stratton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Philip –	6s. 8d.
from John Admond –	6s. 8d.
from Master Denis Lopham –	6s. 8d.
from John Somery –	6s. 8d.
– £3	

Pur lour primere an:

<i>De Elys Davy –</i>	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Johan Prestoun,¹³⁹ le Recordour –</i>	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Thomas Berwyk –</i>	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Thomas Estoun –</i>	vi s. viii d.
<i>De Sire Johan Wykyngestoun, parsoun de Seint Pancrace¹⁴⁰ – vi s. viii d.</i>	
<i>– xxxiii s. iiiii d.</i>	

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Fyns:

Item, ils ont receu de Richard Trenerth, l'apprentice William Butt, pur estre frank home del mercerie et pur son fyn al dit mistere – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, receu de Johan Chippynhale pur son fyn faite pur estre acceptez arrere a le liveree del mercerie sur soun bon port en temps avenyr et sur peyne de une obligacioun forfaire de xx li., quele obligacioun remeynt en la garde des mestres del mistere – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Inposicioun:

Item, q'ils ont receu par inposicioun grauntee par ceux qe ne chivalcheyent ové le Maire, c'est assavoir de chescune persone qe ne chivalcha – iiiii d. – Summa – xxv s.

Entree d'apprentices:

<i>De Renold Evertoun l'apprentice Baldewyn Tetisbury –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Thorp apprentice Johan Strattoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Parker apprentice Johan Etoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>– vi s.</i>	

Item, receu de Sire Johan Wikyngestoun, parson de Seint Pancrace, a son entree al fraunchise del mistere – ii s.

Issues de apprentices:

<i>De Johan Cowndoun apprentice Johan Aleyn –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Nichol Mayhewe apprentice Baldewyn Tetisbury –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Michelle apprentice William Rose –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Richard Trenerth apprentice William But –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Austyn apprentice Johan White –</i>	ii s.
<i>– x s.</i>	

L'encrees del liveree:

Item, q'ils ont receu de l'encrees de la lyveree de la mistere encontre Pask l'an ix^{me} suisdit – vi li. xiiii s. i d.

¹³⁹ John Preston was made Recorder of London in 1405 and held the post until 1415; see Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 354–5; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 538.

¹⁴⁰ John Wykyngton was rector of St Pancras, Soper Lane, from 1403 to 1413; see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 310.

For their first year:

from Ellis Davy –	6s. 8d.
from John Preston, the Recorder –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Berwick –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Easton –	6s. 8d.
from Sir John Wykyngeston, parson of St Pancras –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

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Item, they have received from Richard Trenerth, the apprentice of William Butte, to be a freeman of the mercers' mistery and for his fee to the said mistery – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, received from John Chippenhale for his fee paid to be accepted back into the mercers' livery, on [promise of] his good behaviour in the future and on pain of forfeiting a bond obligatory for £20, the which bond remains in the keeping of the wardens of the mistery – £3 6s. 8d.

Impost:

Item, that they have received by an impost agreed to by those who did not ride in procession with the Mayor, i.e. from each person who did not ride – 4d. Total – 25s.

Admission of apprentices:

from Reynold Everton the apprentice of Baldwin Tetisbury –	2s.
from William Thorp apprentice of John Stratton –	2s.
from John Parker apprentice of John Eton –	2s.
– 6s.	

Item, received from Sir John Wykyngeston, parson of St Pancras, at his admission to the freedom of the mistery – 2s.

Issues of apprentices:

from John Condon apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from Nicholas Mayhewe apprentice of Baldwin Tetisbury –	2s.
from John Michel apprentice of William Roos –	2s.
from Richard Trenerth apprentice of William Butte –	2s.
from Thomas Austyn apprentice of John White –	2s.
– 10s.	

The profit on the livery:

Item, that they have received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery for the abovesaid year 9 [Henry IV] – £6 14s. 1d.

Dette pur le weres:

Item, ils ont receu de Richard Hille, delyvré a eux *pur* un dettour entre autres, come piert en le darreyn accompte – ii s. iiii d.

Amercimentz de congregaciouns:

Item, ils ont receu de amerciment des absentees en les congregaciouns en cel an – ii s. vi d.

Item, ils ont receu des *persones* après escriptz qe ont enfreint ordinances establiez par le compaignye, vidz. de trop payer as charettes *etc.*¹⁴¹

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Amercimentz *pur* ordinances freindre:

De Thomas Aleyn –	xx d.
De Johan Strattoun –	xx d.
De Johan Middeltoun –	xx d.
De William Marcheford –	xx d.
De Richard Harpour –	xx d.
De Richard Bures –	xx d.
De Johan Coventree –	xx d.
De Walter Cottoun –	xx d.
De William Foucher –	xx d.

– xv s.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont en cler ut patet –
Ciiii^xi li. iiii s. xi d.

Discharge

Salaries:

Primement, païé a Sir William Hedyndoun *pur* salarie *et* soun furrure – vii li.

Item, païé a Richard Horwode *pur* son salarie – lii s.

Almoigne:

Item, a Johan Bostoun <i>pur</i> un an –	lii s.
Item, a Johan Strete <i>pur</i> un an –	lii s.
Item, a Johan Sewale <i>pur</i> un an –	lii s.
Item, a Richard Notynggham <i>pur</i> un an –	lii s.
Item, a Nichol Cokerelle <i>pur</i> un an –	lii s.

– xiii li.

Item, *pur* costes de une barge *et* une batew *et* mariners encontre la venew del Contesse de Kent¹⁴² *et* *pur* autres expenses illoeqes – xi s. vii d.

¹⁴¹ This must have reference to a City proclamation of 5 November 1407, ruling for the whole City of London 'That no carter charge more than 4 pence for loading and carrying merchandise, etc. to any part of the City, except for great bales of Mercery' (see CLB, 'I', p. 60).

¹⁴² Edmund de Holland, Earl of Kent, married on 24 January 1406/7 Lucia Visconti, cousin of the Duke of Milan; see the ODNB, vol. 27, pp. 657–8.

Debt for the weirs:

Item, they have received from Richard Hille, one of those owing money, among others whose debt was handed over to them, as appears in the last account – 2s. 4d.

Fines for assemblies:

Item, they have received from fines of absentees from assemblies during this year – 2s. 6d.

Item, they have received from the persons written below who have infringed ordinances ratified by the company, i.e. paying too much to [carters]⁸⁹ etc.:

Fines for infringing ordinances:

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from Thomas Aleyn –	20d.
from John Stratton –	20d.
from John Middleton –	20d.
from William Marcheford –	20d.
from Richard Harpour –	20d.
from Richard Bures –	20d.
from John Coventry –	20d.
from Walter Cotton –	20d.
from William Foucher –	20d.
– 15s.	

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £181 4s. 11d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton for salary and his fur – £7

Item, paid to Richard Horwood for his salary – 52s.

Alms:

Item, to John Boston for a year –	52s.
Item, to John Street for a year –	52s.
Item to John Sewale for a year –	52s.
Item, to Richard Nottingham for a year –	52s.
Item, to Nicholas Cokerelle for a year –	52s.
– £13	

Item, for costs of a barge and a boat and mariners for the arrival of the Countess of Kent and for other expenses at that occasion – 11s. 7d.

⁸⁹ Or 'for carts'. Literally, the text says 'to carts'.

f. 47v Item, païé pur lower de minstralles al chivalchee del Maire l'an suisdit, et pur costes de lour dysner, *et pur costes par le chymyn, et pur lour chaperons* – lv s. iiij d.

Item, païé a Thomas Lyncoln, scryveyn, *pur son travaille entour les billes ordeinez pur les faux brokours destruer*¹⁴³ – xvi s. viii d.

Item, païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun *pur lez orfreys de une chesible de velvet en grayn embroydez, q'il ad donee ovesqe une missale après son decesse, ambedeux al oepe del mercerye* – xxxiii s. iiij d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont net come piert –
xxviii li. viii s. xi d.

1408 Et fait a savoyr qe al congregacioun des compaignons a lour maungerie solonc q'ils sont acustumez, les avantditz Johan Wodecok, Johan Middeltoun, Johan Whatlee, *et Johan Etoun* choiserent gardeyns *pur l'an ensuyant, videlicet: Johan Wodecok eslit Johan Welles, Johan Middeltoun eslit William Foucher, Johan Etoun eslit Richard Whityngtoun, et Johan Whatlee eslit Johan Coventree*, as queux ils ont delivree l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mains, come piert *par l'acompte* devant escript, c'est *assavoir* – Clxii li. xvi s.

M^d de fiebles dettes en le darrein acompt devant cest acompt escriptz¹⁴⁴

143 Various petitions on this matter presented to the Common Council of the City of London are preserved in the records and a proclamation of 5 November 1407 ruled 'that no one act as broker in the City unless he be accredited (?) by the mistery with which he is concerned [*'sil ne soit primerment esbatez (?) par un mister de la citee dount il soy mellerà*'] and be presented by the same to the Mayor and be accepted by him and sworn ...'. Very specific regulations were also approved on 20 February 1408 n.s. See *CLB*, 'I', pp. 60, 63–4.

144 This note has been written in the LH margin by the scribe, in a smaller hand. The debts referred to and presumably still unpaid are listed on f. 45r and f. 45v.

Item, paid for the hire of musicians at the Mayor's procession in the aforesaid year, and for the costs of their dinner, and for costs along the way, and for their hoods – 55s. 4d. f. 47v

Item, paid to Thomas Lincoln, scrivener,⁹⁰ for his work on the petitions ordered for the eradication of dishonest brokers – 16s. 8d.

Item, paid to Sir William Hedyngton for the embroidered orphreys of a velvet chasuble dyed in grain, which he has bequeathed after his death with a missal, both of them for the use of the mercers' mystery – 33s. 4d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to –
£28 8s. 11d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of the members of the company at their feast in the accustomed manner, the aforesaid John Woodcock, John Middleton, John Whateley, and John Eton chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Woodcock elected John Welles, John Middleton elected William Foucher, John Eton elected Richard Whittington, and John Whately elected John Coventry, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account written above, i.e. – £162 16s. 1408

Memorandum about hopeless⁹¹ debts written into the account before this one.

⁹⁰ See Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, p. 20.

⁹¹ The adjective 'fieble' means literally 'feeble, weak' and applied to debts means that they are in a weak position, i.e. it is most unlikely that they will be paid.

1407–08 The¹⁴⁶ ordinaunces bynethe wreten were ordeyned in the tyme of John Wodecok,
 (perhaps copied John Middelton, John Whatele and John Eton, the ix^o yere of the regne of Kynge
 c. 1424) Henri the iiiii^{the}.
 f. A4v¹⁴⁵

For as moche as grete sclaudres and meschiefs now late ben fallen to diverse persones of oure felawes and bretheren of the *mercerie* by zonge folk and nought discrete and othir as her attornes beyng byzond the see, by her false governance and subtile ymaginacion of her forsayd attorne ther beyng purveyed, it is to remedien for the harmes and scathes of the maistres of suche false *servantes* or attornes and the comyn sclaudre of the seide craft of the *mercerie* to wythstonden in that partie.

That who resseyveþ eny gudes from beyond þe see unlefully, peyne xx li. to þe box.¹⁴⁷

Ordeyned¹⁴⁸ it is by comyn assent of the said crafte of the *mercerie* for as moche that it is likly that non falsnes of suche false *servantes* or attornes ne may be susteyned ne holpyn wythoute colour, helpe or coveryng under othir folk of here assent and covyne as well on this side the see as byzonde, assented it is that ȝif any man of the *liveree* of the *mercere* that be coupable of the knowyng or assent of suche manere falsnes or deceyt or helpyng or socouryng such false attornes or *servantes* yn holdyng, colouryng or receyvynge any godes or marchaundises on byhalve of such *servantez* or attornes, wherof it may be preved of trouthe by due examinacion or sufficiant wytnesse that any damage or fraude come to the craft thourgh such false *servantes* or attornes, that thanne he schal paie to the maistres of the *mercerie* for the tyme beyng to the use of the craft for his trespas ageyn the sayd craft done xx^{li}, withoute makynge gree to the partie ageyn wiche he is so founde defectif in colouryng or susteynyng the falsnesse of such *servantes* or attornes abovesaid.

f. A5r Also, ȝif it falle that any servaunt of the said craft, be he a lowes or apprentice or other that be fre man of the *mercerie*, by due examinacion or good wytnesse be founde defectyf or coupable of suche maner falsnesses or trespasses as it is byfore sayd, that he renne in the peyngne of xx^{li} to payen to the maisters of the *mercerie* as it is abovesaid, or elles ȝif such servant or apprentice as it is beforsaid have nought wherof to payen the forsaid peyngne of xx li., that thanne the maister of such apprentice, || lowes or servaunt up peyngne to paie the forsaid xx li. schal down bryngen and deliveren the saide servaunt or apprentice to the maistres of the *mercerie* for the tyme beyng, hym for to punyssh and chastisen affir here discrecions for his trespas done to the craft of the *mercerie*, *withoute* makynge gree to the partie or parties ageyn wych he be founden defectif and coupable as it is abovesaid.

145 This section has been written by the same scribe as wrote ff. 84r–86v below, the account for 1423–24. One notes also that the initials and the cadell flourishes are of the same style. One may note the inclusion in that year's account of the full account of the problem over the apprenticeship of John Swan with Thomas Chalton (f. 84v), a problem not directly relevant to the ordinances here but which might well have led to the copying out of these ordinances at this date. See also Introduction, p. 12.

146 The initial 'T' of this word is large (filling a space of over two lines) and is provided with a very ornate pen-and-ink decoration with cadell and other flourishes. The initial letters of each subsequent paragraph on this page and the following two, and the first letter on f. A5r, are similarly ornamented, but are not quite so large or so ornate. The initial at the top of each page has a heavy ink cadell flourish, the flourishes to other initials lower on the pages being more discreet.

147 This is a LH marginal heading in another hand.

148 MS: Oordeyned.

The ordinances written below were ordained during the term of office of John Woodcock, John Middleton, John Whateley, and John Eton in the year 9 Henry IV. 1407–08
(perhaps copied
c. 1424)
f. A4v

Whereas great slanders and troubles have recently befallen various of our fellows and brethren of the mercers' mistery through young and injudicious persons and others acting in their name overseas, such attorneys providing dishonest direction [of their affairs] and cunning scheming, to remedy for the harm and damage to the masters of such dishonest servants or attornies, and to counteract communal defamation of the said mercers' mistery in these matters:

That he who receives any goods from overseas illegally, penalty of £20 to the box:

It is ordained by communal agreement of the said mercers' mistery that whereas it is probable that any dishonesty of such dishonest servants or attornies could not be carried on and aided without the dissimulation, help and dissemblance under others with their agreement and in compact with them, both on this side of the sea and beyond, it is agreed that if any man of the livery of the mercers' mistery shall be guilty of knowing about and assenting to such kind of dishonesty or deceit or giving help or aid to such dishonest attornies or servants in holding, dissembling or receiving any goods or merchandise on behalf of such servants or attornies, and this may be proved true by due examination or sufficient testimony, that any damage or defraudment should happen to the mistery through such dishonest servants or attornies, that then he shall pay for the offence against the said mistery to the current wardens of the mercers' mistery for the use of the mistery £20, and this exclusive of the satisfaction given to those against whom he has been thus found at fault in the dissembling [of goods] or in aiding the dishonesty of such aforesaid servants or attornies.

Also, if it should happen that any servant of the said mistery, whether he be a serving-man or an apprentice, or any other who may be a freeman of the mercers' mistery, if he be found by due examination or good testimony at fault and guilty of such manner of dishonesty or offences as is referred to above, that he should incur the penalty of £20 to pay to the wardens of the mercers' mistery as aforesaid, and otherwise, if such a servant or apprentice as aforesaid have nothing wherewith he might pay the aforesaid penalty of £20, that then the master of such an apprentice, || serving-man or servant who is under penalty of paying the aforesaid £20, shall have the said servant or apprentice brought and handed over to the current wardens of the mercers' mistery, for them to punish and chastise him at their discretion for the offence he has done to the mercers' mistery, this exclusive of of the satisfaction given to those against whom he has been as aforesaid found at fault and guilty.

f. A5r

That non apprentice be accepte yntil he be presentid to the maisteris:¹⁴⁹
 Also, for as moche that gret harmes and damages be comyn to the craft of the mercerie now late by folk that were apprentices in the sayd craft and ben departid out of the compaignie of the craft to serven to othere straunge folk and of othere craftes thanne of the craft of the mercerie, in schewynge & enfourmyng so other folk of the privitees and doynges of the craft schul ben enformed, and for to ordeynen, withstonden, remedien & eschewen that gretter harm by that weye schude not come to the saide craft in tyme comyng, ordeyned it is and establisshed be comune assent of the gode folk of the said craft that non apprentice in tyme to come schal be receyved noper accepted to serven to any man of the mercerie without þat he schal be first presented to the maistres of the craft of the mercerie for the tyme beyng, and there be the said maistres he schal be examyned ȝif he be a freman born and fremannes sone of good condicion and of good kynred and that he ne have not ben a pedler in countre ne in tounes before tymes, and so be discession of the maistres of the craft he schal ben accepted and receyved to serven in the forsaid craft, up wyth accepcion to serven in the craft abovesaid, the maistre of the said apprentice schal paie to the said maistres of the mercerie for his entre ii s. and aftir the forsaid apprentice schal maken his oth upon the bok byfor þe said maistres in forme þat folweth.

The oth that schal be made be the apprentice at his entre:¹⁵⁰

Ȝe schal sweren that well and trewely to your power¹⁵¹ Ȝe schal serven ȝoure maister be al the tyme of ȝoure apprentishode & Ȝe schal holde & performe alle the covenantes & condicions betwix ȝoure maister and ȝow ymade. And at alle tymes to come Ȝe schal holde stedfastly, secretly and for conseyle alle & everiche the secret dedes, gode ordinaunces and appoyntmentis what that ever they ben to the feliship & craft of the mercery¹⁵² longynge, without hem or any of them for to schewen, deskoveren, tellen, enformen or entrecomen to any straunger or to any persone of oþer craft thanne of the same crafte of the merceri. And ye shal not departe oute of the seid craft for to serve ne to accompany you with eny maner persone of eny other company or crafte, wherthrough prejudise & hurte myȝt growe unto þe seid crafte of the merceri or þe secretes therof þerby to be discovered & knowen. So helpe you God, all hallown & be þis boke.

f. A5v Also, that non apprentice aftir his terme ended and served, or byfore that his terme be ended & fulfilled, that wole or desireth to be fre of the sayd craft of the mercerie, ne be not mad fre of the same craft before that he come byfore the iiij^o maistres of the said craft and his maister to whom he hath servyd or elles the executoris of his maister ȝif it so byfalle, for to bere hym wytnesse of his good governaunce and trouthe up peyngne, and thanne he schal paie for his issue of apprentishode to the sayd maistres of the crafte ii s., and aftir he schal maken his oth byfore the sayd maistres upon þe boke in the maner that folwyth:

149 This marginal note and the others that follow in this section were written by the scribe himself.

150 The oath given in the *Book of Ordinances*, prelim. quire f. 2r, is substantially the same as this, with slight differences in wording only, and an additional first sentence, as is usual in that book, swearing to be true 'unto oure liege lorde the king and to his heires kinges'.

151 The preceding three words have been added above the line later in different ink but by the same scribe.

152 The preceding six words have been written interlinearly as a correction to 'they ben to the said craft longynge', and the words 'said craft' have been scored through.

That no apprentice shall be admitted until he has been presented to the wardens:

Also, whereas great harm and loss have recently come to the mercers' mistery through people who had been apprentices in the said mistery and had left the mistery's company to serve other outsiders and those of other misteries than that of the mercers, in revealing and informing [of matters] so that other persons shall be informed of the privities and the affairs of the mistery, and to set matters in order, to counteract, to remedy and to prevent greater harm in such ways coming to the said mistery in the future, it is ordained and established by the communal agreement of the goodmen of the said mistery that no apprentice in the future shall be admitted or accepted to serve any man of the mercers' mistery unless he shall first be presented to the current wardens of the mercers' mistery, and at that time he shall be examined by the said wardens [to ascertain] whether he be free-born and the son of a man free-born, of good condition and good family, and that he has not previously been a pedlar either in the country or in towns, and if at the discretion of the mistery's wardens he shall be accepted and admitted to serve in the aforesaid mistery, at this acceptance to serve in the aforesaid mistery, the said apprentice's master shall pay to the said mistery's wardens for his admission 2s., and after that the aforesaid apprentice shall take his oath on the book in the presence of the said wardens in the form that follows:

The oath that shall be taken by the apprentice at his admission:

You shall swear that well and truly as far as in you lies you shall serve your master through all the time of your apprenticeship, and you shall hold to and carry out all the agreements and conditions made between you and your master. And at all times in the future you shall keep steadfastly, in secret and in confidence each and every private action, good ordinance and agreement appertaining to the fellowship and mistery of the mercers, whatever they may be, without revealing, disclosing, divulging, informing about or discussing them or any of them to any stranger or to any person who is not of the same mistery as that of the mercers. And you shall not leave the said mistery to serve or be in the company of any manner of person of any other company or mistery, whereby harm and prejudice might arise for the said mistery of the mercers, or that the privities thereof might be revealed and made known. So help you God, all the saints, and by this book.

Also, that no apprentice at the end of his term [of apprenticeship] when he has served it out, or before the end and completion of his term, who wishes and desires to be free of the said mercers' mistery, shall not be made free of the same mistery until he has come before the four wardens of the said mistery, with his master whom he has served or else the executors of his master if that so chance, to bear witness upon penalty of his good behaviour and honesty, and then he shall pay for his issue from apprenticeship to the said mistery's wardens 2s., and after that he shall take his oath on the book in the presence of the said wardens in the manner that follows:

f. A5v

The othe that schal be made at the issue of apprentice:¹⁵³

3e schal sweren that 3e schal not serve out of the craft to no straunge man of any other craft thanne of the *mercerie* 3if 3e may have resonable salare of 3oure said maister or of any other man of the same craft. And that 3e schal not departe out of the forsaid craft in any maner to *serven* or to *compaignien* 3ow with any man of othir craft, wythoute licence and leve of the maistres of the forsaid craft of the *mercerie* for the tyme beyng. And also 3e schal sweren that at alle tymes to come 3e schal holdyne stedfastly, secretly and for conseyl alle the secrete dedes, good ordinance and appoyntmentis what so ever they ben longenge to the said craft, without hem or any of hem to schewen, diskoveren, tellen, enformen or entrecoumen to any straunge man of any other craft thanne of the said craft of the *mercerie*. So God 3ow helpe and alle halwen.

That no man diskovere the secret of the craft upon peyngne:¹⁵⁴

Also, ordeyned it is that 3if any man of the *mercerie* diskovere or enforme any oþer man of any other craft thanne of the *mercerie* of any ordinances, statutes or appoyntmentis betwen us mad and ordeyned for the worchepe & profith of oure said craft, or of any other secret dedes to the said craft longynge, and he therof be founde defectif, be it be due examinacion or by good wytnesse, that thanne he schal paie to the forsaid craft by the handes of the maisteris of the said craft for the tyme beyng x ^{li} and that at every tyme that he is founde so defectif, etc.

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f. 48r

C'est¹⁵⁵ l'acompte Richard Whityngtoun, Johan Coventree, William Foucher *et* Johan Welles, faite al feste de la Nativité de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an dysme del regne le Roy Henry le quarte, pur l'an proschein devant passee en quele ils estoyent gardeins de la mistere de la mercerye.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent sek dewee al mistere *et* delyvré a eux *par lour* predecessours, come piert en le darreyne acompte, c'est assavoir – Clxii li. xvi s.

Rent:

Item, ils ont receu de Richard Guy des *profites* de les rentz del mercerye pur l'an suisdit, outre les expenses en reparacioun *et* les quites rentz paiey – xii li. xviii s. vii d.

153 This whole paragraph has a large cross through it and at the LH side is written 'Vacat quia antea', and below 'When he ys made freman'. This part of the oath is different from that given on f. A4r (see Appendix 2, pp. 1030–31).

154 The *Book of Ordinances* f. 5r, has an ordinance for the same purpose but whose wording is very different: 'Also that noo persone under the said obeysaunce enforme, comen, nor discover the secretis, necessarie ordenaunces, and communicacyons made and hadde be the saide felasshippe, for the goode polletike rule and weele of the same, unto noo persone ou3te of the saide felasshippe, nor packe nor bye with noo suche persone, where þorowe the secretis therof maye in any wyse be discovered and opened, uppon payne to paie to the boxe be hym so defectife at eny tyme so founde and proved – x li.'

155 The initial 'C' occupies a space of over three lines high and is in the same style as the last two.

The oath that shall be taken at the issue of an apprentice:

You shall swear that you shall not serve outside the mistery any stranger of any other mistery than that of the mercers, if it be that you can earn a reasonable salary from your master or any other man of the same mistery. And that you shall not leave the aforesaid mistery to serve or associate yourself in any way with any man of another mistery, without the permission and leave of the current wardens of the aforesaid mercers' mistery. And you shall also swear that at all times in the future you shall keep steadfastly, in secret and in confidence all the private actions, good ordinances and agreements appertaining to the said mistery, whatever they may be, without revealing, disclosing, divulging, informing about or discussing them or any of them to any stranger who is of another mistery than that of the mercers. So help you God and all the saints.

That no one shall reveal the private matters of the mistery upon penalty:

Also, it is ordained that if any man of the mercers' mistery shall reveal or inform any other man of any other mistery than that of the mercers of any ordinances, statutes or arrangements made and ordained between us for the honour and advantage of our said mistery, or any other private matters appertaining to the said mistery, and if he be found at fault over this by due examination or by good testimony, that then he shall pay to the aforesaid mistery into the hands of the current wardens of the said mistery £10, and that at every occasion when he is so found at fault, etc.

This is the account of Richard Whittington, John Coventry, William Foucher and John Welles, made up to the feastday of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 10 Henry IV [24 June 1409], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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f. 48r

Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum of ready money due to the mistery and handed over to them by their predecessors, as appears in the last account, i.e. £162 16s.

Rent:

Item, they have received from Richard Guy from the net income on the rental properties of the mercers' mistery for the aforesaid year, over and above expenditure on repairs and with the quit-rents paid – £12 18s. 7d.

Pur lour tierce an:

De Thomas Osbern –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Philippe –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Horwode –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Admond –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Strattoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Everard Flete –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Abbot –	vi s. viii d.
De Maistre Dionys Lopham –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Someray –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li.	

Pur lour seconde an:

De Elys Davy –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Estoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wykyngestoun, parsoun de Seint Pancras –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Prestoun, le Recordour –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Berwyk –	vi s. viii d.
– xxxiii s. iiiii d.	

Pur lour primere an:

De Roger Russelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Medrose –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gladman –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Symond –	vi s. viii d. ¹⁵⁶
– xxvi s. viii d.	

f. 48v

Fyns:

Item, ils ont receu de Johan Langeacre *et* Richard Crisp, apprentices de Richard Ryngsted, d'estre franks del mistier, *pur* lour fyn al mistere – xl s.

Item, receu de Thomas Heyne, l'apprentice de Johan Goddestoun, *pur* son fyn d'estre frank del mistere – xl s.

Item, receu de Johan Middeltoun *pur* un fyn *pur* ceo q'il ne chyvaucha ové le Maire *vers* Westmynstre – iii s. iiiii d.

– iiiii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Entrees de apprentices:

De Henry Bircham apprentice Walter Cottoun –		ii s.
De Richard Ayleward	} apprentices William Marcheford –	iiii s.
De Thomas Fornham		
De William Pirie	} apprentices Johan Middeltoun –	iiii s.
De Henry Wareyn		
De William Cristian	} apprentices Johan Aleyn –	iiii s.
De Edmond Chymbham		
De Robert Bencham apprentice Johan Elys –		ii s.
De William Olyver apprentice Richard Hille –		ii s.

¹⁵⁶ Below this, in the RH margin, the same contemporary hand as above has written in Arabic numerals: '181.14.7'. This is the sum total of receipts listed on this page.

For their third year:

from Thomas Osbarne –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Philip –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Horwood –	6s. 8d.
from John Admond –	6s. 8d.
from John Stratton –	6s. 8d.
from Everard Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Abbot –	6s. 8d.
from Master Denis Lopham –	6s. 8d.
from John Somery –	6s. 8d.
– £3	

For their second year:

from Ellis Davy –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Easton –	6s. 8d.
from John Wykyngeston, parson of St Pancras –	6s. 8d.
from John Preston, the Recorder –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Berwick –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

For their first year:

from Roger Russell –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Medrose –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gladman –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Symond –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

Fees and fines:

f. 48v

Item, they have received from John Langacre and Richard Crisp, apprentices of Richard Ringstead, in order to be free of the mistery, for their fee to the mistery – 40s.

Item, received from Thomas Heyne, the apprentice of John Godston, for his fee to be free of the mistery – 40s.

Item, received from John Middleton for a fine because he did not ride in procession to Westminster with the Mayor – 3s. 4d.

– £4 3s. 4d.

Admission of apprentices:

from Henry Bircham apprentice of Walter Cotton –	2s.
from Richard Ayleward } apprentices of William Marcheford –	4s.
from Thomas Fornham }	
from William Pirie }	
from Henry Wareyn } apprentices of John Middleton –	4s.
from William Cristian }	
from Edmund Chymbham }	
from Robert Bencham apprentice of John Elys –	2s.
from William Olyver apprentice of Richard Hille –	2s.

<i>De Edmond Stok apprentice Laurence Hamptoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Decoun apprentice Johan Knottyngelee –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Cotford apprentice Thomas Hawkedene –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Walter Aleyn apprentice Thomas Chaltoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Nichol Jameson apprentice Richard Coventre –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Robert Romble apprentice Thomas Osbern –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Aspryngtoun apprentice Thomas Secheford –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Richard Elnoth apprentice Johan Grene –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Esmoun Hathelsay apprentice Robert Horwode –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Fattyng apprentice Everard Flete –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Pekenham apprentice Richard Harpour –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Robert Arneway apprentice Richard Harpour –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Forde apprentice Richard Aylemere –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Gegge apprentice Johan Coventre –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Wode apprentice Thomas Aleyn –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Wasshbourn apprentice Johan Wasshbourn –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Bridlepe apprentice William Bartelot –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Smarte apprentice Johan Cosham –</i>	ii s.
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Des issues de apprentices:

<i>De Richard Crispe –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Langeaker –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Myldrede –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Prentiez –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Henry Londoun –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Wareyn –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Pydmele –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Edmond Horward –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Whitehed –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Pekke –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Robert Strode –</i>	ii s.
<i>De William Otes –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Roger Russelle –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Sparke –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Richard Wyche –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Heyne –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Johan Frankysshe –</i>	ii s.
<i>De Thomas Symond –</i>	ii s.
– xxxvi s.	

Encrees de la lyveree:

Item, q' ils ont receu de l'encrees de la liveree de la mistere encontre Paske mesme l'an – viii li. iii s. ii d.

from Edmund Stok apprentice of Laurence Hampton –	2s.
from William Decoun apprentice of John Knottynghley –	2s.
from John Cotford apprentice of Thomas Hawkedene –	2s.
from Walter Aleyn apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from Nicholas Jameson apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from Robert Romble apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from John Aspryngton apprentice of Thomas Sedgford –	2s.
from Richard Elnoth apprentice of John Grene –	2s.
from Edmund Hathelsay apprentice of Robert Horwood –	2s.
from William Fattyng apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from John Pekenham apprentice of Richard Harpour –	2s.
from Robert Arneway apprentice of Richard Harpour –	2s.
from John Forde apprentice of Richard Aylemere –	2s.
from William Gedge apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from John Wood apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from John Washbourne apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from John Birdlip apprentice of William Bartelot –	2s.
from John Smart apprentice of John Cosham –	2s.
– 54s.	

From issues of apprentices:

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from Richard Crisp –	2s.
from John Langacre –	2s.
from William Meldreth –	2s.
from William Prentice –	2s.
from Henry London –	2s.
from John Wareyn –	2s.
from John Pidmylle –	2s.
from Edmund Horward –	2s.
from John Whitehead –	2s.
from William Pekke –	2s.
from Robert Strode –	2s.
from William Otes –	2s.
from Roger Russell –	2s.
from Thomas Spark –	2s.
from Richard Wyche –	2s.
from Thomas Heyne –	2s.
from John Frankysshe –	2s.
from Thomas Symond –	2s.
– 36s.	

Profit on the livery:

Item, that they have received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery in the same year – £8 3s. 2d.

Le fyn Thomas Roos ové le pardoun:

Et fait a savoir *qe* coment *qe* Thomas Roos, un des compaignouns del mistere, estoit ajuggee *pur* un fyn de paier al mistere x marcz, come piert en l'acompte Johan Shadworth *et* ses compaignouns l'an quinte del regne le Roy Henry le quarte,¹⁵⁷ le dit Thomas avoit relesse *et* pardon *par* assent de tout la compaignye en une congregacioun fait ycest an de vii marcz, et issynt ils soy chargent receu de luy – xl s.

Fyns:

De William Bury – iii s. iiiii d.

De Johan Lane – iii s. iiiii d.

– vi s. viiii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net come piert – CC li. xvii s. ix d.

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Discharge

Salaries:

Primerement, païé a Sire William Hedyngtoun, chapeleyn del mistere, *pur* soun salarie *et* soun furrure – vii li.

Item, païé a Richard Guy *pur* garder le rent – xx s.

Item, païé a Richard Horwode, bedel, *pur* salarie – lii s.

– x li. xii s.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Sewale *pur* i quarter del an – xiii s.

Item, païé a Johan Strete – lii s.

Item, païé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.

Item, païé a Nichol Kokerelle – lii s.

– viiii li. ix s.

Costes des minstralles:

Item, païé *pur* vii minstralles *pur* la chivalchee ové le Maire Drue Barentyn *vers* Westmynstre – xlvii s. viiii d.

Item, païé *pur* vii chaperons *et* le fasoun d'eux, *et* *pur* disner *et* costes *par* le chymyn – xv s. ii d.

– iii li. xxii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont en clere ut patet – xxii li. ii s. x d.

¹⁵⁷ See above, p. 180.

Thomas Roos's fine with the exoneration:

Memorandum that whereas Thomas Roos, one of the members of the mistery's company, had been sentenced to pay a fine to the mistery of 10 marks, as appears in the account of John Shadworth and his fellow-wardens in the year 5 Henry IV, the said Thomas was given remission and exonerated from paying 7 marks with the agreement of all the company at an assembly held this year, and therefore they declare as having received from him – 40s.

Fines:

from William Bury – 3s. 4d.
from John Lane – 3s. 4d.
– 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net as appears to – £200 17s. 9d.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary and his fur – £7

Item, paid to Richard Guy for looking after the rent – 20s.

Item, paid to Richard Horwood, beadle, for salary – 52s.
– £10 12s.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Sewale for one quarter of the year – 13s.
Item, paid to John Street – 52s.
Item, paid to John Boston – 52s.
Item, paid to Nicholas Cokerelle – 52s.
– £8 9s.

Musicians' costs:

Item, paid for 7 musicians for the procession to Westminster with the Mayor Drew Barantyn – 46s. 8d.

Item, paid for 7 hoods and the making of them, and for dinner and for costs along the way – 15s. 2d.
– £3 22d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to – £22 2s. 10d.

1409 Et fait a savoyr *qe* al congregacioun des les compaignouns de le mistere a lour maungerye tenue solonc q'ils sont acustumez, les avantditz Richard Whityngtoun, Johan Coventre, William Foucher, Johan Welles choiserent gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoir Richard Whityngtoun eslit Johan Shadworth, Johan Coventree eslit Johan Aleyn, William Foucher eslit Thomas Tykhille, *et* Johan Welles eslit Johan Fauntleroy, as queux ils ont delyvree l'argent sek *qe* remeynt en lour mayns, come piert *par* l'acompte devant escript, c'est assavoir – Clxxviii li. xiiii s. xi d.

1409 n.s. f. 50r Coment l'acompt des mestres serra rendu devant lammesse *sur* peine *etc.*¹⁵⁸
Pur ceo *qe* la governance de la mistere estoit ordeignee *qe* les veilles gardeyns de ycele doyvent eslire chescun an nouvelles gardeins *pur* l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoir a lour mangerye teneré le dismenge *proscheyn* devant le feste de la Nativitee de Saint Johan le Baptistre, *et* l'endemain *après* rendre lour acompte devant auditours assignez *par* le mistere, *et* paier les deners appertenantz al mistier as nouvelles gardeins sanz delay. Ore tarde *par* necligence *et* lacchesse de ascuns gardeyns, les acomptes ont esté tariez *et* delayez, ascun foith *dimi* an, ascun foith *iii quarters* de l'an *après* le eleccioun faite, *par* quele encheson les nouvelles gardeins n'ont prys sur eux le governance a grande damage *et* arrerissement des *comunes* busoignes de la mistere. Ordeignee est *et* assentuz *par* toute la compaignye en une generale congregacioun faite le primere jour de marche l'an suisdit, *qe* les veilles gardeyns faceant lour devoir touchant le eleccioun al temps limitee, rendront lour acompte entierment *et* transporteront les deners *et* touz autres biens appertenantz al mistere as mains des gardeyns de novel esluz parentre le dit feste de Saint Johan *et* le primere jour d'aust adonques *proscheyn* ensuyant, sans pluis outre delaye, sur peyne de perdre al comunaltee de la mistere chescun de eux, c'est assavoir des *iiii* veilles gardeins, C s., *qe* serra trové defectyf, *par* ency *qe* les nouvelles gardeyns les voillent receyvre, de quele chose n'y aura doute si dieu plerra.

Qe les compaignons paieront *pur* lour lyvrees devant le Saint Johan *sur* peyne *etc.*

Outre ceo, *par* cause *qe* ascuns gardeyns se sont sovent excusez *qe* le tarier de lour acompte rendre si ad estee *pur* ceo q'ils ne poayent estre paieiz de les deners dewez de plusours compaignouns *pur* lour lyvree del mistere encontre Paske, accordee est *et* assentuz *per* toute la compaignye en la congregacioun desuis dit, *qe* chescun compaignoun paiera *pur* son dit lyveree al pluis tarde devant le feste de la Nativitee de Saint Johan le Baptistre *proscheyn* ensuyant *après* le temps q'il eyt la dite lyvree receu,¹⁵⁹ sur peyne de perdre al *comunealtee* del mistere vi s. viii d., sanz ent avoir relesse ou pardoun. *Par* ency *qe* les gardeins facent lour devoir entour le demander *et* lever d'ysel.

158 The *Book of Ordinances*, f. 9r–9v, contains an ordinance differently worded but substantially the same, and one that specifically states that the auditors should be the predecessors of those rendering account.

159 The *Book of Ordinances*, f. 7v, gives an earlier date: '... paie for hitt withynne xiiij daies aftir pe saide Ester.'

Memorandum that at the assembly of the members of the mistery's company at their feast held in their accustomed manner, the aforesaid Richard Whittington, John Coventry, William Foucher, John Welles chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Richard Whittington elected John Shadworth, John Coventry elected John Aleyne, William Foucher elected Thomas Tickhill, and John Welles elected John Fauntleroy, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above, i.e. – £178 14s. 11d.

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That the wardens' account shall be rendered before Lammas-day⁹², on penalty etc.:

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Whereas the mistery's governance ordinances laid down that its old wardens must each year elect new wardens for the following year, that is at their feast held on the Sunday immediately preceding the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and the next day render their account before auditors appointed by the mistery, and pay over to the new wardens without delay the money belonging to the mistery, recently, through the negligence and laxity of some wardens, the accounts have been postponed and delayed, sometimes to half a year, sometimes to three quarters of a year after the election has been held, and because of this the new wardens have not taken up their administrative duties, to the great harm of and detriment to the communal needs of the mistery. It has been ordained and agreed by the whole company at a general assembly held on the first day of March in the aforesaid year [1 March 1409 n.s.] that when the old wardens carry out their duty concerning the election at the set time, they shall render their account in full and hand over the money and all other goods belonging to the mistery into the hands of the newly-elected wardens between the said feast of St John and the first day of August next following, without any further delay, on penalty of forfeiting each one of them, i.e. each of the four old wardens who shall be found at fault, 100s. to the mistery's commonalty, provided that the new wardens shall agree to receive these monies, about which there should, God willing, be no doubt.

That the members of the company shall pay for their livery before the feast of St John, on penalty, etc.:

And besides, since some wardens have frequently made the excuse that the delay in rendering their account has been because they were unable to obtain payment of the money due from a number of members of the company for their Easter livery, it was agreed and assented to by the whole company at the aforesaid assembly that each member of the company shall pay for his said livery at the latest before the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist which next follows after the time when he has received the said livery, on penalty of forfeiting to the mistery's commonalty 6s. 8d., without any remission or pardon available. Provided that the wardens do their duty in asking for and levying it.⁹³

92 The 1st of August (*Festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula* in the Roman calendar), in the early English church observed as a harvest festival, at which loaves of bread were consecrated, made from the first ripe corn. In Scotland, one of the usual quarter-days (*OED*).

93 'It' = the money due for the livery.

1409–10 C'est¹⁶⁰ l'acompte Johan Shadeworth, Johan Aleyn, Thomas Tykhille, *et* Johan
f. 50v Fauntleroy, faite al feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Henry le
quarte après le conqueste unzisme, pur l'an *proschain* devant passee, en quele ils
furent gardeins de la mistere de la mercerye.

Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent ové une *somme* d'argent sek delyvree a eux *par* les
gardeins del an passee, vidz. – Clxxviii li. xiiii s. xi d.

Rent:

Item, ils soi chargent q'ils ont receu de la rent – xvi li.

Fins de diverse manere:

Item, receu de Robert Coventre pur son fyn al entree en la liverree pur ceo q'il
n'estoit aprentice en la me[r]cerie¹⁶¹ – iii li.

Item, receu de Aleyn Roys *pur* un fyn *qe* luy estoit adjudgee *par* arbitracion
pur le purchas del shope *qe* Elys Gliderowe occupia, *pur* ce q'il estoit encontre
l'ordinance en partie – xiii s. iiii d.¹⁶²

Item, receu de Johan Middeltoun de son fyn – iii s. iiii d.

Amercimentz des absentz a congregaciouns:

De Thomas Fauconer –	xii d.
De Walter Cottoun –	xii d.
De Johan Etoun –	viii d.
De Johan Langham –	ii s.
De Esmoun Man –	ii s.
De Richard Coventre –	xii d.
De William Marcheford –	xii d.
De William Bury –	xii d.
– ix s. viii d.	

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Unqore amercimentz:

De Johan Abbot –	xii d.
De Johan Strattoun –	vi d.
De Johan Middeltoun –	iiii d.
De Aleyn Everard –	xii d.
– ii s. x d.	

Des issues de apprentices:

De William Wy –	ii s.
De Robert Coventre –	ii s.
De Thomas Spelbury –	ii s.

160 The initial 'C' occupies a space four lines high and is in the same style as recent ones, with even more elaborate flourishing at the LH side and above and below to the left.

161 MS: mecerie.

162 See below, p. 296, for the ordinance concerning eviction from premises occupied by fellow-merciers.

This is the account of John Shadworth, John Aleyn, Thomas Tickhill, and John Fauntleroy, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 11 Henry IV [24 June 1410], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of ready money handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. – £178 14s. 11d.

Rent:

Item, they declare that they have received from the rent – £16

Fines and fees of various sorts:

Item, received from Robert Coventry as his fee for admission to the livery because he had not been an apprentice in the mercers' mistery – £3

Item, received from Alan Roys for a fine set by arbitration for the purchase of the shop occupied by Ellis Clitheroe, because it was in part against the ordinance – 13s. 4d.

Item, received from John Middleton for his fine – 3s. 4d.

Fines from those absent from assemblies:

from Thomas Fauconer –	12d.
from Walter Cotton –	12d.
from John Eton –	8d.
from John Langham –	2s.
from Edmund Man –	2s.
from Richard Coventry –	12d.
from William Marcheford –	12d.
from William Bury –	12d.
– 9s. 8d.	

Further fines:

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from John Abbot –	12d.
from John Stratton –	6d.
from John Middleton –	4d.
from Alan Everard –	12d.
– 2s. 10d.	

From issues of apprentices:

from William Wye –	2s.
from Robert Coventry –	2s.
from Thomas Spelsbury –	2s.

De Thomas Berwik –	ii s.
De Johan Fray –	ii s.
De Thomas Whittowe –	ii s.
De William Trompintoun –	ii s.
De Johan Best –	ii s.
De Henry Parker –	ii s.
De Johan Atherstoun –	ii s.
De Richard Pekke –	ii s.
De Johan Bostoun –	ii s.
De Johan Baillee –	ii s.
De Walter Bartoun –	ii s.
De Johan Amour –	ii s.
De William Whyte –	ii s.
De Henry Frowyk –	ii s.
De William Herdwyk –	ii s.
De William Thymelby –	ii s.
De William Maltby –	ii s.
De James Cotes –	ii s.
De Johan Payable –	ii s.
De Thomas Weltoun –	ii s.
De Johan Bernham –	ii s.
De Symond Flete –	ii s.
De William Aleyn –	ii s.
De Johan Cantelow –	ii s.
De Thomas Bataille –	ii s.
De Johan Gerveys –	ii s.
De Johan Benyngtoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Maymond –	ii s.
De William Trymnel –	ii s.
De Thomas Cobbe –	ii s.
De Robert Stevenes –	ii s.
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Des entrees de apprentices:

De William Brook apprentice Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De Thomas Middeltoun apprentice Thomas Tykhille –	ii s.
De Johan Seggefurd apprentice William Cavendische –	ii s.
De Adam Forester apprentice Johan Typpup –	ii s.
De William Halle apprentice James Bynde –	ii s.
De Nicholas Lacy apprentice Elys Davy –	ii s.
De Johan Weylom apprentice William Erntoun –	ii s.
De William Belgrave apprentice Piers Belgrave –	ii s.
De William Hore apprentice Johan Estmond –	ii s.
De Johan Broughtoun apprentice Roger Russelle –	ii s.
De Thomas Talworth apprentice Thomas Estoun i ^e –	ii s.

from Thomas Berwick –	2s.
from John Fray –	2s.
from Thomas Whittowe –	2s.
from William Trumpington –	2s.
from John Best –	2s.
from Henry Parker –	2s.
from John Atherstone –	2s.
from Richard Pekke –	2s.
from John Boston –	2s.
from John Bailly –	2s.
from Walter Barton –	2s.
from John Amour –	2s.
from William White –	2s.
from Henry Frowyk –	2s.
from William Hardwick –	2s.
from William Thymelby –	2s.
from William Maltby –	2s.
from James Cotes –	2s.
from John Payable –	2s.
from Thomas Welton –	2s.
from John Bernham –	2s.
from Simon Fleet –	2s.
from William Aleyn –	2s.
from John Cantelowe –	2s.
from Thomas Bataille –	2s.
from John Gerveys –	2s.
from John Benyngton –	2s.
from Thomas Maymond –	2s.
from William Trymnelle –	2s.
from Thomas Cobbe –	2s.
from Robert Stevenes –	2s.
– £3 8s.	

From admissions of apprentices:

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from William Brook apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from Thomas Middleton apprentice of Thomas Tickhill –	2s.
from John Sedgford apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from Adam Forster apprentice of John Tippit –	2s.
from William Halle apprentice of James Bynde –	2s.
from Nicholas Lacy apprentice of Ellis Davy –	2s.
from John Wylom apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.
from William Belgrave apprentice of Piers Belgrave –	2s.
from William Hore apprentice of John Eastmond –	2s.
from John Broughton apprentice of Roger Russell –	2s.
from Thomas Talworth apprentice of Thomas Easton the elder ⁹⁴ –	2s.

⁹⁴ Literally '1st', this number being attached here and a '2nd' below, the latter probably indicating an erroneous first name. The two men are in fact very nearly of the same age, one presumes, this first man having one year's precedence in the mistery.

De Robert Rustoun apprentice Richard Aylmer –	ii s.	
De Johan Strangelford apprentice Thomas Provendre –	ii s.	
De William Gyen	} apprentices Robert Trees –	iiii s.
De Robert Dilcok		
De Johan Lovelace apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.	
De Thomas Waldene apprentice Thomas Dentoun –	ii s.	
De Johan Parker	} apprentices Richard Herry –	iiii s.
De Thomas Chepenham		
De Johan Suttoun apprentice Johan Cosham –	ii s.	
De Johan Ebyrtoun apprentice Aleyn Everard –	ii s.	
De Johan Asby apprentice Alein Everard –	ii s.	
De Johan Skeftlyng apprentice Johan Waltoun –	ii s.	
De Robert Coventree apprentice ¹⁶³ –	ii s.	
De Johan Fitz Johan apprentice Richard Skiete –	ii s.	
De Johan Burgh apprentice Johan ¹⁶⁴ Estoun ii ^e –	ii s.	
De William Thornhille apprentice Aleyn Roys –	ii s.	
De Johan Grigge apprentice Johan Whatlee –	ii s.	
De Thomas Bernard apprentice William Marcheford –	ii s.	
De Richard Rookby apprentice Stephen Speleman –	ii s.	
De William Rombold apprentice Thomas Cressy –	ii s.	
De Richard Fortescuz apprentice Everard Flete –	ii s.	
De Johan Smale apprentice Johan Chippenhale –	ii s.	
De Thomas Hurst apprentice Johan Typpup –	ii s.	
De Johan Sparwe	} apprentices Johan Langacre et Rychard Crispe –	iiii s. ¹⁶⁵
De Henry Hanbery		
De William Tyhille apprentice Johan Fauntleroy –	ii s.	
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De lour tierce an:

De Elys Davy –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Estoun i ^e –	vi s. viii d.
De Sire Johan Wykyngestoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Prestoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Berwik –	vi s. viii d.
– xxxiii s. iiiii d.	

De lour seconde an:

De Roger Russelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Symond –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Medrose –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gladman –	vi s. viii d.
– xxvi s. viii d.	

163 A blank space follows, no master's name is given, and indeed see above, pp. 178–80, that he has not been an apprentice in the mistery.

164 This is almost certainly an error for 'Thomas'. See Name Index.

165 Two apprentices taken on jointly by two masters must indicate that the latter were in business together, held a shop jointly. One may note that they had both been apprentices of Richard Ringstead.

from Robert Rushton apprentice of Richard Aylemere –	2s.
from John Strangelford apprentice of Thomas Provendre –	2s.
from William Gyen	} apprentices of Robert Trees –
from Robert Dilcok	
from John Lovelace apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
from Thomas Waldene apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.
from John Parker	} apprentices of Richard Harry –
from Thomas Chippenham	
from John Sutton apprentice of John Cosham –	2s.
from John Ebyrton apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from John Asby apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from John Skeftlyng apprentice of John Walton –	2s.
from Robert Coventry apprentice –	2s.
from John FitzJohn apprentice of Richard Skete –	2s.
from John Burgh apprentice of [Thomas] Easton the younger ⁹⁵ –	2s.
from William Thornhill apprentice of Alan Roys –	2s.
from John Grigge apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.
from Thomas Bernard apprentice of William Marcheford –	2s.
from Richard Rokeby apprentice of Stephen Speleman –	2s.
from William Rumbold apprentice of Thomas Cressy –	2s.
from Richard Fortescue apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from John Smale apprentice of John Chippenhale –	2s.
from Thomas Hurst apprentice of John Tippit –	2s.
from John Sparwe	} apprentices of John Langacre and Richard Crispe –
from Henry Hanbery	
from William Tyhille apprentice of John Fauntleroy –	2s.
– £3 14s.	

For their third year:

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from Ellis Davy –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Easton the elder –	6s. 8d.
from Sir John Wykyngeston –	6s. 8d.
from John Preston –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Berwick –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

For their second year:

from Roger Russell –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Symond –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Medrose –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gladman –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

⁹⁵ See note above and the Name Index for this entry probably putting John in mistake for Thomas.

De lour primere an:

De William Wy – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Coventre – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Estoun ii^e – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Fray – vi s. viii d.
 – xxvi s. viii d.

Encrees de la liveree:

Item, ils soy chargent receu de l'encrees de la liveree de le mistere encontre Paske
 – ix li. xvi s. vi d.

*Summa*¹⁶⁶ *totalis* de lour charge amont – CCxx li. ix s. iii d.

Discharge

Salarie:

Primerement, païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun *pur* salary *et* furr[ur]¹⁶⁷ – vii li.
 Item, païé a Johan Bele *pur* salarye – lii s.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Strete en almoign – lii s.
 Item, païé a Nichol Cokerelle – lii s.
 Item, païé a Johan Bostoun – lii s.
 Item, païé a Richard Horwode – lii s.
 – xx li.

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Doun *pur* conseil:

Item, païé *pur* drap *pur* un goune donee a Colred – xvi s.

Costes faitz *sur* minstralles:

Item, païé a vii minstralles *pur* le chivauchee del Maire Richard Merlowe, outre
 les fyns fait de ceux qe avoient congié d'estre al hostielle – xiii s. vi d.

¹⁶⁶ The initial 'S' of this word is double-sized and slightly ornamented.

¹⁶⁷ MS: furre (which is of course an English form of the word).

For their first year:

from William Wye –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Easton the younger –	6s. 8d.
from John Fray –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

Profit on the livery:

Item, they declare having received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £9 16s. 6d.

Sum total of their receipts amounts to – £220 9s. 3d.

Disbursements

Salary:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton for salary and fur – £7

Item, paid to John Bele for salary – 52s.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Street as alms –	52s.
Item, paid to Nicholas Cokerelle –	52s.
Item, paid to John Boston –	52s.
Item, paid to Richard Horwood –	52s.
– £20 ⁹⁶	

Gift for counsel:

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Item, paid for cloth for a gown given to Colred⁹⁷ – 16s.

Expenditure on musicians:

Item, paid to 7 musicians for the procession with the Mayor Richard Merlowe, over and above the fines paid by those who had permission to stay at home⁹⁸ – 13s. 6d.

⁹⁶ This total refers to the disbursements noted on this page.

⁹⁷ It is not easy to identify this man but he was presumably a lawyer; one possibility is a Thomas Colrede who appears for instance in *CPMR 1413–57*, pp. 30, 111, *CPR 1413–1416*, p. 352, and in *CCR 1422–1429*, pp. 149, 191, ?312–13; more unlikely is William Goodrede or Godred who later became a serjeant-at-law, see Roskell, *History of Parliament*, vol. 3, pp. 209–11.

⁹⁸ It is not certain that 'al hostielle' here means 'at home', but the usual phrasing for such fines is for those who did not attend, and it is therefore likely. It is just possible, however, that it means to be at some specific place (unnamed because well-known at the time to the mercers?), as 'hostielle' can mean a 'hostelry', 'lodging-place', or can refer to an important civic building such as, perhaps here, the Guildhall (from where the Mayor's procession set out).

Reparacioun, voidance, salarie *et* quitrent *pur* cest an:

Item, païé [*pur*] reparacioun del rent del mistere *pur* lour temps – iiii li. xv s. viii d. ob. Item, païé *pur* quitrent a Seint Giles spitel – vi s. viii d. Item, païé *pur* quiterent a Westmynstre – xxv s. Item, ils soi deschargen[t]¹⁶⁸ en le voidance d'un tenement – xii s. ix d. Item, a Richard Guy *pur* salarie del garder le rent – xx s. – viii li. i d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour disc[h]arge¹⁶⁹ amont – xxix li. xii s. xi d. ob.

1410 Et fait a savoir qe al congregacioun de les compaignouns de le mistere a lour maungerye teneu solonc q'ils sont acostumez, les avantditz Johan Shadworth, Johan Aleyn, Thomas Tikhille *et* Johan Fauntleroy choiserent gardeins *pur* l'an ensuiant, c'est assavoir Johan Shadworth eslit William Walderne, Johan Aleyn eslit Thomas Roos, Thomas Tykhille e[s]lit¹⁷⁰ Richard Harpour *et* Johan Fauntleroy eslit Johan Knottyngelee, as queux ils ont delyvree l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, come piert *par* l'acompte devant escript, vidz. – Ciiii^{xx}ix li. xvi s. iii d. ob.

f. 53r Vieilles parementz appartenantz al mistere:
Item, ils ont delyvree a les avantditz gardeyns *par* eux esluz les vieilles parementz *pur* lour auter, queux Sire William Hedyngdoun, le chapelein de la mercerye, lour delyvrera, c'est assavoir une chalice d'argent ové le patene¹⁷¹ poisent xvi ounces iii quarterons, pris xlii s. Item, une veille chesible ové les parures de tartaryn raïé, une aube *et* une amyte *et* une towaille *pur* estre desuis l'autre, pris tout – viii s. Item, veille huch lié de ferre, pris – x s.

Doune de Sire William Hedyngtoun, chapeleyn del mercerye:

Item, ils ount delivrez as ditz nouvelles gardeyns *par* eux esluz les choses desoutz escriptz queux le dit Sire William Hedyngdoun lour delyvra auxy, et queux mesme Sire William ad dounee de sa bone volentee a la comunealte de la mistere del mercerye, c'est assavoir une nouvelle lyvre appelee missale, pris x marcz. Item, une chesible de velvet rouge champ soie embraudé de esteilles d'or ové les parures, aube *et* amytes, pris – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils ount delyvree une cofyn percee en quel est une pile de latoun, pris xiii s. iiiii d. Item, j alle *et* j verge de latoun qe sont les estandardes del mistere de mercerye, *et* touz les munimentz appartenantz a les rentes d'ycelle.¹⁷²

168 MS: deschargen.

169 MS: discharge.

170 MS: elit.

171 MS: 'patene enorrez', the latter word firmly scored out.

172 The two paragraphs above have been given 'sub-headings' in the RH margin, as indicated above; in the RH margin. Here, however, are only the two somewhat scribbled notes, done in a different hand: 'i pile, i alle, i verge, estandardes' / 'rem' de la receyte des munimentz'.

Repairs, vacancy, salary and quit-rent for this year:

Item, paid [for] repairs to the mistery's rental property during their term of office – £4 15s. 8½d. Item, paid for quit-rent to St Giles's Hospital – 6s. 8d. Item, paid for quit-rent to Westminster – 25s. Item, they declare the vacancy of one tenement – 12s. 9d. Item, to Richard Guy for salary for looking after the rent⁹⁹ – 20s. – £8 1½d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts to – £29 12s. 11½d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of the members of the company at their feast held in their accustomed manner, the aforesaid John Shadworth, John Aleyn, Thomas Tickhill and John Fauntleroy chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Shadworth elected William Walderne, John Aleyn elected Thomas Roos, Thomas Tickhill elected Richard Harpour and John Fauntleroy elected John Knottyngley, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account written above, i.e. £189 16s. 3½d. 1410

Old ornaments belonging to the mistery:

Item, they handed over to the aforesaid wardens elected by them the old ornaments for their altar which Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain of the mercers' mistery, handed over to them, i.e. a silver chalice and paten,¹⁰⁰ weighing 16¾ oz., value 42s. Item, an old chasuble of striped tartarin¹⁰¹ with its accoutrements, an alb and an amice and a cloth to go over the top of the altar, value of the whole – 8s. Item, an old chest bound with iron, value – 10s. f. 53r

Gift of Sir William Hedyngton, chaplain of the mercers' mistery:

Item, they handed over to the said new wardens elected by them the things written below which the said Sir William Hedyngton had also handed over to them, and which the same Sir William had of his goodwill given to the commonalty of the mercers' mistery, i.e. a new book called a missal, value 10 marks. Item, a chasuble of red velvet with a silk ground, embroidered with golden stars, with the accoutrements, alb and amice, value – 53s. 4d.

Item, they handed over a perforated chest in which is a latten pile, value 13s. 4d. Item, a latten ell and yard which are the standards of the mercers' mistery, and all the muniments appertaining to their rental properties.¹⁰²

⁹⁹ As above, this may mean looking after the rent-money or the rental property – or both.

¹⁰⁰ The word 'enorrez' which has been scored out means 'gilded'.

¹⁰¹ The *OED* defines this as a rich stuff, apparently of silk, imported from the East, probably from China through Tartary, but Stratford, *Bedford Inventories*, p. 350, defines 'tartaryn' as 'a type of silk, which derived its name from Chinese silk, but was probably woven in Europe'.

¹⁰² The notes beside this entry say: '1 pile, 1 ell, 1 yard, standards'; 'memo. of the receipt of muniments'.

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Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent sek delyveree a eux par les gardeins de l'an darrein devaunt passee, c'est assavoir – Ciiii^{xx}ix li. xvi s. iii d. ob.

Rent:

Item, ils soi chargent q'ils ount receu del rent del mistere en Bisshopgatestrete de cest an – xvi li.

Item, receu del rent del Croune¹⁷⁴ en Westche[pe]¹⁷⁵ de cest an – xv li. xv s. v d.
– xxxi li. xv s. v d.

Fins:

Item, receu de William Flete pur son entree en la liveree – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, de William Ruddy, l'apprentice Alein Everard, par fyn – xx s.

Item, de William Dautree, l'apprentice Johan More – xl s.

Item, de Johan Middeltoun pur estre disportee de la lyvree par cause q'il se vest noir ou grys après la mort sa femme, par fyn faite – iii s. iiiii d.
– ix li. xvi s. viiii d.

Amercimentz:

De Thomas Seccheford –	xii d.
De Richard Herry –	xii d.
De Johan Strattoun –	vi d.
De Aleyn Roys –	vi d.
De Thomas Halle –	vi d.
De Esmond Alderford pur deux chivalcheez –	iii s. viiii d.
De Johan Langham –	ii s.
De Nichol Hamme –	vi d.
De Johan Abbot –	vi d.
De Thomas Chaltoun –	xii d.
De Thomas Dentoun –	xii d.
De Thomas Tykhille –	vi d.
De Richard Skiet –	vi d.
De Johan Estmond –	xii d.
– xiiii s. ii d.	

¹⁷³ Space has been left for an initial that has never been done, and a small 'c' is indicated in the far outside LH margin.

¹⁷⁴ This is the first mention of rent received from the Crown Seld, the expenses of whose purchase are recorded below, on f. 54v. But see also f. A1r above and Introduction, pp. 3–4.

¹⁷⁵ MS: 'Westche'.

This is the account of William Walderne, Thomas Roos, Richard Harpour and John Knottyngley, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 12 Henry IV [24 June 1411], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of ready money handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £189 16s. 3½d.

Rent:

Item, they declare that they have received from the mistery's rental property in Bishopsgate Street for this year – £16

Item, received from the rental property of the Crown in West Cheap for this year – £15 15s. 5d.

– £31 15s. 5d.

Fees:

Item, received from William Fleet for his admission to the livery – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from William Ruddy the apprentice of Alan Everard, as a fee – 20s.

Item, from William Dawtre, the apprentice of John More – 40s.

Item, from John Middleton, to be exempted from [wearing] the livery because he dresses [only] in black or in grey after the death of his wife, by agreed fee – 3s. 4d.

– £9 16s. 8d.

Fines:

from Thomas Sedgford – 12d.

from Richard Harry – 12d.

from John Stratton – 6d.

from Alan Roys – 6d.

from Thomas Halle – 6d.

from Edmund Alderford, for two processions – 3s. 8d.

from John Langham – 2s.

from Nicholas Hamme – 6d.

from John Abbot – 6d.

from Thomas Chalton – 12d.

from Thomas Denton – 12d.

from Thomas Tickhill – 6d.

from Richard Skete – 6d.

from John Eastmond – 12d.

– 14s. 2d.

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Unqore amercimentz:

De Roger Russel –	xii d.
De Johan Welles –	xii d.
De Johan Langacre –	xii d.
De Johan Wasshebourne –	xii d.
–	iiii s.

Entrees d'apprent[ic]es:¹⁷⁶

De Richard Tylney	} apprentices Johan Strattoun –	iiii s.
De William Bartoun		
De Thomas Everard apprentice Johan Wasshbourne –		ii s.
De Johan Frigett apprentice Johan Langham –		ii s.
De Johan Everard apprentice Aleyn Everard –		ii s.
De Robert Wynchecombe apprentice Richard Northbury –		ii s.
De Johan Gose apprentice Johan Coventree –		ii s.
De Richard Stuard apprentice Johan Knottynglee –		ii s.
De Johan Mounteneye apprentice Esmoun Alderford –		ii s.
De Thomas Crochoun apprentice William Erntoun –		ii s.
De Thomas Bekeswelle apprentice Thomas Philippe –		ii s.
De Johan Andrew	} apprentices Thomas Chaltoun –	iiii s.
De Thomas Shefford		
De Nichol Draytoun apprentice William Foucher –		ii s.
De Richard Boure	} apprentices Thomas Faulkoner –	iiii s.
De Johan Estoun		
De Richard Riche apprentice Johan Lane –		ii s.
De Richard Broke apprentice de Johan Etoun –		ii s.
De Stephen Tychemerche apprentice Thomas Tornour –		ii s.
–		xxxviii s.

Issues d'apprentices:

De Richard Medrose –	ii s.
De William Hale –	ii s.
De William Tounesende –	ii s.
De William Ruddy –	ii s.
De Robert Colwelle –	ii s.
De William Dautree –	ii s.
De Johan Enmede –	ii s.
–	xiiii s.

De lour iii^e an:

De Roger Russelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Medrose –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gladman –	vi s. viii d.
–	xx s.

176 MS: d'apprentes.

Further fines:

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from Roger Russell –	12d.
from John Welles –	12d.
from John Langacre –	12d.
from John Washbourne –	12d.
– 4s.	

Admission of apprentices:

from Richard Tylney	} apprentices of John Stratton –	4s.
from William Barton		
from Thomas Everard apprentice of John Washbourne –		2s.
from John Frechet apprentice of John Langham –		2s.
from John Everard apprentice of Alan Everard –		2s.
from Robert Winchcombe apprentice of Richard Northbury –		2s.
from John Gosse apprentice of John Coventry –		2s.
from Richard Stuard apprentice of John Knottyngley –		2s.
from John Mounteney apprentice of Edmund Alderford –		2s.
from Thomas Crochon apprentice of William Erntoun –		2s.
from Thomas Bekeswelle apprentice of Thomas Philip –		2s.
from John Andrew	} apprentices of Thomas Chalton –	4s.
from Thomas Shefford		
from Nicholas Drayton apprentice of William Foucher –		2s.
from Richard Boure	} apprentices of Thomas Fauconer –	4s.
from John Easton		
from Richard Riche apprentice of John Lane –		2s.
from Richard Brook apprentice of John Eton –		2s.
from Stephen Titchmarsh apprentice of Thomas Turnour –		2s.
– 38s.		

Issue of apprentices:

from Richard Medrose –	2s.
from William Halle –	2s.
from William Townesende –	2s.
from William Ruddy –	2s.
from Robert Colwelle –	2s.
from William Dawtre –	2s.
from John Enmede –	2s.
– 14s.	

For their third year:

from Roger Russell –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Medrose –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gladman –	6s. 8d.
– 20s.	

De lour seconde an:

De Robert Coventree – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Fray – vi s. viii d.
– xiii s. iiiii d.

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De lour primere an:

De William Brugge – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Buteller – vi s. viii d.

De William Trymnelle – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Langacre – vi s. viii d.

De Walter Bertoun – vi s. viii d.

De William Melred – vi s. viii d.

De Henry Frowyk – vi s. viii d.

De William Flete – vi s. viii d.

De Henry Londoun – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Crispe – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Weltoun – vi s. viii d.

– lxxiii s. iiiii d.

L'encrees de la liveree:

Item, ils soy chargent ové les deniers resceuz de l'encrees de la lyvree de cest an, vidz. encontre Paske – Ci s. iiiii d.

De devyse de testamentz:

Item, ils soi chargent ové une somme d'argent qe Johan Wodecok (qe dieux assoille) devysa par soun testament pur l'almoigne del mistere mayntener, vidz. – xx li.

Item, ils soy chargent de une autre somme devisee par Johan More (qe dieux assoille) pur mesme la cause, vidz. – xl s.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont net – CClxvii li. vi s. vi d. ob.

Discharge

Paiementz faitz pur le Croune selde ové lé appertenantz:

Primement, paiee a les executours Johan Wodecok pur le Croune selde en Westchepe ové le front devant ycel – CC li.

Item, paiee pur diverses costes spenduz entour le brief appellé 'Ad quod dampnum' – lxxiii s. iiiii d.¹⁷⁷ Item, a Johan Fray pur conseilhe – xx s. Item, a Lyncoln pur chartres escrire – x s. Item, as officers de l'echecerye, sesouns prendre, despenses¹⁷⁸ en fees, boire etc – xviii s. ob.

– vi li. ii s. iiiii d. ob.

¹⁷⁷ See *Calendarium rotulorum chartarum et inquisitionum ad quod damnum* (London, Record Commission, 1803), no. 31, p. 363: 'Stephanus Speleman et alii dederunt W. Waldern et alii (sic) custodibus misterie merceris London' quedam messuag' in diversis locis in civitat' London'. On this purchase of the Crown Seld, see Introduction, pp. 3–4.

¹⁷⁸ The final suspension mark is indeterminate and one could also expand it as 'despendu'.

For their second year:

from Robert Coventry –	6s. 8d.
from John Fray –	6s. 8d.
– 13s. 4d.	

For their first year:

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from William Brigge –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler –	6s. 8d.
from William Trymnelle –	6s. 8d.
from John Langacre –	6s. 8d.
from Walter Barton –	6s. 8d.
from William Meldreth –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Frowyk –	6s. 8d.
from William Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from Henry London –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Crisp –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Welton –	6s. 8d.
– 73s. 4d.	

Profit on the livery:

Item, they declare the money received from the profit on this year's livery, i.e. at Easter – 101s. 4d.

From bequests in wills:

Item, they declare a sum of money which John Woodcock (may God absolve him) bequeathed by his will for the upkeep of the mystery's alms, i.e. £20

Item, they declare another sum bequeathed by John More (may God absolve him) for the same purpose, i.e. 40s.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net to – £267 6s. 6½d.

Disbursements

Payments made for the Crown Seld with the appurtenances:

Firstly, paid to the executors of John Woodcock for the Crown Seld in West Cheap, together with its frontage¹⁰³ – £200

Item, paid for various expenses over the writ of 'Ad quod damnum' – 74s. 4d.

Item, to John Fray¹⁰⁴ for counsel – 20s. Item, to [Thomas] Lincoln¹⁰⁵ for the writing of deeds – 10s. Item, to the exchequer officials, for holding sessions, expenses¹⁰⁶ on fees, on drinks, etc. – 18s. ½d.

– £6 2s. 4½d.

103 Literally 'the "front" in front of it'. The 'front' here must mean the 'frontage' i.e. the land between the front of a building and the road.

104 John Fray was later a baron of the Exchequer, from 1425 to 1426, he was chief baron of the Exchequer from 9 February 1436 until 1448, and died in 1461; see Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 316–18; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 282; and Roskell, *History of Parliament*, III, pp. 123–6.

105 Presumably the same scrivener as the one appearing on f. 47v.

106 Or 'spent'.

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Salarie *et* almoigne:Item, a Sire William Hedyngdoun *pur* soun salarye *et* furr[ur]¹⁷⁹ – vii li.Item, a Johan Bele, le bedelle, *pur* soun salarie – lii s.

Item, a Johan Strete en almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Richard Horwode en almoygne – lii s.

Item, payé a Thomas Conestable en almoigne tanqe *Seint* Johan l'an *del* regne le roi Henry iii^{ie} xii^e, c'est assavoir xviii sepmyngnes, *pur* chescun sepmyan vii d. – x s. vi d.

– xv li. vi s. vi d.

Quitrent, reparacioun, *et* salarye:Item, païé *pur* quiterent a *Seint* Giles spitel *pur* le rent en Bisshopgatestrete – vi s. viii d.Item, païé al abbé de Westm' *pur* quitrent de le dit rent en Bisshopgatestrete *pur* un an une quarter tanqe Pask l'an suisdit – xxv s.Item, payé *pur* quitrent del Croune selde dedeins due a Haliwelle – xiii s. iii d.Item, païé *pur* le frounte del dit selde, a Cristcherche *pur* quitrent – xix s.Item, païé a *Seint* Eleyns *pur* quitrent del dit frounte – xviii s.Item, païé *pur* reparacioun del rent en Bisshopgatestrete – xxxiiii s. iii d. ob.Item, *pur* reparacion del Croune selde – xx s. v d.Item, païé a Richard Guy, coilour del rent, *pur* soun salarye tanqe *Seint* Johan suisdit – xl s.

– viii li. xvi s. ix d. ob.

Costes *pur* le verge, le pile de latoun, *et* *pur* les balances:Item, païé al serjant *et* al foundour *pur* une verge de latoun – iii s. iii d.Item, *pur* le dit verge prover en l'eschequer le roy, ové batillage – xiiii d.Item, al foundour *pur* amender le pile de latoun – xiiii d.Item, *pur* iii paire balances de diverse sortes – ix s. v d.

– xv s. i d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont net come piert –

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Et¹⁸⁰ fait a savoir qe al congregacioun des compaignouns de le mistere a lour maungerye tenues solonc q'ils sont acustumez, les avant escriptz William Walderne, Thomas Roos, Richard Harpour *et* Johan Knottynglee choiserent gardeins *pur* l'an ensuiant, c'est assavoir William Walderne eslit Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Roos eslit Alein Everard, Richard Harpour eslit Johan Wasshebourn *et* Johan Knottynglee eslit Richard Aylemer, as queux ils ount delyvree l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, come piert *par* l'acompt devant escript, c'est assavoir – xxxvi li. v s. x d.

179 MS: furre.

180 The initial 'E' here is enlarged, to a space of two lines high, and the 'O' of 'Ordinances' just below is more than twice the usual size. In this section of the manuscript a number of other initials are somewhat enlarged, the effect being that of making new sections stand out clearly.

Salary and alms:

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Item, to Sir William Hedyngton for his salary and fur – £7

Item, to John Bele, the beadle, for his salary – 52s.

Item, to John Street in alms – 52s.

Item, to Richard Horwood in alms – 52s.

Item, paid to Thomas Constable in alms up to [the feast of] St John in the year

12 Henry IV [24 June 1411], i.e. 18 weeks at 7d. for each week – 10s. 6d.

– £15 6s. 6d.

Quit-rent, repairs, and salary:

Item, paid for quit-rent to St Giles' Hospital for the rental property in Bishopsgate Street – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Westminster Abbey for quit-rent of the said rental property in Bishopsgate Street, for a year and a quarter up to Easter in the aforesaid year – 25s.

Item, paid for quit-rent of the interior of the Crown Seld, due to Haliwell Priory – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid for the frontage of the said seld, as quit-rent to Christchurch Priory – 19s.

Item, paid to St Helen's as quit-rent for the said frontage – 18s.

Item, paid for repairs to the rental property in Bishopsgate Street – 34s. 4½d.

Item, for repairs to the Crown Seld – 20s. 5d.

Item, paid to Richard Guy, rent-collector, for his salary up the aforesaid [feast of] St John – 40s.

– £8 16s. 9½d.

Expenditure on the yard-measure, the latten pile, and for the scales:¹⁰⁷

Item, paid to the serjeant and the founder for a latten yard-measure – 3s. 4d.

Item, for the verifying of the yard-measure at the King's Exchequer, with the costs of transport by boat – 14d.

Item, to the founder for correcting the latten pile – 14d.

Item, for 3 pairs of scales of various kinds – 9s. 5d.

– 15s. 1d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to – £231 8½d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of members of the mistery's company at their feast held in the accustomed manner, the aforesaid William Waldern, Thomas Roos, Richard Harpour and John Knottynghley chose wardens for the following year, i.e. William Waldern elected Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Roos elected Alan Everard, Richard Harpour elected John Washbourne and John Knottynghley elected Richard Aylmere, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above, i.e. £36 5s. 10d.

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¹⁰⁷ On the necessity for these expenses see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, III, pp. 618, 637–8, 644–5; and see Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, p. 191: the statutes regulating the sizes of cloth were once again revised this year.

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Ordinances establiez en ycel an come piert après

Ordinance *qe* les compaignouns *seront* vestuz del entier livree a congregaciouns assignez come vigilees *et* offrendes *et* processions generalx:

Et fait a savoir *qe* de aunciene custume, honestee *et* bone governance ad esté continuez *qe* les compaignouns de le mistere a lour assemblez come vigilees, offrendes, *et* processions generalx ount vestuz lour robes de la livree del mistere ové les chaperouns de ycel; *et* ore tarde tielx bones custumes sont *par* ascunes del companie discontinuez, *qe* s'assemblent pluseurs foyth ascunes sans cote, ascuns sans chaperoun, *et* ascuns sans ambesdeux, contrariantz *par* negligence ou autre voie a les avantditz bones custumes. Ordeigné est *et* assentuz *par* touz les bones gentz de le mistere en une congregacioun tenue le primere jour de Decembre l'an douszisme del regne le roi Henry le quarte, *qe* si ascun compaignoun del mistere desorenavant soit trovez en ascune congregacioun a quel il serra duement somoniez *par* le bedelle ou les gardeins ou ascun compaignoun *par* les gardeins assignez, sans le cote de la lyvree a luy assignez, paiera al almoigne del mistere viii d., *et* s'il soit trovee sans le chaperoun d'ycel paiera iiiii d., *et* s'il soit trouvé sans toutdeux il paiera xii d., sauve toutditz resonable excusacioun.

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Ordinance del serche des mestres ové le peyne:

Item, come *par* temps passee ordeignez sont une verge *et* une alle de latoun conformez a les estandardes nostre Seignur le Roi, si bien en la Guyhalle de Loundres come en l'eschequer de Westm', *et* auxy joustes poises de latoun confourmez as poisez de le dit Guyhalle, pur reuler les mesures *et* les poises deins la mistere, demurantz en la garde des gardeins al fyn q'ils facent leurs mesures *et* poises acorder a yceux estandardes pur le loialtee *et* honestee del mistere garder, *et* en le temps des suisditz William Walderne, Thomas Roos, Richard Harpour *et* Johan Knottynglee faceant lour serche en le mistere, furent trovez ascunes verges *et* alles trop longues *et* ascunes trop courtz, *et* ascunes poyses trop poisantz *et* ascunes trop legers: Ordeignee est *et* establie *par* toutes les bones gentz del mistere en une congregacioun tenue le xxiii jour d'april le l'an xii^e del regne le roy suisdit, *qe* les gardeins *qe* seront desorenavant ferront general serche *par* toute le mistere al meins une foith durant lour an, sur peine de paier chescun de eux xl s. al almoign del mistere, *et* auront poair de mettre a fyn chescun persone *qe* serra trovee defectyf en ses mesures ou poises solonc lour discessioun, s'ils ne soient de just mesure de les estandardes, *qe* toudys seront prestes de les moustrer ou prester a toutes les compaignouns *qe* les vorra demaunder.

Ordinances enacted during this year, as appears below:

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Ordinance that members of the company shall be clothed in the full livery at assemblies assigned such as for vigils and offerings, and general processions:

Memorandum that it has been a continuing and ancient custom for honest and good conduct that, at their assemblies such as those for vigils, offerings, and general processions, companions of the mistery have worn their mistery's livery robes together with the hoods, and recently such good customs have been discontinued by some members of the company, who several times have come to assemblies some without their gown,¹⁰⁸ some without a hood, and some without either, thus going against the aforesaid good customs by negligence or otherwise. It was ordained and agreed by all the goodmen of the mistery at an assembly held on the first day of December in the year 12 Henry IV [1 December 1410] that if any companion of the mistery shall from henceforth be found without the livery gown assigned to him at any assembly to which he shall have been duly summoned by the beadle or the wardens or by any member of the company assigned by the wardens, he shall pay to the alms fund of the mistery 8d., and if he be found without the livery hood he shall pay 4d., and if he be found without both of these, he shall pay 12d., excepting always if he have a reasonable excuse.

Ordinance for the inspection by the wardens, with the penalty:

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Item, whereas in time gone by have been ordained a yard-measure and an ell-measure of latten that conform to the standards of our lord the king, both those at the Guildhall of London and those at the Exchequer at Westminster, and also correct latten weights in conformity with those of the said Guildhall, which are for the purpose of controlling measures and weights within the mistery, and which remain in the keeping of the wardens so that they may make their measures and weights agree with those standards in order to uphold the trustworthiness and the honesty of the mistery, and during the term of office of the abovesaid William Walderne, Thomas Roos, Richard Harpouir and John Knottynghley, while they were carrying out their inspection within the mistery, some yard-measures and some ell-measures were found that were too long and others that were too short, and some weights were found that were too heavy and others which were too light. It was ordained and established by all the goodmen of the mistery at an assembly held on the 23rd day of April of the year 12 Henry IV [1411] that the current wardens from henceforth shall make a general inspection throughout the mistery at least once during their year's term,¹⁰⁹ on penalty of paying each one 40s. to the mistery's alms-fund, and they shall have the power to fine at their discretion any person who shall be found at fault in his measures or his weights, if they are not in just accordance with the standards, which they shall always have ready to show or to lend to all members of the company who shall ask for them.

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¹⁰⁸ The word used is 'cote' which is a general term used for a man's outer garment with sleeves.

¹⁰⁹ A later ordinance, included in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 9r, says that the wardens may carry out their search 'as ofte as itt plesseþ þem in theire tyme'.

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Charge

Primerement, ils soy chargent de une somme d'argent sek delivré a eux *par* les gardeins de l'an darrein devant passee, c'est assavoir – xxxvi li. v s. x d.

Rent:

Item, ils soi chargent q'ils ont receu de le rent de le mistere en lour temps *par* les mains Richard Guy – xx li. vii s. viii d.

Fyns *pur* entrer la lyvree:

De Johan Nortoun <i>pur</i> soun fyn <i>pur</i> avoir la lyvree –	v marcz
De William Corneville <i>pur</i> mesme cause –	x li.
De Walter Jutebergh <i>pur</i> mesme cause –	v marcz
– xvi li. xiii s. iiiii d.	

Autres fyns:

De Johan Middeltoun *pur* estre desportee de la lyveree et chivalchees *pur* l'an – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, receu de une forfait dont la cause n'est pas limitee, *par* assent – xlvi s. viii d.

– L s.

Amercymenz:

De Johan Langham – xii d.

De Johan Knottynglee – xii d.

– ii s.

Entrees d'apprentices:

De Robert Wosley	} apprentices Thomas Roos –	iiii s.
De Symond de la Launde		
De Johan Reyner apprentice Robert Horwode –		ii s.
De Johan Middeltoun apprentice Richard Bures – i		i s.
De Thomas Sybenham apprentice Johan Somerey –		ii s.
De Geffrey Feldyng apprentice Johan Admond –		ii s.
De Richard Wampage apprentice Thomas Hawe –		ii s.
De Martyn Myddeltoun apprentice Johan Knottynglee –		ii s.
De Johan Kirkeby	} apprentices Thomas Tykhille –	iiii s.
De Richard Hawys		
De Stephen Patryngtoun apprentice Johan Boteller –		ii s.
De William Torver apprentice Walter Bertoun –		ii s.
– Summa – xxiiii s.		

¹⁸¹ The space is again left for a decorated initial.

This is the account of Thomas Fauconer, Alan Everard, John Washbourne and Richard Aylmere, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 13 Henry IV [24 June 1412] for the year immediately preceding during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery. 1411–12
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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of ready money handed to them by last year's wardens, i.e. – £36 5s. 10d.

Rent:

Item, they declare that they have received from the mistery's rental properties during their term of office, handed over to them by Richard Guy – £20 7s. 8d.

Fees for admission to the livery:

from John Norton for his fee to obtain ¹¹⁰ the livery –	5 marks
from William Cornville for the same reason –	£10
from Walter Jutebergh for the same reason –	5 marks
– £16 13s. 4d.	

Other fees:

from John Middleton to be exempted from the livery and from riding in processions during the year – 3s. 4d.

Item, received for a penalty whose cause is not stated, by agreement – 46s. 8d.
– 50s.

Fines:

from John Langham –	12d.
from John Knottyngley –	12d.
– 2s.	

Admission of apprentices:

from Robert Wolsley	}	apprentices of Thomas Roos –	4s.
from Simon de la Launde			
from John Reyner apprentice of Robert Horwood –			2s.
from John Middleton apprentice of Richard Bures –			2s.
from Thomas Sibbenham apprentice of John Somery –			2s.
from Geoffrey Fielding apprentice of John Admond –			2s.
from Richard Vaunpage apprentice of Thomas Hawe –			2s.
from Martin Middleton apprentice of John Knottyngley –			2s.
from John Kirkeby	}	apprentices of Thomas Tickhill –	4s.
from Richard Hawys			
from Stephen Patrington apprentice of John Butler –			2s.
from William Torver apprentice of Walter Barton –			2s.
– total – 24s.			

¹¹⁰ Literally 'to have'.

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Unqore entrees de apprentices:

De Thomas Pomfreyt	} apprentices Johan Coventre –	iiii s.
De Johan Wodeward		
De William Larke appren[ti]ce ¹⁸² Thomas Aleyn –		ii s.
De Johan Filche apprentice Johan Langham –		ii s.
De Johan Halle	} apprentices Richard Coventre –	iiii s.
De Nichol Estmond		
De Johan Sedale apprentice Johan Lane –		ii s.
De Johan Lomneye	} apprentices Alein Roys –	iiii s.
De Thomas Hatfeld		
De Johan Rigmere apprentice Alein Everard –		ii s.
De William Amour apprentice William Goodman –		ii s.
De William Walderne apprentice Thomas Maymond –		ii s.
De Johan Homberstone apprentice Roberd Strode –		ii s.
De William Richardson apprentice Symond Flete –		ii s.
– Summa –	xxviii s.	

Issues d'apprentices:

De Richard Somerey –	ii s.
De Johan Tunstal –	ii s.
De Johan Kirkeby –	ii s.
De Stephen Caustoun –	ii s.
De Johan Onle –	ii s.
De Thomas Prodman –	ii s.
De Johan Mittoun –	ii s.
De Johan Clerk –	ii s.
De William Belgrave –	ii s.
De Johan Drake –	ii s.
De Thomas Dullay –	ii s.
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De lour tierce an:

De Johan Fray –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Coventre –	vi s. viii d.
– Summa –	xiii s. iiiii d.

De lour seconde an:

De Johan Langacre –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Crysp –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Boteller –	vi s. viii d.
De Walter Bertoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Henry Frowyk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Melreth –	vi s. viii d.
De William Trymnel –	vi s. viii d.
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from Thomas Pomfreyt	} apprentices of John Coventry –	4s.
from John Woodward		
from William Larke apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –		2s.
from John Filche apprentice of John Langham –		2s.
from John Halle	} apprentices of Richard Coventry –	4s.
from Nicholas Eastmond		
from John Sewale apprentice of John Lane –		2s.
from John Lomneye	} apprentices of Alan Roys –	4s.
from Thomas Hatfield		
from John Rigmere apprentice of Alan Everard –		2s.
from William Amour apprentice of William Goodman –		2s.
from William Walderne apprentice of Thomas Maymond –		2s.
from John Humberstone apprentice of Robert Strode –		2s.
from William Richardson apprentice of Simon Fleet –		2s.
– total – 28s.		

Issue of apprentices:

from Richard Somery –	2s.
from John Tunstal –	2s.
from John Kirkeby –	2s.
from Stephen Causton –	2s.
from John Onley –	2s.
from Thomas Prodman –	2s.
from John Mitton –	2s.
from John Clerk –	2s.
from William Belgrave –	2s.
from John Drake –	2s.
from Thomas Dullay –	2s.
– total – 22s.	

For their third year:

from John Fray –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Coventry –	6s. 8d.
– total – 13s. 4d.	

For their second year:

from John Langacre –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Crisp –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler –	6s. 8d.
from Walter Barton –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Frowyk –	6s. 8d.
from William Meldreth –	6s. 8d.
from William Trymnelle –	6s. 8d.
– total – 46s. 8d.	

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Unqore de lour *seconde* an:

De William Brugge – vi s. viii d.

De Henry Londoun – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Weltoun – vi s. viii d.

De William Flete – vi s. viii d.

– *Summa* – xxvi s. viii d.De compaignouns de lour an *primere*De lour *primere* an:

De Robert Treneth – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Whaddene – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Nortoun – vi s. viii d.

De William Otes – vi s. viii d.

De John Atherestoun – vi s. viii d.

– *Summa* – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Encrees de la lyvree:

Item, ils soi chargent ové une *somme* levee de l'encrees de la lyvree encontre Pask, vidz. – iiiii li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – iiiii^{xxix} li. xii s. x d.

Discharge

Salaries et almoigne:

Primement, païé a Sire William Hedyngdoun – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Johan Bele *pur* son salarie – iii li. xi s. vi d.

Item, a Johan Strete en almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Richard Horwode en almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Thomas Conestable en almoigne – xxx s.

– *Summa* – xvi li. xviii s. x d.

Minstralles *et* un aide:

Item, païé *pur* minstralles al chyvalchee ovesqe Walter Cottoun, viscount – xxiiii s.

Item, païé *pur* ayder William Calvertoun – xiii s. iiiii d.

– xxxvii s. iiiii d.

Dette:

Item, ils soy dischargent *par* une obligacioun due del fyn William Cornville de soun fyn derere, *qe* amont – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxii li. ii s. x d.

Further for their second year:
 from William Brigge – 6s. 8d.
 from Henry London – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Welton – 6s. 8d.
 from William Fleet – 6s. 8d.
 – total – 26s. 8d.

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From companions for their first year

For their first year:
 from Robert Trenerth – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Whaddon – 6s. 8d.
 from John Norton – 6s. 8d.
 from William Otes – 6s. 8d.
 from John Atherstone – 6s. 8d.
 – total – 33s. 4d.

Profit on the livery:

Item, they declare a sum raised from the profit on the Easter livery, i.e. £4

Sum total of their receipts – £89 12s. 10d.

Disbursements

Salaries and alms:

Firstly, paid to Sir William Hedyngton – £6 13s. 4d.
 Item, to John Bele for his salary – £3 11s. 6d.
 Item, to John Street in alms – 52s.
 Item, to Richard Horwood in alms – 52s.
 Item, to Thomas Constable in alms – 30s.
 total – £16 18s. 10d.

Musicians and an aid:

Item, paid for musicians at the procession with Walter Cotton, sheriff – 24s.
 Item, paid as an aid¹¹¹ for William Calverton – 13s. 4d.
 – 37s. 4d

Debt:

Item, they declare a bond obligatory due from William Cornville's fee, part of his fee from before, which amounts to – £3 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £22 2s. 10d.

¹¹¹ This will most probably have been in the legal sense: 'Help or assistance in defending an action, legally claimed by the defendant from some one who has a joint-interest in the defence' (*OED*).

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Cruetz, paxbred, *et* sonet d'argent:

Item, ils ont delyvry a eux enoutre deux cruettes d'argent *qe* poisent de poise de Troie x ounces *dimi et dimi quarteron*

Item, un paxbred d'argent *qe* poise de poise de Troie iii ounces *et dimi quarter, et* le poise de un ferling d'or.

Item, un sonet¹⁸⁴ d'argent poise auxy de poise de Troie viii ounces

– *summa* de ounces xxi ounces iii quarter *et* i ferling.

– *qe* furent dounez al mistere *par* le prestre suisdit *qe* morust ycest an.

Item, un dettour *pur* un fyn, vidz. Robert Rollestoun, clerk – xliiii s.

Summa al mistere – lxxiii li. ové les parementz [del] chapel.¹⁸⁵

1413 n.s. ¹⁸⁶*Memorandum quod Henricus quartus post conquestum, invictissimus rex Anglie, obiit vicesimo die mensis marcii anno gracie millesimo quadringentesimo duodecimo secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie anglicane cuius corpus apud Cantuariam honorifice tumulatur.*

Henricus quintus, primogenitus supradicti regis Henrici quarti, apud Westmonasterium electus, creatus *et* unctus est in regem *et* coronatus die dominica in passione domini, vidz. anno gracie Mⁱ CCCcxiii^o qui dies dominica erat nonus dies Aprilis.

¹⁸³ The initial 'E' is enlarged to double size.

¹⁸⁴ This word has the English gloss written interlinearly above it: 'litel belle'.

¹⁸⁵ This sentence is written not as one would expect in the main text but in the far RH margin, and in a very small hand, apparently that of the scribe himself.

¹⁸⁶ These two paragraphs appear to have been written in slightly later than the above account, as the ink is a shade paler, but the hand is that of the same scribe.

Memorandum that at the assembly of members of the mistery at their feast held in the accustomed manner, the aforesaid Thomas Fauconer, Alan Everard, John Washbourne and Richard Aylmere chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Fauconer elected John Lane, Alan Everard elected William Marcheford, John Washbourne elected William Cavendish and Richard Aylmere elected John Stratton, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account written above, i.e. £67 10s.

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Silver cruets, paxbred, and little bell:

Item, they handed over to them in addition two silver cruets¹¹² which weigh by Troy weight 10½ oz. and half a quarter oz.

Item, a silver pax¹¹³ which weighs by Troy weight 3 oz. and half a quarter oz. and the weight of a farthing of gold.

Item, a little silver bell weighing again by Troy weight 8 oz.

– total oz. – 21 oz. and 3 quarters and 1 farthing [of gold]

– which were given to the mistery by the priest named above who died this year

Item, a debtor for a fee, i.e. Robert Rolleston, clerk¹¹⁴ – 44s.

Total for the mistery – £73 with the chapel ornaments

Memorandum that Henry IV, invincible king of England, died on 20 March 1412 [o.s.] according to the canonical method of reckoning of the English church, and his body was buried with full honours in Canterbury.

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Henry V, first-born son of the aforesaid King Henry IV, was elected, created and anointed king at Westminster and was crowned on Passion Sunday of the year of grace 1413, of which year Passion Sunday was the ninth day of April.

112 A small vessel to hold wine or water for use in the celebration of the Eucharist, or to hold holy water for other uses (*OED*).

113 A pax (obsolete term 'paxbred') is 'a tablet of gold, silver, ivory, glass or other material, round or quadrangular, with a projecting handle behind, bearing a representation of the crucifixion or other sacred subject, which was kissed by the celebrating priest at mass, and passed to the other officiating clergy and then to the congregation to be kissed ... It came into use during the 13th c. as a symbolic substitute for the kiss of peace ... In England its use died out after the Reformation; in the Roman Church it is now used in certain monastic communities on special occasions' (*OED*).

114 This is presumably the same man who was later keeper of the Great Wardrobe, etc. See Stratford, *Bedford Inventories*, p. 422.

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Charge

Argent sek:

Primer[em]jent, ils soi chargent ové une *somme* receue en argent sek des gardeins de l'an darrein passee devant, c'est assavoir – lxvii li. x s.

Deniers levez de le rent en lour temps:

Item, ils soi chargent q'ils ont receu de la rent de la mistere en *lour* temps, quite rentes, reparaciouns et la salarye de le rentier, vidz. Richard Guy, rebatuz – xxxv li. xiii s. ix d.

Parcelle d'une fyn:

Item, ils soi chargent q'ils ont receu de William Corneville en partie de paiement de son fyn *pur* entrer la lyvree – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Fyn *pur* le porthors¹⁸⁸ Sire W. Hedyngtoun:

Item, ils ont receu de les executours Sire William, nadgairs chapelein del mistere, *pur* un porthors vendue, et ceo venoit *par* arbitracioun de deux compaignouns – L s.

Amerciementz en *lour* temps:

Item, ils soy chargent de une *somme* levé de amercimentz en *lour* temps, c'est assavoir absentz as vigilees, congregaciouns, processions, et auxy qe n'ont ewe l'entier lyveré, en tout amont – xx s. x d.

Ayde as mynstralles:

Item, ils ont receu de certains gentz *pur* eyder as costages de les minstralles en le chivalchee contre le roy venant al coronacioun, vidz.:

De Johan Clerk et son compaignon – iii s. iiii d.	} viii s. iiii d.
De Johan Colwelle – xx d.	
De [William] ¹⁸⁹ Thymylby – iii s. iiii d.	

Fyn de J. Middeltoun:

Item, receu de Johan Middeltoun *pur* estre desporté de la lyveree et de chyvalchees – vi s. viii d.

Des entrees d'apprentices en *lour* temps:

De Piers Denys l'apprentice Thomas Hawe –	ii s.
De Robert Nelissoun l'apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De Johan Seymour l'apprentice Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
– vi s.	

¹⁸⁷ A space is left for a decorated initial, and a very small 'c' is written in the far LH margin.

¹⁸⁸ MS: *pur* une le porthors.

¹⁸⁹ A blank space is left for the first name.

This is the account of John Lane, William Marcheford, John Stratton, and William Cavendish, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 1 Henry V [24 June 1413], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum received in ready money from last year's wardens, i.e. £67 10s.

Money raised from the rental property during their term of office:

Item, they declare that they have received from the mistery's rental property during their term of office, having deducted quit-rents, repairs and the rent-collector's, i.e. Richard Guy's, salary – £35 14s. 9d.

Portion of a fee:

Item, they declare that they have received from William Cornville in part-payment for his fee to be admitted to the livery – 33s. 4d.

Fee for Sir William Hedyngton's portable breviary:

Item, they have received from the executors of Sir William, formerly chaplain of the mistery, for a portable breviary which has been sold, and this came through negotiation by two members of the company – 50s.

Fines during their term:

Item, they declare a sum levied from fines during their term of office, i.e. from absentees at vigils, at assemblies, at processions, and also from those who did not have the whole livery, in all it amounts to – 20s. 10d.

Assistance towards the musicians:

Item, they have received from certain persons to help with the costs of the musicians riding in the procession with the king to his coronation, i.e.

from John Clerk and his companion – 3s. 4d.	} 8s. 4d.
from John ¹¹⁵ Colwell – 20d.	
from [William] Thymelby – 3s. 4d.	

Fee from J. Middleton:

Item, received from John Middleton in order to be exempted from the livery and from processions – 6s. 8d.

From admission of apprentices during their term:

from Piers Denys the apprentice of Thomas Hawe –	2s.
from Robert Nelisson the apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from John Seymour the apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
– 6s.	

¹¹⁵ This may be an error for 'Robert'; see Name Index.

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Unqore de entrees de apprentices en lour temps:	
De Thomas Foucher l'apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.
De Richard Sloman l'apprentice Johan Knottynglee –	ii s.
De Roger Heuster l'apprentice Martyn Kelom –	ii s.
De Esmoun Hyde l'apprentice Richard Bures –	ii s.
De Johan Bawde l'apprentice Johan Bostoun –	ii s.
De Johan Appilby l'apprentice Thomas Bataille –	ii s.
De Johan Johan l'apprentice Johan Prynce –	ii s.
De Johan ¹⁹¹ l'apprentice ¹⁹² Domynyk –	ii s.
De William Beville l'apprentice Thomas Spark –	ii s.
De Johan Fales ¹⁹³ l'apprentice William Estfeld –	ii s.
De William Roos l'apprentice Johan Michelle –	ii s.
De Richard Whitacres l'apprentice Johan Typpup –	ii s.
De Johan Ferby l'apprentice Johan Atherstoun –	ii s.
De Johan Wodward l'apprentice Johan Etoun –	ii s.
De Nichol Holmage l'apprentice Johan Etoun avantdit –	ii s.
De William Welle l'apprentice Thomas Saccheford –	ii s.
De Johan Burtoun l'apprentice Robert Trees –	ii s.
De William Cantlowe l'apprentice Johan Whatle –	ii s.
De Nichol Lambert l'apprentice Thomas Chaltoun –	ii s.
De Henry Massyngham l'apprentice William Marcheford –	ii s.
De Richard Folyate l'apprentice Richard Herry –	ii s.
De William Launselyn l'apprentice James Grygge –	ii s.
– xliiii s.	

De Henry Julian *pur* issue *et* bon volentee – xv s. iiiii d.

De issues d'apprentices *et* autres en lour temps:

De Richard Kyngestoun –	ii s.
De Johan Butler ové Marcheford –	ii s.
De Robert Reynham –	ii s.
De William Astoun –	ii s.
De James Grygge –	ii s.
De Johan Herstoun –	ii s.
De Nichol Ivy –	ii s.
De William Roys –	ii s.
De Nichol Wytisheye –	ii s.
– xviii s.	

Fyn:

De William Rody *pur* fyn affieré *par* les mestres – xx s.

190 Folio 59 is missing from the foliation system – in error most probably, as there is no sign of a missing sheet.

191 A blank space follows.

192 A blank space precedes.

193 This surname has been written in later into a blank space left and is in darker ink, but apparently in the scribe's own hand.

Further from admissions of apprentices during their term:		f. 60r
from Thomas Foucher the apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.	
from Richard Sloman the apprentice of John Knottyngley –	2s.	
from Roger Hewster the apprentice of Martin Kelom –	2s.	
from Edmund Hyde the apprentice of Richard Bures –	2s.	
from John Bawde the apprentice of John Boston –	2s.	
from John Appleby the apprentice of Thomas Bataille –	2s.	
from John John the apprentice of John Prynce –	2s.	
from John the apprentice of [Robert] Domenyk –	2s.	
from William Beville the apprentice of Thomas Spark –	2s.	
from John Falows the apprentice of William Eastfield –	2s.	
from William Roos the apprentice of John Michel –	2s.	
from Richard Whitacre the apprentice of John Tipput –	2s.	
from John Ferby the apprentice of John Atherstone –	2s.	
from John Woodward the apprentice of John Eton –	2s.	
from Nicholas Holmage the apprentice of the aforesaid John Eton –	2s.	
from William Welle the apprentice of Thomas Sedgford –	2s.	
from John Burton the apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.	
from William Cantelowe ¹¹⁶ the apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.	
from Nicholas Lambert the apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.	
from Henry Massingham the apprentice of William Marcheford –	2s.	
from Richard Foliot the apprentice of Richard Harry –	2s.	
from William Launselyn the apprentice of James Grigge –	2s.	
– 44s.		

from Henry Julian for his issue and as a voluntary gift – 15s. 4d.

From issues of apprentices and others during their term:

from Richard Kingston –	2s.
from John Butler, with Marcheford –	2s.
from Robert Raynham –	2s.
from William Aston –	2s.
from James Grigge –	2s.
from John Herston –	2s.
from Nicholas Ivy –	2s.
from William Roys –	2s.
from Nicholas Witleseye –	2s.
– 18s.	

Fee:

from William Ruddy for a fee assessed by the wardens – 20s.

¹¹⁶ The *ODNB* article on him, vol. 9, pp. 940–41, says that he ‘is first recorded in 1427’, and the author had unfortunately not consulted the records at Mercers’ Hall.

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Unqore charge

Primes, de compaignouns des nobles de lour tiercz an:

De compaignouns de lour tierce an:

De Johan Langacre – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Crispe – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Weltoun – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Boteler – vi s. viii d.

De William Milrede – vi s. viii d.

De Walter Bertoun – vi s. viii d.

De Herry Frowyk – vi s. viii d.

De Henry Londoun – vi s. viii d.

De William Brugge – vi s. viii d.

De William Trymnelle – vi s. viii d.

De William Flete – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Prynce¹⁹⁴ – vi s. viii d.

– iii li.

De compaignouns de lour seconde an

De compaignouns de lour an seconde:

De Robert Treneth – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Prynce – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Whaddene – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Atherestoun – vi s. viii d.

De William Otys – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Nortoun – vi s. viii d.

– xl s.

Des compaignouns de lour primere an

De compaignouns de lour an primere:

De Robert Strode – vi s. viii d.

De William Estfeld – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Michelle – vi s. viii d.

De Symond Flete – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Bostoun – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Bataille – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Halyate – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Olney – vi s. viii d.

De William Pekke – vi s. viii d.

De Henry Julyan – vi s. viii d.

– iii li. vi s. viii d.

Encrees del lyveree ové le Maire, vidz. chyvalc[h]ee¹⁹⁵ – W. Walderne

Item, ils soy chargent ové une somme receue de l'encrese de la lyveré del chyvalchee ové le Maire William Walderne, vidz. – iii li. xix s. v d.

194 The pattern of this man's payments is odd, as he pays for both second and third year's fees in this same year (see below), and one notes also the gap of years since his first payment. See Name Index.

195 MS: chyvalcee. (which might be accounted correct and not a scribal error, but the word is not attested elsewhere except with 'ch', and is so written just below).

Further receipts

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Firstly, from companions, nobles¹¹⁷ for their third year:

From companions for their third year:

from John Langacre –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Crisp –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Welton –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler –	6s. 8d.
from William Meldreth –	6s. 8d.
from Walter Barton –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Frowyk –	6s. 8d.
from Henry London –	6s. 8d.
from William Brigge –	6s. 8d.
from William Trymnelle –	6s. 8d.
from William Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Prynce –	6s. 8d.
– £4	

From companions for their second year:

From companions for their second year:

from Robert Trenerth –	6s. 8d.
from John Prynce –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Whaddon –	6s. 8d.
from John Atherstone –	6s. 8d.
from William Otes –	6s. 8d.
from John Norton –	6s. 8d.
– 40s.	

From companions for their first year

From companions for their first year:

from Robert Strobe –	6s. 8d.
from William Eastfield –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Boston –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Bataille –	6s. 8d.
from John Algate –	6s. 8d.
from John Olney –	6s. 8d.
from William Pekke –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Julian –	6s. 8d.
– £3 6s. 8d.	

Profit on the livery, with the Mayor, i.e. procession – W. Walderne:

Item, they declare a sum received from the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor William Walderne, i.e. £4 19s. 5d.

¹¹⁷ A noble was an English gold coin, first minted by Edward III, and was worth 6s. 8d. The word could be used to designate the sum of money, and does not necessarily indicate that they paid in this coin.

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Encrees del liveree contre Paske:

Item, ils soi chargent ové une somme receue de l'encrees del lyveree encontre Paske mesme l'an, vidz. – vii li. viii s. x d. ob.

Le graunte de gardeins *pur* estre excusé del feste:

Item, *pur* ceo *qe* le jour *sur* quelle le feste duyst avoir esté tenuz cheoit *sur* le dismenge del Trinitee, acordez estoit en une congregacioun de lesser le feste cel an *pur* l'offre des mestres, *qe* estoit *qe* chescun d'eux graunta xx s., dont ils soy chargent – *Summa* – iiiii li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – Cxl li. ii s. ii d. ob.

Discharge

Salaries as prestres *et* Johan Bele *et* almoigne:¹⁹⁶

Primes, a Sire Johan Vale *pur* un quarter deservy al Paske devant lour discharge, vidz. l'an primere suisdit, ové soun furrure, en tout – xl s.

Item, a Sire Robert atte Water, le chapelein Robert Guphay¹⁹⁷ *pur* dimi an ou poy meins deservy al mesme Paske – iii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Item, payé a Johan Strete en almoigne *pur* iii quarters al dit Paske – xxxix s.

Item, a Richard Horwode al mesme Paske *pur* iii quarters del an en almoigne – xxxix s.

Item, a Thomas Conestable *pur* le mesme temps – xxii s. ix d.

Item, payé a Johan Bele *pur* soun salarye tanqe dit Paske – lviii s. vi d.
– xiii li. ii s. vii d.

Paiement *pur* le chapel:

Item, païé a Johan Cosham en partie de paiement del parclos de la chapel¹⁹⁸ – xv li.

Mynstralles *et* conseil:

Item, païé *pur* mynstralles al chyvalché del Maire William Walderne – iii li. xiii s. vi d. ob.

Item, *pur* mynstralles al coronement le roy,¹⁹⁹ ové costes – iii li. vii s. x d. ob.

Item, a Johan Fray *pur* conseil – xvii s.

Item, *pur* parchemyn *et* paper – viii d.
– vii li. xix s. i d.
– xxii li. xix s. i d.

¹⁹⁶ This marginal sub-heading is placed in the manuscript against the set of entries below starting with that for John Street, but was clearly intended to refer to the whole section from here.

¹⁹⁷ Robert Guphey or Guppey in his will, dated 12 July 1412 and proved 20 November 1412, left to the commonalty of the mistery of Mercers some houses in Sevehodenelane, near a tenement called 'le Cage', to be held on condition that they keep the property in repair and maintain a chantry in the church of St Thomas of Acon for the good of the souls of Robert Guppey and other members of his family and others. The residue of profits was to go to the relief of the poor of the Mercers' mistery. See Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 395. See also Watney, *Some Account* (1892), pp. 37, 78, 137.

¹⁹⁸ See below, f. 63v, for further payments towards this.

¹⁹⁹ As noted above in the manuscript, Henry V was crowned at Westminster on Passion Sunday 9 April 1413; see also *ODNB*, vol. 26, p. 489.

Profit on the Easter livery:

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Item, they declare a sum received from the profit on the Easter livery in the same year, i.e. £7 8s. 10½d.

Donation of the wardens in order to be excused from the feast:

Item, since the day on which the feast should have been held fell on Trinity Sunday [18 June 1413], it was agreed at an assembly that the feast should not be held this year, in return for an offer from the wardens, which was that each of them donated 20s., which they declare – total – £4

Sum total of their receipts – £140 2s. 2½d.

Disbursements

Salaries to priests and John Bele and alms:

Firstly, to Sir John Vale for a quarter-year to which he is entitled up to the Easter before the rendering of their account¹¹⁸ in the year 1 [Henry V] aforesaid, with his fur, in all – 40s.

Item, to Sir Robert atte Water, Guppey's chaplain, for half a year or a little less, to which he is entitled up to the same Easter – £3 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to John Street in alms for three quarters up until the said Easter – 39s.

Item, to Richard Horwood up to the same Easter for three quarters of the year in alms – 39s.

Item, to Thomas Constable for the same period – 22s. 9d.

Item, paid to John Bele for his salary up until the said Easter – 58s. 6d.
– £13 2s. 7d.

Payment for the chapel:

Item, paid to John Cosham in part-payment for the parclose¹¹⁹ of the chapel – £15

Musicians and counsel:

Item, paid for musicians at the procession of the Mayor William Walderne – £3 13s. 6½d.

Item, for musicians at the king's coronation, with costs – £3 7s. 10½d.

Item, to John Fray for counsel – 17s.

Item, for parchment and paper – 8d.
– £7 19s. 1d.

£22 19s. 1d.

¹¹⁸ Literally, the text says 'before their discharge', i.e. the acceptance by the auditors of their accounts.

¹¹⁹ 'A partition, screen, or railing, serving to enclose or shut off a space in a building, esp. (now only) a screen or railing in a church enclosing an altar, a tomb, etc., or separating a chapel, etc. from the main body of the church' (*OED*).

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxxvi li. xx d.

Reest net come piert par l'acompte – Ciiii li. vi d. ob.

1413 Et fait a savoir *qe* en une congregacioun des compaignouns en la sale de Seint
f. 61v Thomas d'Acres poy après la Seint Johan devant dit, les avantditz Johan Lane, William Marcheford, Johan Strattoun, et William Cavendisshe choiserent gardeyns pur l'an avenir, vidz. Johan Lane eslit Stephen Spelman, William Marcheford eslit Johan Middeltoun, Johan Strattoun eslit Martyn Kelom, et William Cavendisshe eslit Richard Herry, as queux ils ont delyvrez l'argent *qe* remaint en lour mayns, come piert par l'aco[mp]t,²⁰⁰ c'est assavoir – Ciiii li. vi d. ob.

Item, ils ont delyvré une obligacioun de William Cornvyle de v marcz, de quele est due une somme de – xxxiii s. iiii d.

1413–14 [C']est²⁰¹ l'acompte Stephen Speleman, Johan Middeltoun, Richard Herry, et
f. 62r Martyn Kelome, faite al feste Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an seconde del regne le roi Henry le quinte puis le conquete d'Engleterre, pur l'an proschein passee devant le dite feste, en quel an ils estoient gardeyns del mistere del mercerie le Londres.

Charge

Primerelement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delyveree a eux par lour predecessours, gardeins del dite mistere, c'est assavoir – Ciiii li. vi d. ob.

Fyn:

Item, receu de William Cornville en plein paiement d'une obligacioun – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Deniers des rentz:

Item, receu des rentes del mistere pur un an entier, c'est assavoir parentre le feste de Paske l'an primere del regne nostre Seignur le Roy desuisdit tanqe le feste de Paske l'an seconde nostre dit Seignur le Roy, rebatue quitrent, reparacioun, voydance et le salarie del rentier, net – xxxvii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Deniers de legatz:

Item, receue des executours Meistre Dionys Lopham (*qe* dieux assoille) – v li.

Item, receu des executours William Marcheford, divisez par testament – v li.

Item, receu de Johan Etoun de deniers divisez al mistere par William Parker – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Fyns pur entrer la lyveree:

Item, receu de Roger Amorigy pur son fyn pur entrer en la lyveree de le mistere de l'an passee – x li.

Item, receu de Thomas Pynchoun pur avoir la lyveree, pur son fyn – xx s.

²⁰⁰ MS: lacopmt.

²⁰¹ A space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is written in the far LH margin.

Sum total of their disbursements – £36 20d.

Net balance as appears by the account – £104 6½d.

Memorandum that at an assembly of the members of the company in the hall of St Thomas of Acon a short while after the aforesaid feast of St John, the aforesaid John Lane, William Marcheford, John Stratton, and William Cavendish chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. John Lane elected Stephen Speleman, William Marcheford elected John Middleton, John Stratton elected Martin Kelom, and William Cavendish elected Richard Harry, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account, i.e. £104 6½d. 1413 f. 61v

Item, they handed over a bond obligatory from William Cornville in the sum of 5 marks, from which is owed a sum of – 33s. 4d.

This is the account of Stephen Speleman, John Middleton, Richard Harry, and Martin Kelom, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 2 Henry V [24 June 1414], for the year immediately preceding the said feast, during which year they were wardens of the mercers' mistery of London. 1413–14 f. 62r

Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens of the said mistery, i.e. £104 6½d.

Fee:

Item, received from William Cornville in full payment of a bond obligatory – 33s. 4d.

Money from the rental properties:

Item, received from the mistery's rental properties for one whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 1 Henry V until the feast of Easter in the year 2 Henry V, having deducted quit-rents, repairs, vacancies and the rent-collector's salary, net – £37 13s. 4d.

Money from legacies:

Item, received from the executors of Master Denis Lopham (may God absolve him) – £5

Item, received from the executors of William Marcheford, bequeathed by will – £5

Item, received from John Eton, of money bequeathed to the mistery by William Parker – £3 6s. 8d.

Fees for admission to the livery:

Item, received from Roger Amorigy for his fee for admission to the mistery's livery last year – £10

Item, received from Thomas Pynchon to obtain the livery, as his fee – 20s.

De compaignouns de lour tierce an

De lour iii^e an:

De Robert Trenerth – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Whadden – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Atherstoun – vi s. viii d.
 De William Otes – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Nortoun – vi s. viii d.²⁰²
 – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

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De compaignouns de lour seconde an

De lour seconde an:

De Robert Strode – vi s. viii d.
 De William Estfeld – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Michelle – vi s. viii d.
 De Symond Flete – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Bostoun – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Bataille – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Halyate – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Olney – vi s. viii d.
 De William Pekke – vi s. viii d.
 De Henry Julyan – vi s. viii d.
 De Roger Amorigy pur ses primere et seconde ans – xiii s. iiiii d.
 – iiiii li.

De compaignouns de lour primere an

De lour primere an:

De Johan Amour – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Sparke – vi s. viii d.
 De James Cotes – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Butler, junior – vi s. viii d.
 De Symond Herward – vi s. viii d.
 De William Thymelby – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Hertwelle – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Pynchoun – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Wandesford – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Setryngtoun – vi s. viii d.
 De William Maltby – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Colwel – vi s. viii d.
 – iiiii li.

Fyn pur entrer la lyveree:

Item, receu de Thomas Wandesford pur son fyn pur entrer la lyveree – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

²⁰² Below this, to the RH side, is written the total in Arabic numerals: '169.6.8'.

From companions for their third year

For their third year:

from Robert Trenerth –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Whaddon –	6s. 8d.
from John Atherstone –	6s. 8d.
from William Otes –	6s. 8d.
from John Norton –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

From companions for their second year

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For their second year:

from Robert Strode –	6s. 8d.
from William Eastfield –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Fleet –	6s. 8d.
from John Boston –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Bataille –	6s. 8d.
from John Algate –	6s. 8d.
from John Olney –	6s. 8d.
from William Pekke –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Julian –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Amorigy for his first and second years –	13s. 4d.
– £4	

From companions for their first year

For their first year:

from John Amour –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Spark –	6s. 8d.
from James Cotes –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler, the younger –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Herward –	6s. 8d.
from William Thymelby –	6s. 8d.
from John Hartwelle –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Pynchon –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Wandesford –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Settrington –	6s. 8d.
from William Maltby –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Colwelle –	6s. 8d.
– £4	

Fee for admission to the livery:

Item, received from Thomas Wandesford for his fee for admission to the livery
– £6 13s. 4d.

Encrees de la lyveree:

Item, receu de l'encrees de le lyveree del mistere encontre Paske – iiii li. xii s. iiii d.

Issues d'apprentices etc:

De Roger Amorigy pur soun issue – ii s.
 De William Stokley pur soun issue – ii s.
 De Adam Forester pur soun issue – ii s.

Amorcimentz:

De Johan Etoun pur trop tard venir a un congregacioun – vi d.
 De Johan Coventree pur mesme cause – vi d.
 – xii d.²⁰³

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Entrees d'apprentices:

De Johan Aleyn l'apprentice Johan Aleyn – ii s.
 De William Leenge l'apprentice Thomas Roos – ii s.
 De Johan Baret l'apprentice Johan Fauntleroy – ii s.
 De Nichol Frebern } les apprentices Richard Coventre – iiii s.
 De Johan Gerard }
 De Hugh Wyche l'apprentice Johan Bostoun – ii s.
 De Thomas Gosse l'apprentice Thomas Dane – ii s.
 De William Stokley l'apprentice William Butte
 et puis servy soun terme ové Elys Clyderowe – ii s.
 De Johan Seymore l'apprentice Johan Aleyn – ii s.
 De Robert Randolf } les apprentices Johan Cosham – iiii s.
 De William Overtoun }
 De Johan Longe } les apprentices Johan Butler, senior – iiii s.
 De Nichol Wygmore }
 De William Mose l'apprentice Thomas Halle – ii s.
 – xxviii s.

Fyn ajuggee:

Item, receue de Richard Harpour pur un fyn ajuggé par les gardeins *et autres* iiii personnes assoiciez a eux par le compaignye, par cause q'il en une chaude hastynesse refusa la governance des wardeyns, et tost après il soy submyst bonement as wardeyns – vi s. viii d.

Deniers de veille granté:

Item, receu de Johan Wasshebourne de deniers remys en sa mayn d'une levee graunté pur le chapel – xv s. viii d.

Amorciment par assent:

Item, receu de Johan Wasshebourne pur estre excusé de chyvalcher encontre les oos le Roy Richard – iii s. iiii d.

²⁰³ Below this in the RH margin is written in Arabic numerals the sum: '19.12.8'.

Profit on the livery:

Item, received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – £4 12s. 4d.

Issue of apprentices etc.:

from Roger Amorigy for his issue – 2s.

from William Stokley for his issue – 2s.

from Adam Forster for his issue – 2s.

Fines:

from John Eton for too late an arrival at an assembly – 6d.

from John Coventry for the same reason – 6d.
– 12d.

Admission of apprentices:

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from John Aleyn the apprentice of John Aleyn – 2s.

from William Leenge the apprentice of Thomas Roos – 2s.

from John Barret the apprentice of John Fauntleroy – 2s.

from Nicholas Frebarn } the apprentices of Richard Coventry – 4s.
from John Gerard }

from Hugh Wyche the apprentice of John Boston – 2s.

from Thomas Gosse the apprentice of Thomas Dane – 2s.

from William Stokley the apprentice of William Butte
and he afterwards served out his term with Ellis Clitheroe – 2s.

from John Seymour the apprentice of John Aleyn – 2s.

from Robert Randolf } the apprentices of John Cosham – 4s.
from William Overton }

from John Long } the apprentices of John Butler the elder – 4s.
from Nicholas Wygmore }

from William Mose the apprentice of Thomas Halle – 2s.
– 28s.

Fine adjudicated:

Item, received from Richard Harpour for a fine adjudicated by the wardens and another four persons associated with them by the company, for the reason that he, in a moment of hot and quick temper refused the wardens' governance, and immediately afterwards he submitted himself properly to the wardens – 6s. 8d.

Money granted some time ago:

Item, received from John Washbourne of money handed to him from a levy granted for the chapel – 15s. 8d.

Fine by agreement:

Item, received from John Washbourne to be excused from riding in procession with King Richard's bones¹²⁰ – 3s. 4d.

¹²⁰ In early December 1413 Henry V had Richard II's remains brought from King's Langley and ceremonially reburied in Westminster Abbey, next to his first wife, Anne of Bohemia.

Fyn d'assent:

Item, receu de Johan Middeltoun pur ceo q'il ne port poynt de ray – iiii s. viii d.²⁰⁴

Summa totalis de lour charge – Ciiii^{xx}xi li. xvii s. viii d.

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Discharge

Salaries de prestres *et* bedel:

Primement, ils soy dischargent q'ils ont païé a Sire Johan Vale, chapelyn del compaignye, pur un an passé al Paske l'an suisdit, pur salarie *et* soun furrure – en tout – vii li.

Item, païé a Sire Robert atte Water, le chapelyn pur Robert Guphey, par mesme temps pur soun salarye – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, païé a Johan Bele pur soun salarye par mesme temps – iii li. xviii s. – xvii li. xi s. iiii d.

Almoignes:

Item, païé a Johan Strete pur almoigne pur un an come desuis, c'est assavoir entre Paske l'an primere *et* Paske l'an seconde nostre seignur le Roy – lii s.

Item, a Richard Horwode par mesme temps pur almoigne – lii s.

Item, a Thomas Conestable par mesme temps pur almoigne – xxx s. iiii d.

Item, a Nichol Cokerelle pur xxv sepmaines pur almoigne – xxv s.

Item, a Robert Kemp pur xxx sepmaines de ycel an pur almoigne – xxx s. – *Summa* – ix li. ix s. iiii d.

Dettes veilles:

Item, ils soy dischargent q'ils ont païé a Richard Hemmyngburgh, carpenter, *et* a Johan Cosham,²⁰⁵ due a eux devant lour entré en office – xx li. xviii s. x d.

Les tables des auters:

Item, païé pur iiii tables pur les auters en le chapel – v marc. Item, pur ferrementz a yceux auters – iiii s. Item, pur iii towailles pur les ditz auters – vii s. ii d.

– *Summa* – iii li. xvii s. v d.

Aournementz des auters:

Item, païé pur teille *et* overaigne de les auterclothes depeynte contrefaitz une drap d'or ynde *et* blanke, vidz. front, reredos, deux cortynes, depeynte d'ambes partz,²⁰⁶ touz costes – iii li. ii s. ii d.

204 Below this has been written in Arabic numerals the sum: '58.4' (as above, the total for items on that page).

205 See above, f. 61r. This payment will surely relate to works done on the parclose of the chapel, or related works.

206 On painted cloths see Mander, 'Painted Cloths'.

Fine by agreement:

Item, received from John Middleton because he does not wear 'ray' [striped cloth]¹²¹ – 4s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts – £191 17s. 8d.

Disbursements

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Salaries of priests and beadle:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir John Vale, chaplain to the company, for one year up to Easter in the aforesaid year, for salary and his fur – in all – £7

Item, paid to Sir Robert atte Water, Robert Guppey's chaplain, for the same period for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to John Bele for his salary for the same period – £3 18s.

– £17 11s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Street as alms for one year as above, i.e. between Easter in the year 1 Henry V and Easter in the year 2 Henry V – 52s.

Item, to Richard Horwood for the same period as alms – 52s.

Item, to Thomas Constable for the same period as alms – 30s. 4d.

Item, to Nicholas Cokerelle for 25 weeks as alms – 25s.

Item, to Robert Kemp for 30 weeks of this year as alms – 30s.

– total – £9 9s. 4d.

Old debts:

Item, they declare that they have paid to Richard Hemmyngburgh, carpenter, and to John Cosham, due to them from before they took up office – £20 18s. 10d.

Altar-tables:

Item, paid for 4 'tables'¹²² for the altars in the chapel – 5 marks. Item, for iron fittings for these altars – 4s. Item, for 3 cloths for the said altars – 7s. 2d.

– total – £3 17s. 5d.

Accoutrements for the altars:

Item, paid for linen and the workmanship of the altar-cloths, painted to imitate cloth of gold, in blue and white, i.e. frontal, reredos,¹²³ two curtains, painted on both sides, costs in all – £3 2s. 2d.

¹²¹ Presumably this year's livery had been of striped cloth.

¹²² These would have been tablets or small boards, with devotional images or on which texts could have been written, or the names of those who were to be remembered in prayers.

¹²³ Here either in the sense of 'a hanging of velvet or silk for covering the wall at the back of the altar' (*OED*), or that of a cloth or hanging to cover the back of the altar itself.

Item, païé *pur teille et overaigne* de les auterclothes *et* une chesible contrefaitz une drap d'or blanke, vidz. front, reredos, deux cortins, depeynte d'ambes partz, une chesible del suite ové l'albe, *et* un ymage remuable *pur quaresme* appelé Pité – en tout – liii s. ii d.

Costages:

Item, païé *pur papire*, i quayer, *et* cire rouge – vi d. Item, *pur l'escire* de les endentures de confirmacioun del maistre *Seint Thomas*, de le petite chambre *et* chapel²⁰⁷ – ii s. vi d. Item, boire a dyverse foith – xvi d. ob. Item, chaundel *pur prestres* a chanter – xvii d.

– *Summa* – v s. x d. ob.

Unqore costages:

Item, païé *pur ii cruettes* de peautre – vi d. Item, *pur un lettroun pur l'auter* – viii d. Item, *pur une caas pur torches* – xx d. Item, *pur une bord pur un Cristofre* – ii s. Item, *pur une paxbred* – iii d.

– *Summa* – v s. i d.

Item, païé a Thomas Stable, attourné en plee – xx d.

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Costage:

Item, païé *pur un sonet* de latoun – vi d. Item, *pur i bord* en le petit chambre – vii d. Item, payé a Johan Frye *pur sercher les rolles* le Roy – xl d.

– iiiii s. v d.

Costage:

Item, païé a Johan Fray *pur conseil*le – vi s. ix d. ob. Item, *pur une bille*, *pur Herpesfeld*²⁰⁸ – xv d. Item, *pur ii obligaciouns* escire, *pur Thomas Phelippe et Richard Harpour* – iiiii d.

– *Summa* – viii s. iiiii d. ob.

Summa totalis discharge – lviii li. xvii s. viii d.

207 See also above, f. 45r, for earlier indentures. Was the confirmation needed as this is now a new reign or did the earlier agreement cover only the chapel, while now they are gaining rights to a room as well?

208 Perhaps Nicholas Harpissfeld, for whom see Visser-Fuchs, 'Nicholas Harpissfeld'.

Item, paid for linen and the workmanship of the altarcloths and of a chasuble imitating cloth of gold, in white, i.e. frontal, reredos, two curtains, painted on both sides, a matching chasuble with alb, and a movable image¹²⁴ for Lent called a Pity¹²⁵ – in all – 53s. 2d.

Expenditure:

Item, paid for paper, 1 quire, and red wax – 6d. Item, for the writing of the indentures of confirmation from the Master of St Thomas [of Acon], for the small room and the chapel – 2s. 6d. Item, beverages on several occasions – 16½d. Item, candles for priests singing [mass] – 17d.

– total – 5s. 10½d.

Further expenditure:

Item, paid for 2 pewter cruets – 6d. Item, for a lectern for the altar – 8d. Item, for a case for torches – 20d. Item, for a board for a St Christopher¹²⁶ – 2s. Item, for a pax – 3d.

– total – 5s. 1d.

Item, paid to Thomas Stable, plea attorney – 20d.

Expenditure:

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Item, paid for a latten bell – 6d. Item, for a board¹²⁷ in the little room – 7d. Item paid to John Fray for a search of the King's rolls – 40d.

– 4s. 5d.

Expenditure:

Item, paid to John Fray for counsel – 6s. 9½d. Item for a document, for Herpesfeld – 15d. Item, for the writing of two bonds obligatory, for Thomas Philip and Richard Harpour – 4d.

– total – 8s. 4½d.

Sum total of disbursements – £58 17s. 8d.

124 An 'image' is very frequently used to refer to a statue but in context here must refer in all likelihood to a painted cloth.

125 'The half-figure of the dead Christ, displaying his wounds and surrounded by the instruments of the Passion.' See Duffy, 'Late medieval religion', p. 60; see also Marks and Williamson, *Gothic Art for England*, cat. no. 345 and p. 437.

126 2s. seems rather expensive for a board to place a statue upon, and so perhaps this board was one out of which the statue of St Christopher was to be carved.

127 This might have been a table.

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L'eleccioun:

Et fait a savoyr *qe* le dismenge *proschein* devant le feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an *seconde del regne le roi Henry le V^{te}*, al mangerye tenue en la mesoun Parker, des compaignouns, sycome l'acostumance ad esté, les avantditz Stephen, Johan, Richard *et* Martyn ont esluz gardeyns *pur* l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Stephen Speleman eslit Walter Cottoun, Johan Middeltoun eslit William Erntoun, Richard Herry eslit Thomas Chaltoun *et* Martyn Kelom eslit Symoun Bertelot, as queux ils ont delyvrez l'argent *qe* remaint en *leur* mains, come piert *par* l'acompte, c'est assavoir – Cxxxiii li.

Le fyn Thomas Phelyppe / Dettes alouer:

Item, ils ont delyvré a eux en dettours, vidz. Thomas Phelyppe *pur* un fyn ajuggee *par* les gardeyns *et* iiii persones associez a eux, *pur* ceo *qe* le dit Thomas estoit trovee en default en *pursuiant* une brief envers Richard Harpour sans congié des maistres, *et* autre defaute – xx s.

Auxy dettours *pur* rent

William Rutland tenant del Pye – v s.

Johan Pirye tenant del Pye – xx d.

Anneys Bonde, nadgairs tenaunte del Pye, or departie *et* espousee a un John Fasby, cosour, demurant en le *proschein* mesoun del Pye devers le North, *pur* arrerage de sa mesoun – v s. vi d.

– xii s. ii d.

Biens del mistere:

Item, ils ont delyveré auxy une chesible de drap d'or attaby large, ové l'albe, q'ils avoient des executours Robert Guphey *qe* vaut plus *qe* – v marcz.

Item, ils ont delyvree canvas *pur* coverer l'auter *pur* poudre – vaut – xiiii d.

Summa net ové dette *et* stuff – 138 li.²⁰⁹

209 One may note this sum in Arabic numerals and that it is apparently written in the hand of the scribe himself, which allows one to surmise that all the Arabic numerals which appear in this section of the manuscript have been written by him, and that it was common practice for him to use them. See Introduction, p. 11.

The election:

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Memorandum that on the Sunday preceding the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 2 Henry V [17 June 1414], at the feast held at Parker's house,¹²⁸ of members of the company, in the accustomed manner, the aforesaid Stephen, John, Richard and Martin elected wardens for the coming year, i.e. Stephen Speleman elected Walter Cotton, John Middleton elected William Erntoun, Richard Harry elected Thomas Chalton, and Martin Kelom elected Simon Bartelot, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account, i.e. £133

Thomas Philip's fine / Debts allowed:¹²⁹

Item, they handed over to them debts, i.e. from Thomas Philip for a fine adjudicated by the wardens and 4 persons associated with them, for the reason that the said Thomas was found guilty of having prosecuted a writ against Richard Harpour without leave of the wardens, and another offence – 20s.

Also debts for rent from:

William Rutland, tenant in the Pye – 5s.

John Pirie, tenant in the Pye – 20d.

Agnes Bonde, formerly tenant in the Pye, [who has] now left and is married to one John Fasby, seamster, living in the house next to the Pye to the north of it, for arrears on her house – 5s. 6d.

– 12s. 2d.

Goods belonging to the mistery:

Item, they handed over also a chasuble of cloth of gold, of wide tabby silk,¹³⁰ with the alb, which they obtained from Robert Guppey's executors and which is worth more than – 5 marks

Item, they handed over a canvas cloth to cover the altar [and protect it from] dust – worth – 14d.

Net total, including debts and material – £138

128 Presumably that of William Parker, although he himself was dead by this date. Stephen Speleman and Simon Bartelot were often in association with Parker, and Simon Bartelot, in his will of 27 October 1427, left to the vicar and churchwardens of St Lawrence Jewry 'a tenement at the corner of St Laurence Lane in Old Jewry, charged with the maintenance of a chantry for the good of his soul, the souls of William Parker, senior, Johanna, wife of the same, William Parker, junior, and others'. See Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 446.

129 i.e. sanctioned, permission has been given by the auditors for these debts to be allowed against the account of these wardens.

130 'Attaby' was a kind of silk: Godefroy, under *ATABIS* (vol. I, p. 459) lists it as 'nom d'une étoffe précieuse, soie moirée'. In English this is called *TABBY*: 'A general term for a silk taffeta, app. originally striped, but afterwards applied also to silks of uniform colour waved or watered' (*OED*). The *OED* gives the origin of the word as from the Arabic '*attābiy*', name of a quarter of Baghdad in which this stuff was manufactured, named after '*Attāb*', great-grandson of Omeyya. Of this quarter Yule cites from an Arab writer of the 12th century, 'Here are made the stuffs, called '*Attābiya*', which are silks and cottons of divers colours.'

1414–15 [C']est²¹¹ l'acompte Walter Cottoun, Simond Bartelot, William Erntoun, et
f. 64v²¹⁰ Thomas Chaltoun, faite al feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre l'an tierce del regne
le Roy Henry le quinte puy le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'an proschein devant
passee le dit, en quel an ils estoient gardeyns del mistere de le mercerie de la
citee de Loundres.

Charge

Primerment, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delyveree a eux par lour
predecessours gardeyns del dit misteere, c'est assavoir – Cxxxiii li.

Item, receu des rentes del misteree pur une an entier, c'est assavo[i]r²¹² parentre
le feste de Pasqe l'an seconde del regne nostre *seignur* le Roy desuisdit tanke le dit
feste de Paske l'an tierce nostre dit *seignur* le Roy, rebatue quitrente, reparacion,
voidance, et le salarie del renter – net – xxx li. ii s. vii d. ob.

De compaignons de lour tierce an

De lour iii^{ce} an:

De Robert Strode –	vi s. viii d.
De William Estfeld –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Michelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Boston ²¹³ –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Bataylle –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Halleyate –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Olneye –	vi s. viii d.
De William Pekke –	vi s. viii d.
De Henry Julyan –	vi s. viii d.
De Roger Amorigy –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li. vi s. viii d.	

De compaignons de lour seconde an

De lour seconde an:

De Johan Amour –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Spark –	vi s. viii d.
De James Cotes –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Butler, junior –	vi s. viii d.
De Symo[n]d ²¹⁴ Herward –	vi s. viii d.
De William Themylby –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Hertwelle –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.	

210 A new hand starts here and has written the whole of this year's entry.

211 A space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is written in the near LH margin.

212 MS: assaour.

213 MS: Botston.

214 MS: Symod.

This is the account of Walter Cotton, Simon Bartelot, William Erntoun, and Thomas Chalton, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 3 Henry V [24 June 1415] for the year immediately preceding the said [year] during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery of the city of London.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed to them by their predecessors as wardens of the said mistery, i.e. £133

Item, received from the rental properties of the mistery for a whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 2 Henry V and the said feast of Easter in the year 3 Henry V, having deducted quit-rents, repairs, vacancies, and the rent-collector's salary – net – £30 2s. 7½d.

From companions for their third year

For their third year:

from Robert Strode –	6s. 8d.
from William Eastfield –	6s. 8d.
from John Michel –	6s. 8d.
from John Boston –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Bataille –	6s. 8d.
from John Algate –	6s. 8d.
from John Olney –	6s. 8d.
from William Pekke –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Julian –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Amorigy –	6s. 8d.
– £3 6s. 8d.	

From companions for their second year

For their second year:

from John Amour –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Spark –	6s. 8d.
from James Cotes –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler the younger –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Herward –	6s. 8d.
from William Thymelby –	6s. 8d.
from John Hartwelle –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

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Unqore de compaignons de lour secounde an

Item de lour ii^e an:

De Thomas Pynchoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Wandisford –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Setryntoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Willyam Malteby –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Colwelle –	vi s. viii d.
– xxxiii s. iiiii d.	

De compaignons de lour primer an

De lour i^e²¹⁵ an

De Adam Norbery –	vi s. viii d.
De Adam Forster –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wareyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Petmelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Somerey –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Clerk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Prentys –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Glenant –	vi s. viii d.
De Reynold Cokayn –	vi s. viii d.
– iii li.	

Fyns:

Item, receu de Adam Norbery *pur soun fyn pur* entrer la lyveree – xiii s. iiiii d.Item, receu de Reynold Cokayn *pur soun fyn pur* entrer la lyveree *et d'estre frank* del mistere – xx s.Item, receu de Sire Richard, *parsoun* de Honylane, *pur soun fyn pur* avoir la lyveree – xl s.Item, receu de Johan Kyrkeby, jadis apprentice de Thomas Tekylle, *pur soun fyn* d'estre frank del mistere – xlvi s. viii d.Item, receu de Johan Middiltoun *pur soun fyn pur* ceo q'il ne porte point de ray – vi s. viii d.

– vii li. vi s. viii d.

Forfaitz:

De Johan Wassbourne <i>pur ii forfaitz</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De William Pekke <i>pur i forfait ajuggé par</i> la companye –	v li.
De William Estfeld <i>pur i forfait ajuggé par</i> la companye –	xxvi s. viii d.
De William Rody <i>pur i forfait</i> –	xl s.
De Johan Aleyn <i>pur trop tarde</i> venir a une congregacioun –	vi d.
De Thomas Halle <i>pur mesme la cause</i> –	iiii d.
De Johan Langham <i>pur diverses forfaitz</i> –	iii s. iiiii d.
– viii li. xvii s. vi d.	

215 MS: j^e.

Further from companions for their second year

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Item, for their second year:

from Thomas Pynchon –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Wandesford –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Settrington –	6s. 8d.
from William Maltby –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Colwelle –	6s. 8d.
– 33s. 4d.	

From companions for their first year

For their first year:

from Adam Norbury –	6s. 8d.
from Adam Forster –	6s. 8d.
from John Wareyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Pidmylle –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Somery –	6s. 8d.
from John Clerk –	6s. 8d.
from William Prentice –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Glenant –	6s. 8d.
from Reynold Cokayn –	6s. 8d.
– £3	

Fees:

Item, received from Adam Norbury for his fee for admission to the livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, received from Reynold Cokayn for his fee for admission to the livery and to be free of the mistery – 20s.

Item, received from Sir Richard, parson of Honey Lane,¹³¹ for his fee to obtain the livery – 40s.Item, received from John Kirkeby, formerly apprentice of Thomas Tickhill, for his fee to be free of the mistery¹³² – 46s. 8d.

Item, received from John Middleton for his fee because he does not wear ray [striped cloth] – 6s. 8d.

– £7 6s. 8d.

Fines for offences:¹³³

from John Washbourne for 2 fines –	6s. 8d.
from William Pekke for a fine adjudicated by the company –	£5
from William Eastfield for a fine adjudicated by the company –	26s. 8d.
from William Ruddy for a fine –	40s.
from John Aleyne for arriving too late at an assembly –	6d.
from Thomas Halle for the same reason –	4d.
from John Langham for various fines –	3s. 4d.
– £8 17s. 6d.	

131 Richard Jepe was rector of All Hallows, Honey Lane from 1398 to 1429. See Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 77.

132 The fee will have been payable because he had not served out the full term of his apprenticeship; see Name Index.

133 The word 'forfait' can mean either an offence or the penal fine exacted for it.

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Unqore charge – De issues d'apprentices

Issues d'apprentices:

De Johan Forde –	ii s.
De Stephen Redemere –	ii s.
De Johan Kyrkeby –	ii s.
De Reynold Evertoun –	ii s.
De William Olyver –	ii s.
De William Thornhille –	ii s.
De Reynold Strete –	ii s.
De Sire Richard, parsoun de Honylane –	ii s.
De Richard Alyenore –	ii s.
De Johan Strangilford –	ii s.
De Reynold Cokayn –	ii s.
– xx ii s.	

Entrees d'apprentices:

De Thomas Duntoun apprentice de Richard Herry –	ii s.
De Robert Flyspe apprentice de Johan Butler, junior –	ii s.
De Johan Jutberghe apprentice de Robert Coventre –	ii s.
De William Harby apprentice de Richard Bures –	ii s.
De Henry Wodeward } apprentices de Adam Forster –	iiii s.
De Robert Falwefeld }	
De Robert Warde apprentice de Johan Knottynglee –	ii s.
De Johan Langeley apprentice de Thomas Osberne –	ii s.
De Austyn Stratoun apprentice de Johan Clerk –	ii s.
De Thomas Humbrestoun apprentice de Richard Somerey –	ii s.
De Johan Polle apprentice de Johan Abbot –	ii s.
De Thomas Cook apprentice de Richard Aylemer –	ii s.
De William Brome apprentice de Johan Boram –	ii s.
De Johan Attewode apprentice de Johan Hertwelle –	ii s.
De William Palmere apprentice de Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De Johan Randolf } apprentices de William Rody –	iiii s.
De William Holand }	
De Edmond Nortoun apprentice de William Foucher –	ii s.
– xxxvi s.	

Encrees de la lyveree:

Item, receu del encres del lyveree al chivaché ové lé viscontz –	ii s. ix d.
Item, receu del encres al chivaché ové le Mayr –	liiii s. x d.
Item, receu del encres de nostre liveree encontre Paske –	vi li. vii d.
– viii li. xviii s. ii d.	

Summa totalis de lour charge – CCi li. ix s. vii d. ob.

²¹⁶ In addition to the usual double-page spread heading giving the year and the names of the wardens, this page has at the top: 'Thomas Fawconor, maior'.

Further receipts – from issues of apprentices

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Issue of apprentices:

from John Forde –	2s.
from Stephen Rydemere –	2s.
from John Kirkeby –	2s.
from Reynold Everton –	2s.
from William Olyver –	2s.
from William Thornhill –	2s.
from Reynold Street –	2s.
from Sir Richard, parson of Honey Lane –	2s.
from Richard Alyenore –	2s.
from John Strangelford –	2s.
from Reynold Cokayn –	2s.
– 22s.	

Admission of apprentices:

from Thomas Downton apprentice of Richard Harry –	2s.
from Robert Flyspe apprentice of John Butler the younger –	2s.
from John Jutberghe apprentice of Robert Coventry –	2s.
from William Harby apprentice of Richard Bures –	2s.
from Henry Woodward } apprentices of Adam Forter –	4s.
from Robert Falwefeld }	
from Robert Warde apprentice of John Knottynghley –	2s.
from John Langley apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from Austin Stratton apprentice of John Clerk –	2s.
from Thomas Humberstone apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from John Polle apprentice of John Abbot –	2s.
from Thomas Cook apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from William Brome apprentice of John Boreham –	2s.
from John atte Wood apprentice of John Hartwelle –	2s.
from William Palmer apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from John Randolph } apprentices of William Ruddy –	4s.
from William Holland }	
from Edmund Norton apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
– 36s.	

Profit on the livery:

Item, received from the profit on the livery for the procession with the sheriffs –	2s. 9d.
Item, received from the profit [on the livery] for the procession with the Mayor –	54s. 10d.
Item, received from the profit on our Easter livery – – £8 18s. 2d.	£6 7d.

Sum total of their receipts – £201 9s. 7½d.

134 The extra heading notes that Thomas Fauconer was Mayor of London this year.

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Discharge

Salarye des chapeleyns:

Primes, ils soy dischargent q'ils ount païé a Sire Johan Vale, chapeleyn del mistere, *pur soun salarye de le feste de Paske l'an seconde del regne le roy Henry le quinte tanqe le xiiii^e jour de Novembre mesme an – iii li. iii s. iii d.*

Item, païé a Sir Robert Attewater, chapeleyn, *pur une an entier, c'est assavoir del feste de Paske l'an seconde tanqe al dit feste l'an tierce, pur soun salarye – vi li. xiii s. iii d.*

Item, païé a Johan Bele, bedel, *pur un an entier – iii li. xviii s.*

Almoignes:²¹⁷

Item, païé Johan Strete *pur almoigne pur un an entier, viz. del feste de Pasche l'an seconde tanke le dit feste l'an tierce – lii s.*

Item, païé a Richard Horwode *pur almoigne pur le mesme an – lii s.*

Item, païé a Robert Kempe *pur almoigne pur le mesme an – lii s.*

Item, païé a Thomas Constable *pur almoigne pur mesme an, chescun sepmayne vii d., summa – xxx s. iii d.*

Item, païé a Richard Betele *pur almoigne tanqe Pasqe l'an tierce, c'est pur trois sepmaynes – iii s.*

Costages:

Item, païé *pur taperes de cyre pur le chapelle, chescun terme principal del l'an – vii d. – Summa – ii s. iii d.*

Item, païé a un lokyere *pur i lok al chapelle, par Johan Bele – iii d.*

Item, païé *pur un autre lok ové le clief al huys del sale – ix d.*

Item, païé *pur un clyket – iii d.*

Item, païé *pur boltes de ferre al chapelle – iii s.*

Item, païé *pur rennyng hokes de latoun pur les curtyns – viii d.*

Item, païé *pur parchemyn et papyr – ii s.*

– ix s. iii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxiiii li. xiii s. iii d.

Et ency rest en cler al mistere – Clxxvi li. xvi s. iii d. ob.

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Et²¹⁸ fait assavoir qe al congregacion del compaignie de le mistere a lour mangerye tenue le vii^e jour de juyll, les *avantescryptz* Walter Cottoun, Symond Bartelot, William Erntoun, et Thomas Chaltoun ount eslutz gardeyns pur l'an ensuant, c'est assavoir Walter Cottoun eslit Thomas Aleyn, Symond Bartelot eslit Johan Butler, junior, William Erntoun eslit Johan Abbot, Thomas Chaltoun eslit Johan Faunteroy, as queux ils ount deliveré l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, come par l'acompte devant escript – *summa – Clxxvi li. xvi s. iii d. ob.*

²¹⁷ Unusually, there is no total noted of the sum of the following entries for alms payments.

²¹⁸ The initial 'E' is enlarged to double size.

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Chaplains' salary:

Firstly, they declare that they have paid Sir John Vale, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary from the feast of Easter in the year 2 Henry V until 14 November in the same year [1414] – £4 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir Robert atte Water, chaplain, for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 2 [Henry V] until the said feast in the year 3 [Henry V], for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to John Bele, beadle, for a whole year – £3 18s.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Street in alms for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 2 [Henry V] until the said feast in the year 3 [Henry V] – 52s.

Item, paid to Richard Horwood in alms for the same year – 52s.

Item, paid to Robert Kemp in alms for the same year – 52s.

Item, paid to Thomas Constable in alms for the same year, 7d. each week, total – 30s. 4d.

Item, paid to Richard Betelee in alms up until Easter in the year 3 [Henry V], that is for 3 weeks – 3s.

Expenditure:

Item, paid for wax tapers for the chapel, at each of the principal terms¹³⁵ of the year – 7d. Total – 2s. 4d.

Item, paid to a locksmith for a lock to the chapel, [paid] by John Bele – 3d.

Item, paid for another lock with its key, for the door of the hall – 9d.

Item, paid for a latch – 3d.

Item, paid for iron bolts for the chapel – 3s.

Item, paid for latten running hooks for the curtains – 8d.

Item, paid for parchment and paper – 2s.

– 9s. 3d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £24 13s. 3d.

And thus there remains net to the mistery – £176 16s. 4½d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of members of the mistery's company at their feast held on 7 July,¹³⁶ the aforesaid Walter Cotton, Simon Bartelot, William Erntoun, and Thomas Chalton elected wardens for the following year, i.e. Walter Cotton elected Thomas Aleyn, Simon Bartelot elected John Butler the younger, William Erntoun elected John Abbot, Thomas Chalton elected John Fauntleroy, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears in the account written above – total – £176 16s. 4½d.

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¹³⁵ i.e. Easter, Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas.

¹³⁶ The feast of the translation of St Thomas à Becket. Very much later this became the regular day for the feast, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 176, 478–9.

Fyn de Phillipe:

Item, ils ount delyveré de vel dettours, c'est assavoir primes Thomas Phillipe pur un fyn ajuggé par les maistres *et* autres persones asociez a les maistres adonques esteanz, come piert devant – xx s.

Dettes de rente:

Item, William Rutland, tenant al rente en Bishopgatstrete, de vel – v s.

Item, Johan Pyrye, tenant en le mesme rente, de vel dette – xx d.

Dette pur un fyn:

Item, Adam Norbery doit pur soun fyn pur entrer la lyveree, a paier as deux paiementz, c'est assavoir a Pasqe proscheyn – xiii s. iiii d., et a Pasqe qe serra en l'an du grace MCCCCxvii^e – xiii s. iiii d. – *summa* – xxvi s. viii d.

Dette pur rente:

Item, qe est due pur une tenement en le rente en Bysshopga[t]strete, en quel Johan, clerk de Seynt Martyns Oteswych, est demurant, le quelle Johan fuist endite pur la mort de un enfant et ses biens sequestré al roy par les viscountz, qe amoute pur demy an – vi s. viii d.

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[C']est²²⁰ l'acompte Thomas Aleyn, Johan Boteler, junior, Johan Abbot, *et* Johan Fauntleroy, faite al feste Seint [Johan] le Baptistre l'an quarte del regne le roy Henry le quint puis le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'an proschein devant passee le dit feste, en quel ils estoient gardeins del mistere del mercerye.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primerement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delyvré a eux par lour predecessours gardeins del mistere, c'est assavoir – Clxxvi li. xvi s. iiii d.

Rent:

Item, receu des rentes del mistere pur un an entier, c'est assavoir parentre le feste de Paske l'an tierce del regne nostre *seignur* le Roy desuisdit tanqe le dit feste de Paske l'an quarte nostre dit *seignur* le Roy, rebatue quite rent, reparacion, voidance *et* le salarie del rentier, net – xxx li. vi s. viii d. ob.

Receyte de compaignons de lour an tierce

Compaignons de lour an iii^{ee}:

De Thomas Spark –	vi s. viii d.
De James Cotes –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Boteler, junior –	vi s. viii d.
De Simond Herward –	vi s. viii d.
De William Themylby –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Hertwelle –	vi s. viii d.

219 The previous hand now returns, and this is also clearly a new quire, the parchment being of a slightly different colour and quality.

220 A space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is written in the far LH margin.

Philip's fine:

Item, they handed over old debts, i.e. firstly from Thomas Philip for a fine adjudicated by the wardens and others associated with the then current wardens, as appears above – 20s.

Debts for rent:

Item, William Rutland, tenant in the rental property in Bishopsgate Street, of old – 5s.

Item, John Pirie, tenant in the same rental property, of old debt – 20d.

Debt for a fee:

Item, Adam Norbury owes for his fee for admission to the livery, to be paid in two instalments, i.e. at Easter next – 13s. 4d. and at Easter in the year of grace 1417 – 13s. 4d. – total – 26s. 8d.

Debt for rent:

Item, that there is due for a tenement in the rental property in Bishopsgate Street, in which John, clerk of St Martin Outwich, is living, and that John was indicted for the death of a child and his goods were sequestered to the king by the sheriffs, it amounts for half a year to – 6s. 8d.

This is the account of Thomas Aleyn, John Butler the younger, John Abbot, and John Fauntleroy, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 4 Henry V [24 June 1416], for the year immediately preceding the said feastday, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens of the mistery, i.e. £176 16s. 4d.

Rent:

Item, received from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 3 [Henry V] and the said feast of Easter in the year 4 [Henry V], having deducted quit-rents, repairs, vacancies, and the rent-collector's salary, net – £30 6s. 8½d.

Receipt from companions for their third year

Companions for their third year:

from Thomas Spark –	6s. 8d.
from James Cotes –	6s. 8d.
from John Butler the younger –	6s. 8d.
from Simon Herward –	6s. 8d.
from William Thymelby –	6s. 8d.
from John Hartwelle –	6s. 8d.

De Thomas Pynchon – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Wandesford – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Setryngtoun – vi s. viii d.
 De William Maltby – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Colwelle – vi s. viii d.
 – iii li. xiii s. iii d.

Receyte de compaignons de *leur seconde an*

Compaignons de leur an seconde:

De Adam Norbury – vi s. viii d.
 De Adam Forster – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Waryn – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Pydmelle – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Somery – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Clerk – vi s. viii d.
 – xl s.

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Unqore l'an *seconde:*

De William Prentys – vi s. viii d.
 De [Thomas]²²¹ Glenant – vi s. viii d.
 De Reynold Cokayn – vi s. viii d.
 – xx s.

Receytes de compaignons de *leur primere an*

Compaignons de leur an primere:

De Johan [Onley]²²² – vi s. viii d.
 De William Dautre – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Holand – vi s. viii d.
 – xx s.

Fyns:

De Adam Norbury – xiii s. iii d.
 De Johan Middeltoun *pur estre desporté del lyveree* – vi s. viii d.
 De Esmoun Hathelessey – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Michelle – vi s. viii d.
 – xxxiii s. iii d.

Forfaitures:

De Johan Langham *pur dyverse forfetz* – vi s. viii d.
 De Robert Reynham *pur une debate* – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Gegge *pur le mesme cause* – xiii s. iii d.
 – xxvi s. viii d.

221 MS: Johan. All other entries are for Thomas.

222 MS: Olney (which must be in error, see Name Index).

from Thomas Pynchon – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Wandesford – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Settrington – 6s. 8d.
 from William Maltby – 6s. 8d.
 from Robert Colwelle – 6s. 8d.
 – £3 13s. 4d.

Receipt from companions for their second year

Companions for their second year:

from Adam Norbury – 6s. 8d.
 from Adam Forster – 6s. 8d.
 from John Wareyn – 6s. 8d.
 from John Pidmylle – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Somery – 6s. 8d.
 from John Clerk – 6s. 8d.
 – 40s.

Further [receipt] for the second year:

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from William Prentice – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Glenant – 6s. 8d.
 from Reynold Cokayn – 6s. 8d.
 – 20s.

Receipts from companions for their first year

Companions for their first year:

from John Onley – 6s. 8d.
 from William Dawtre – 6s. 8d.
 from John Holland – 6s. 8d.
 – 20s.

Fees and fines:

from Adam Norbury – 13s. 4d.
 from John Middleton to be exempted from the livery – 6s. 8d.
 from Edmund Hathelsay – 6s. 8d.
 from John Michel – 6s. 8d.
 – 33s. 4d.

Fines for offences:

from John Langham for various fines – 6s. 8d.
 from Robert Raynham for a dispute – 6s. 8d.
 from John Gedge for the same reason – 13s. 4d.
 – 26s. 8d.

Amencimentz:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme levee de amerciementz en lour temps, c'est assavoir absentz as vigilies, congregaciouns, processions, et auxi qe ne ount ewes l'entier liveree, en tout amont – xxv s. ii d.

Issues d'apprentices:

De Esmon Hathellessey –	ii s.
De Johan ²²³ Kyngestoun –	ii s.
De Richard Lovelasse –	ii s.
De Johan Cotford –	ii s.
De Johan Wode –	ii s.
De Robert Large –	ii s.
De Thomas Middeltoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Chepenam –	ii s.
– xvi s.	

Entrees d'apprentices:

De Johan Fitz Johan	} apprentices Johan Michel –	vi s.
De Robert Bradschawe		
De William Pirle		
De Roger Gerbray apprentice Robert Trees –		ii s.
De Johan Sturgeoun ²²⁴ apprentice William Erntoun –		ii s.
De Michel Symond apprentice Johan Admond –		ii s.
– xii s.		

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Unqore entrees d'apprentices:

De Johan Blackehalle apprentice Johan Estmond –	ii s.
De Richard Tasbourgh apprentice Johan Olney –	ii s.
De Edward Pecche apprentice Thomas Chaltoun –	ii s.
De William Covyntoun apprentice Martyn Kelom –	ii s.
De Johan Flete apprentice William Dautre –	ii s.
De Robert Damyoun apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.
De Nicholl Straungwez apprentice Robert Colwelle –	ii s.
De Thomas Asshewelle apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De William Gegche ²²⁵ apprentice Johan Coventre –	ii s.
De Johan Bromptoun apprentice William Brigge –	ii s.
De Thomas Walkyngtoun apprentice Thomas Haukeden –	ii s.
De Thomas Hotoun apprentice Johan Boteler, senior –	ii s.
De Henry Boyville apprentice William Maltby –	ii s.
De Johan atte Wode apprentice Johan Hertwelle –	ii s.
– xxviii s.	

223 This may be an error for William, see Name Index.

224 All but the first two letters of this surname have been written in darker ink.

225 It is very possible that this entry is misplaced and should be in the list of issues: see Name Index.

Fines:¹³⁷

Item, they declare a sum raised from fines during their term of office, i.e. from those absent from vigils, assemblies, processions, and also from those who did not have their whole livery, in all this amounts to – 25s. 2d.

Issue of apprentices:

from Edmund Hathelsay –	2s.
from John Kingston –	2s.
from Richard Lovelace –	2s.
from John Cotford –	2s.
from John Wood –	2s.
from Robert Large –	2s.
from Thomas Middleton –	2s.
from Thomas Chippenham –	2s.
– 16s.	

Admission of apprentices:

from John Fitzjohn	} apprentices of John Michel –	6s.
from Robert Bradshaw		
from William Pirle		
from Roger Gerebray apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.	
from John Sturgeon apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.	
from Michael Symond apprentice of John Admond –	2s.	
– 12s.		

Further admissions of apprentices:

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from John Blackehalle apprentice of John Eastmond –	2s.
from Richard Tasburgh apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from Edward Pecche apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from William Covington apprentice of Martin Kelom –	2s.
from John Fleet apprentice of William Dawtre –	2s.
from Robert Damian apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
from Nicholas Strangeways apprentice of Robert Colwelle –	2s.
from Thomas Ashwell apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from William Gedge apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from John Brompton apprentice of William Brigge –	2s.
from Thomas Walkyngton apprentice of Thomas Hawkedene –	2s.
from Thomas Hoton apprentice of John Butler, the elder –	2s.
from Henry Boyville apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.
from John atte Wood apprentice of John Hartwelle –	2s.
– 28s.	

137 A difference is being made between 'forfaitures', translated above as 'fines for offences', specific offences with a fine set by the wardens, and 'amerciments', here translated as 'fines', which refer here to regular fixed fines set by ordinance for minor breaches of rules such as those listed here. The *OED* and other dictionaries define an 'amercement' as 'The infliction of a penalty left to the "mercy" of the inflicter; hence the imposition of an arbitrary mulct or fine (originally lighter in amount than fines fixed for specific offences)', this being indeed correct etymologically, but not the Mercers' usage here.

L'encrees de lyveree:

Item, ils soy chargent ové l'argent receu de l'encrees de la lyvree del mystere contre Paske l'an iiiii^{te} suisdit – xiiii s. ii d.

Summa totalis de le charge – CCxxii li. xi s. viii d. ob.

Discharge

Salarie des chapeleins:

Primes, païé a Sire Thomas Steresman, chapelein del mistere, *pur* un an entier, c'est assavoir del feste de Paske l'an tierce tanqe al dit fest l'an quarte, *pur* soun salarie – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Sire William Repynghalle, chapeleyn *pur* Robert Guphay, *pur* un an entier auxy del feste de Paske l'an tierce tanqe al feste de Paske l'an quarte, *pur* son salarie – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

– xiiii li. vi s. viii d.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Strete en almoigne *pur* un an devant

Paske l'an quarte suisdit – lii s.

Item, a Richard Horwode *pur* almoigne *par* mesme temps – lii s.

Item, a Robert Kempe *pur* almoigne *pur* mesme temps – lii s.

Item, a Richard Betelee *pur* almoigne *pur* mesme temps – lii s.

– x li. viii s.

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Unqore almoyn *et* salarie:

Item, païé a Thomas Constable en almoigne *pur* un an, vidz. de Pask l'an iii^e tanqe Pask l'an iiiii^{te}, *par* sepmaigne vii d. – *summa* – xxx s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Rauf Elsyng en almoigne *pur* dimi an, vidz. de Seint Michel l'an iii^e tanqe Paske l'an iiiii^{te} – xxvi s.

Item, païé a Johan Bele *pur* son salarie *pur* mesme l'an – iii li. xviii s.

Item, païé a Thomas Raftoun *pur* son salarie *mesme* l'an – xxi s. viii d.

– vii li. xvi s.

Foreyn costages *et* expenses:

Item, païé *pur* taperes de cire *pur* le chapel, chescun terme principal de l'an xii d. ob. – *summa* – iiiii s. ii d.

Item, païé a Isabelle Bally *pur* frenge de soy – ii s. vi d.

Item, païé a Maude Dentoun *pur* frenge de soy – ii s. viii d.

Item, païé a Piers Dyker *pur* amender auterclothes – ii s. iiiii d.

Item, steynner i front ové le reredos – xxvi s. viii d.

The profit on the livery:

Item, they declare the money received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery in the year 4 [Henry V] aforesaid – 14s. 2d.

Sum total of the receipts – £222 11s. 8½d.

Disbursements

Chaplains' salaries:

Firstly, paid to Sir Thomas Steresman, chaplain of the mistery, for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 3 [Henry V] until the said feast in the year 4 [Henry V], for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir William Rippingale, Robert Guppey's chaplain, for a whole year, also from the feast of Easter in the year 3 [Henry V] until the feast of Easter in the year 4 [Henry V], for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

– £13 6s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Street in alms for the year preceding Easter
in the abovesaid year 4 [Henry V] – 52s.

Item, to Richard Horwood for alms during the same period – 52s.

Item, to Robert Kemp for alms for the same period – 52s.

Item, to Richard Betelee for alms for the same period – 52s.
– £10 8s.

Further alms and salaries:

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Item, paid to Thomas Constable in alms for a year, i.e. from Easter in the year 3 [Henry V] until Easter in the year 4 [Henry V], 7d. per week – total – 30s. 4d.

Item, paid to Ralph Elsyng in alms for half a year, i.e. from Michaelmas in the year 3 [Henry V] until Easter 4 [Henry V] – 26s.

Item, paid to John Bele for his salary for the same year – £3 18s.

Item, paid to Thomas Rafton for his salary for the same year – 21s. 8d.
– £7 16s.

Extrinsic costs and expenditure:

Item, paid for wax tapers for the chapel, 12½d. for each principal term¹³⁸ of the year – total – 4s. 2d.

Item, paid to Isabelle Bally for silk fringe¹³⁹ – 2s. 6d.

Item, paid to Maud Denton for silk fringe – 2s. 8d.

Item, paid to Piers Dyker for mending the altar-cloths – 2s. 4d.

Item, for staining (painting) of a frontal with its reredos¹⁴⁰ – 26s. 8d.

¹³⁸ Easter, Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas.

¹³⁹ Fringe: 'an ornamental bordering, consisting of a narrow band to which are attached threads of silk, cotton, etc., either loose or formed into tassels, twists, etc. ... A manufactured article of this kind which may be cut into lengths' (*OED*).

¹⁴⁰ See above, p. 267, note 123.

Item, païé a mynstralles al chyvalchee ovesqe le viscount Aleyn Everard, puis qe ils receyvoient – xiiii s. iii d.

– lii s. vii d.

Summa totalis dyscharge – xxxiiii li. iii s. iii d.

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Le Eleccioun:

Et fait a savoir qe al congregacioun de les compaignouns de le mistere a lour maungery tenue le xxii jour de Juylle l'an iiii suisdit, les avant ditz Thomas, Johan, Johan, et Johan ount eslutz gardeyns pur l'an ensuant, c'est assavoir, Thomas Aleyn eslit Johan Coventre, Johan Abbot eslit Thomas Whadden, Johan Boteler eslit Richard Bures, Johan Fauntleroy eslit Johan Knottynglee, as queux ils ont delyvré l'argent sek qe remeynt en lour mayns come piert par l'acompt devant escript, c'est assavoir la somme – Ciiii^{xx} viii li. viii s. v d. ob.

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Veille Dette:

Item, ils ount delyvré de veille dette de Thomas Philippe pur un fyn ajuggee par les mestres, come piert devant – xx s.

Item, William Rutland, un des tenauntz del rent del mistere en Bisshopgatstrete – xiiii s. viii d.

Item, Johan Pirie, tenant en mesme le rent a Paske – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, Adam Norbury pur soun fyn appaier a Pask l'an de grace Mⁱ CCCCxviii pur soun entree en la lyvree – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, William Smyth, tenaunt del rent del Pie, doyt – ii s. iii d.

Item, William Vele, tenant en mesme le rent – v s.

Item, William Chapman, tenant en m[e]sme le rent – vi s. viii d.
– xiii s. xi d.

Item, Thomas Raftoun doit q'il est a derere de receit del rent – xxv s. iii d.

Item, Johan Bally doit de veille dette – vi s. viii d.²²⁶

²²⁶ Below this is written in Arabic numerals first '5.7.2' and then below that '193.15.7. ob'.

Item, paid to musicians riding in the procession with the sheriff Alan Everard, over and above what they [the wardens] received¹⁴¹ – 14s. 3d.

– 52s. 7d.

Sum total of disbursements – £34 3s. 3d.

The election:

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Memorandum that at the assembly of the companions of the mistery at their feast held on 22 July of the aforesaid year 4 [Henry V], the aforesaid Thomas, John, John, and John elected wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Aleyn elected John Coventry, John Abbot elected Thomas Whaddon, John Butler elected Richard Bures, John Fauntleroy elected John Knottynghley, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands as appears by the account written above, i.e. a total of – £188 8s. 5½d.

Old debts:

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Item, they handed over as an old debt from Thomas Philip, for a fine adjudicated by the wardens, as appears above – 20s.

Item, William Rutland, one of the tenants of the mistery's rental property in Bishopsgate Street – 14s. 8d.

Item, John Pirie, tenant in the same rental property at Easter – 13s. 4d.

Item, Adam Norbury for his fee to be paid at Easter in the year of grace 1418 for his admission to the livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, William Smyth, tenant in the rental property of the Pye, owes – 2s. 3d.

Item, William Vele, tenant in the same rental property – 5s.

Item, William Chapman, tenant in the same rental property – 6s. 8d.
– 13s. 11d.

Item, Thomas Rafton owes in arrears of receipt of rent – 25s. 3d.

Item, John Bally owes of an old debt – 6s. 8d.

¹⁴¹ There will have been a collection made for contributions towards the musicians, and the sheriff himself is later listed as regularly donating a sum of 40s. for this expense. The amount here and below is the remainder due after such donations, the sum coming out of the communal funds.

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[C']est²²⁷ l'acompte Johan Coventre, Richard Bures, Johan Knottyngelee, et Thomas Whaddoun, faite al feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre l'an quynt del regne le Roy Henry le quynt puis le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'an proscheyn devant passé le dite feste, en quel an ils estoient gardeyns del mistere de le mercerye de Loundres.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primement, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delyvré a eux par lour predecessours gardeins del mistere, c'est assavoir – Ciiii^{xx} viii li. viii s. v d. ob.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargent de lé rentes del mistere pur un an entier, c'est asavoyr perentre le feste de Paske l'an quarte nostre seigneur le Roy desuisdit tanqe le dite feste de Paske proschein ensuyant, rebatuz quitrent, reparacioun, voydance et salarye del rentier – net – xxv li. iii s.

Receyt des compaignouns de lour iii^e an

De compaignouns de lour tiercz an:

De Adam Norbury –	vi s. viii d.
De Adam Forster –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Waryn –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Pydmelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Somerey –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Clerk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Prentys –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Glenant –	vi s. viii d.
– summa – liii s. iiiii d.	

De compaignouns de lour an seconde

De compaignouns de lour an seconde:

De Johan Onlee –	vi s. viii d.
De William Dautre –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Holand –	vi s. viii d.
– summa – xx s.	

De compaignouns de lour an primere:²²⁸

De Robert Large –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Chipenham –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Usk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Hardwyk –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Lovelace –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wode –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Herstoun –	vi s. viii d.
– summa – xlvi s. viii d.	

²²⁷ Space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is indicated in the far LH margin.

²²⁸ The scribe has clearly become mixed up with the lists he is copying here. The last table on this page is set out as if all were paying for their second year, and he has then realised some are for the first year and has thus added the marginal subheading and enclosed the names from Robert Large down into a separate box.

This is the account of John Coventry, Richard Bures, John Knottynghley, and Thomas Whaddon, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 5 Henry V [24 June 1417], for the year immediately preceding the said feastday, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery of London.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens of the mistery, i.e. £188 8s. 5½d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the mistery's rents for a whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 4 Henry V [1416] up until the said feast of Easter next following, having deducted quit-rents, repairs, vacancies, and the rent-collector's salary – net – £25 3s.

Receipt from companions for their third year

From companions for their third year:

from Adam Norbury –	6s. 8d.
from Adam Forster –	6s. 8d.
from John Wareyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Pidmylle –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Somery –	6s. 8d.
from John Clerk –	6s. 8d.
from William Prentice –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Glenant –	6s. 8d.
– total –	53s. 4d.

From companions for their second year

From companions for their second year:

from John Onley –	6s. 8d.
from William Dawtre –	6s. 8d.
from John Holland –	6s. 8d.
– total –	20s.

From companions for their first year:

from Robert Large –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Chippenham –	6s. 8d.
from John Usk –	6s. 8d.
from William Hardwick –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Lovelace –	6s. 8d.
from John Wood –	6s. 8d.
from John Herston –	6s. 8d.
– total –	46s. 8d.

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Unqore de compaignouns de lour an primere:

De Johan Comptoun – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Corbet – vi s. viii d.

– xiii s. iiiii d.

Fyns:

De Thomas Corbet *pur* estre fait frank del company – vi s. viii d.De Johan Langham *pur* dyverses defautes – vi s. viii d.De Johan Middeltoun *pur* estre desporté del lyveree – vi s. viii d.– *summa* – xx s.

Forfaitz:

De Johan Bostoun *pur* une defaute ajuggé *par* le company – iiiii li.De Johan Abbot *pur* ceo q'il pryst le mesoun de jadys Johan Aleyn – v marczDe Robert Treneth *pur* ce q'il dona soun chaperoun deynz deux ans passez
encountre l'ordynance²²⁹ – iii s. iiiii d.

– vii li. x s.

Amerymentz:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une some levee de amerymentz en lour tempz, c'est
assavoir absentz as vigilies, congregaciouns, processions, et auxy qe n'ont euz
l'entier lyvree, en tout amont – vii s. vi d.

Issues d'apprentices:

De Thomas Fornam – ii s.

De Robert Rustoun – ii s.

De Johan Usk – ii s.

De Thomas Corbet – ii s.

– viii s.

Entrees de apprentices:

De Alexander Orable l'apprentice Johan Knottyngelee – ii s.

De Nichol Busch apprentice William Maltby – ii s.

De Johan Suttoun apprentice Richard Metheros – ii s.

De Robert Bruer apprentice Richard Bures – ii s.

De Richard Cokworthy apprentice Robert Coventre – ii s.

De Richard Howchyn apprentice Johan Herstoun – ii s.

De James Cheyny apprentice Johan Comptoun – ii s.

De Robert Southam apprentice Johan Coventree – ii s.

De Thomas Brangweyn apprentice Thomas Middeltoun – ii s.

De Thomas Armoner apprentice William Erntoun – ii s.

De Thomas Middelmores apprentice Johan Somerey – ii s.

De William Machon apprentice Johan Fauntleroy – ii s.

De Nichol Grene

De Thomas Onhand

} l'apprentices Johan Strattoun – iiiii s.

229 This rule is clearly stated in the 1347 ordinances, see f. 1v above. The later ruling in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 7v, states: 'And þat no persone doo aweie his leverye tille þe iiiii^{the} 3ere be fully complete, if he may mayntene hitt.'

Further from companions for their first year:

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from John Compton – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Corbet – 6s. 8d.

– 13s. 4d.

Fees and fines:

from Thomas Corbet to be made free of the company – 6s. 8d.

from John Langham for various offences – 6s. 8d.

from John Middleton to be exempted from the livery – 6s. 8d.

– total – 20s.

Fines:

from John Boston for an offence adjudicated by the company – £4

from John Abbot for taking over the house that was formerly John Aleyn's¹⁴² – 5 marks

from Robert Trenerth for giving away his [livery] hood within two years, against the ordinance – 3s. 4d.

– £7 10s.

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum raised from fines during their term of office, i.e. from those absent from vigils, assemblies, processions, and also from those who did not have the whole livery, in all this amounts to – 7s. 6d.

Issue of apprentices:

from Thomas Fornham – 2s.

from Robert Rushton – 2s.

from John Usk – 2s.

from Thomas Corbet – 2s.

– 8s.

Admission of apprentices:

from Alexander Orable the apprentice of John Knottyngley – 2s.

from Nicholas Busch apprentice of William Maltby – 2s.

from John Sutton apprentice of Richard Medrose – 2s.

from Robert Brewer apprentice of Richard Bures – 2s.

from Richard Cokworthy apprentice of Robert Coventry – 2s.

from Richard Howchyn apprentice of John Herston – 2s.

from James Cheyny apprentice of John Compton – 2s.

from Robert Southam apprentice of John Coventry – 2s.

from Thomas Brangwayn apprentice of Thomas Middleton – 2s.

from Thomas Armorer apprentice of William Erntoun – 2s.

from Thomas Middlemore apprentice of John Somery – 2s.

from William Machon apprentice of John Fauntleroy – 2s.

from Nicholas Grene } the apprentices of John Stratton – 4s.
from Thomas Onehand }

¹⁴² This was probably a case of wrongful eviction, for the ordinance about which see below, pp. 296–9.

De Robert Blenerhayset apprentice Thomas Aleyn – ii s.
– *summa* – xxx s.

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Encrees de la lyvree:

Item, ils soy chargent de les deniers receuz de l'encrees de la lyvree del mistere
encontre Paske – xv s. vii d.

Fyn:

Item, receu de Thomas Philip d'un fyn ajuggé de long temps passee – xx s.

Veille dette del rent:

De William Rutland, tenant del rent del mistere, de veille dette – xiiii s. viii d.

De Johan Pirye, tenant, de veille dette *pur* rent – xiii s. iiiii d.

De William Vele, tenant, del dette de rent, de veille – v s.

De William Chapman, tenant, de veille dette del rent – vi s. viii d.
– xxxix s. viii d.

Summa totalis charge – CCxxxiiii li. xv s. vi d. ob.

Discharge

Salarye:

Primement, a Sire William Repyngale *et* Sire Thomas Stieresman, chapeleynes
del mistere, *pur* un an entier, c'est assavoir del feste de Paske l'an quarte tanqe al
dit feste l'an quinte, *pur* lour salarye, vidz. a chescun de eux – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, a Johan Bele, bedel, *pur* l'an entier tanqe al dit feste – iii li. xviii s.

Almoigne:

Item, a Rauf Elsyng *pur* l'an entier devant Pask l'an quint – lii s.

Item, a Richard Horwode *pur* l'an entier *par* mesme feste – lii s.

Item, a John Strete *pur* mesme l'an – lii s.

Item, a Robert Kemp *pur* mesme l'an – lii s.

Item, a Richard Betlee *pur* dimi an *et* iii sepmaignes – xxix s.

Item, a Thomas Conestable *pur* l'an entier, come desuis – xxx s. iiiii d.
– xiii li. vii s. iiiii d.

Foreins expenses:

Item, payé *pur* tapers de cire *pur* le chapel, chescune terme pryncipal de l'an, *et*
pur taperes *pur* les chapeleyns *pur* chaunter lour messes – iiiii s. vi d.

Item, païé *pur* papire, parchemyn, *et* cire rouge – ix d.

Item, païé *pur* iiiii cliefs *et* amender les serres del chapel – xviii d.

Item, païé *pur* les endentures de noz chapeleins, *et* *pur* l'obligacioun de Robert
Horwode *pur* Walter Strete, *et* *pur* les endentures entre nous *et* Johan Gryffyn –
ii s. vi d.

from Robert Blennerhasset apprentice of Thomas Aleyn – 2s.
– total – 30s.

Profit on the livery:

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Item, they declare the money received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – 15s. 7d.

Fine:

Item, received from Thomas Philip for a fine adjudicated a long time ago – 20s.

Old rent debts:

from William Rutland, tenant in the mistery's rental property, for an old debt –	14s. 8d.
from John Pirie, tenant, for an old debt for rent –	13s. 4d.
from William Vele, tenant, for a debt for rent, of old –	5s.
from William Chapman, tenant, for an old debt for rent – – 39s. 8d.	6s. 8d.

Sum total of receipts – £234 15s. 6½d.

Disbursements

Salary:

Firstly, to Sir William Rippingale and Sir Thomas Steresman, chaplains of the mistery, for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 4 [Henry V] until the said feast in the year 5 [Henry V], for their salary, i.e. to each of them – £6 13s. 4d. Total – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, to John Bele, beadle, for the whole year up until the said feastday – £3 18s.

Alms:

Item, to Ralph Elsyng for the whole year up to Easter in the year 5 [Henry V] –	52s.
Item, to Richard Horwood for the whole year up to the same feastday –	52s.
Item, to John Street for the same year –	52s.
Item, to Robert Kemp for the same year –	52s.
Item, to Richard Betelee for half a year and 3 weeks –	29s.
Item, to Thomas Constable for the whole year, as above, – – £13 7s. 4d.	30s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for wax tapers for the chapel, for each principal term of the year, and for tapers for the chaplains for singing their masses – 4s. 6d.

Item, paid for paper, parchment, and red wax – 9d.

Item, paid for 4 keys and for repairing the locks of the chapel – 18d.

Item, paid for our chaplains' indentures, and for Robert Horwood's bond obligatory for Walter Street, and for the indentures between us and John Gryffyn – 2s. 6d.

- f. 71r Unqore forein expenses:
 Item, payé as mynstrall[es] al chyvalchee ové le viscount Johan Coventree plus q' ils receyvoient – xx s. ix d.
 Item, payé *pur* escrire la novel ordynance²³⁰ *et* autres choses qe appertenoient al compaignye – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxxii li. viii s. viii d.

- 1417 Et fait a savoyr qe al congregacioun del compaignye a lour maungerye tenue le xx jour de juyn l'an du regne nostre *seignur* le Roy desuisdit quynte, les avantditz Johan Coventre, Richard Bures, Johan Knottynglee, *et* Thomas Whaddoun ont eslitz gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuiant, c'est assavoir Johan Coventre eslit Thomas Fauconer, Richard Bures eslit Eborard Flete, Johan Knottynglee eslit John Estmond, Thomas Whaddoun eslit William Estfeld, as queux ils ont delyvré l'argent sek qe remeynt en lour mayns, come piert *par* l'acount devant, c'est a savoir – CCii li. vi s. x d. ob.

Dettes duez al mistere hors de l'acompte

William Smyth, un tenant del rent al Pye – ii s. iii d.

Adam Norbery pur un fyn *pur* soun entree en la lyvré, appaier al Pask l'an de grace Mil CCCcxviii^e – xiii s. iii d.

Thomas Raftoun doyt de arrerage de temps q'il estoit quillour des rentz del mistere – xxv s. iii d.

Johan Bally doyt de veille dette – vi s. viii d.²³¹

- 1417 Cest ordinance fuist renovelez en temps des gardeins desuis escriptz.

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The peyne of hem that hire her felawes out of her huses, shoppes, or warehous.²³²

The xxvi day of the moneth of May in the fyfte 3ere of the noble king Henry the fyft after the conquest, John Coventree, Richard Bures, John Knottynglee, and Thomas Whaddon beyng wardeins of the craft of the Mercerye, was made a general congregacion of al þe mercerye gadred togidre of *purpos* for the cause here after writen: For as moche as amonge oother good ordynances & constitucions maked and assented of þe compaignye aforseyd, þer is oon good olde ordynance þat no felawe sholde hire other out of his shoppe, warehous ne wonyng hous, but no determynat fyn put theron in certeyn. Wherof þer has fallen oft controversie among þe compaignye in opinion in affieryng of þe fyn of such trespassours. In this congregacion the compaignye of ful assent of hem alle, wyll yng of doon away fro hens forth al manere of doute, hav put the fyn of such *trespasse* in a ful

²³⁰ See below here.

²³¹ Just to the side and below this figure a note had been written but is now almost entirely erased. From the little that one can now make out, it seems that it may have recorded the subsequent payment of a debt.

²³² This ordinance is also entered in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 7r–7v, but in a shortened version.

Further extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, paid to the musicians at the procession with the sheriff John Coventry, over and above what they [the wardens] received – 20s. 9d.

Item, paid for the writing out of the new ordinance and for other things appertaining to the company – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £32 8s. 8d.

Memorandum that at the assembly of the company at their feast held on 20 June 5 Henry V, the aforesaid John Coventry, Richard Bures, John Knottynghley, and Thomas Whaddon elected wardens for the following year, i.e. John Coventry elected Thomas Fauconer, Richard Bures elected Everard Fleet, John Knottynghley elected John Eastmond, Thomas Whaddon elected William Eastfield, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, as appears by the account above, i.e. – £202 6s. 10½d.

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Debts due to the mistery and not included in the account

William Smyth, a tenant in the rental property of the Pye – 2s. 3d.

Adam Norbury for a fee for his admission to the livery, to be paid at Easter in the year of grace 1418 – 13s. 4d.

Thomas Rafton owes arrears from the time when he was rent-collector of the mistery – 25s. 3d.

John Bally owes for an old debt – 6s. 8d.

This ordinance was revised during the term of office of the aforesaid wardens:

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The penalty for those who evict¹⁴³ their companions out of their houses, shops, or warehouses:

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On the 26th day of the month of May in the fifth year of the noble king Henry V [1417], John Coventry, Richard Bures, John Knottynghley, and Thomas Whaddon being wardens of the mercers' mistery, a general assembly was held of all the mistery gathered together deliberately for the purpose written below: Whereas among other good ordinances and regulations made and agreed to by the aforesaid company there is one good old ordinance [to the effect] that no member of the company should evict another out of his shop, warehouse, or dwelling-house, but no fixed fine is definitively set for this. As a result, controversy has often arisen among the company as to opinions about the assessing of the fine for such offenders. At this assembly the company, with the full agreement of them all, wishing to do away with all manner of doubt from henceforth, has set the fine

143 The usage of the text (and others) is somewhat odd, but it is difficult to see what else it could mean but, in effect, 'to evict' – by means either of raising the rent to an impossible level for the tenant or of a payment (or bribe) to induce the tenant to leave certain premises so that the perpetrator of the offence may move in himself or bring in a higher-paying tenant. The mistery is thus providing 'protected tenants' status to those within its jurisdiction. See also Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. xxxii–xxxiii, Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, pp. 359–60; and Welch, *Pewterers*, I, 10, for similar legislation in other misteries. The MED lists 'to bribe' as one meaning of HIREN, as well as that of 'to rent', but does not list any examples coupled with the preposition 'out'.

certeyn that ylke felawe may se his penance writen. Therfore is it ordeyned thus of þe ful assent of al the *compaignye* þat noon of hem, riche ne pore, þat is under þe governance of þe craft, in þe lyveree ne out of þe lyveree, lowys ne apprentice, hire no man þat is in þe lyveree ne out of þe lyveree þat is under þe governance of þe craft out of his wonyng hous, warehous ne shoppe, by no manere wey of fraude ne collusion ne by no manere colour agains equitee & good conscience, by hymself ne by no mene persone, up peyne to paye to þe almesse of þe craft fowre sithes þe value by 3ere of þe rent of þe hous, shoppe or warehous so hyred, *withouten* any mitigacion þerof to have. And over þat 3it he shal nought come in þe hous ne occupie it by himself ne by mene persone at no tyme withouten ful assent of þe persone þat is hired out, *with* gree makyng to hym as þey may accorde. And it is ful accorded that alle þe widewes of þe craft þat wil stante soule & use þe crafte with hir meynee, þat arn under governance of þe craft or *with* housbondes that ben men of þe same craft & under þe governance þerof, shal have ful benefice of þe ordynance above seyde And also alle þe mennes sonnes of þe craft that have used the craft *with* hir fadres or with oother men of þe craft and doon her devoirs which longen to þe craft shal have the same benefice of þe ordynance above sayde.

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[C']est²³³ l'acompte Thomas Fauconer, Eborard Flete, Johan Estmond, *et* William Estfeld, faite al feste de la Nativité de Seynt Johan le Baptistre l'an vi^{me} del regne le roy Henry le V^{te} depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, *pur* l'an proschein devant passé en quel ils estoyent gardeyns del mistere de le mercerye.

Charge

Prymerement, ils soy chargent d'une somme de monoye delyvré a eux *par* lour predecessours gardeyns, come piert devant, vidz. – CCii li. vi s. x d. ob.

Item, ils soy chargent des deniers receuz del rent appartenant al mistier pur un an entier, vidz. *perentre* le feste de Paske l'an v^{te} del regne le roy Henry suisdit tanqe le feste de Paske l'an vi de mesme Roy Henry, rebatuz reparaciouns, voidaunces, quitrentz *et* salarye de le coillour d'ycel – xxx li. xix s. iii d.

De compaignons de lour an iii^e:

Item, ils soy chargent ové les nobles receuz de *compaignons* de lour tiercz an, vidz.:

De Johan Onley – vi s. viii d.

De William Dautre – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Holand – vi s. viii d.

– xx s.

233 As usual, space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is found in the far LH margin.

for such an offence in full certain terms so that each member of the company may see his penance in writing. Therefore it is ordained thus with the full agreement of all the company that no one, whether he be rich or poor, who is under the governance of the mistery, whether he be of the livery or not of the livery, a serving-man or an apprentice, shall evict any man that is of the livery or out of the livery who is under the governance of the mistery out of his dwelling-house, warehouse, or shop, by any manner of fraud or collusion, nor on any specious grounds against equity and good conscience, either by himself or through an intermediary person, upon penalty of paying to the alms-funds of the mistery four times the yearly rental value of the house, shop, or warehouse so leased, and with no remission nor reduction. And further to that, he shall not enter the house nor occupy it by himself nor through any intermediary person at any time without the full consent of the person who is turned out, making satisfaction to him as they may agree. And it is fully agreed that all widows of the mistery who wish to live as a feme-sole and carry on the trade with their household, who are under the governance of the mistery, or those who are with husbands who are men of the same mistery and under its governance, shall enjoy the full benefit of the aforesaid ordinance. And also all sons of men of the mistery who have practised the trade with their fathers or with other men of the mistery and who do their duties which pertain to the mistery, they shall enjoy the same benefit of the aforesaid ordinance.

This is the account of Thomas Fauconer, Everard Fleet, John Eastmond, and William Eastfield, made up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 6 Henry V [24 June 1418], for the year immediately preceding during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens, as appears above, i.e. £202 6s. 10½d.

Item, they declare the money received from the rents belonging to the mistery for a whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 5 Henry V until the feast of Easter in the year 6 Henry V, having deducted repairs, vacancies, quit-rents, and the salary of the rent-collector – £30 19s. 3d.

From companions for their third year:

Item, they declare the 'nobles'¹⁴⁴ received from companions for their third year, i.e.

from John Onley – 6s. 8d.

from William Dawtre – 6s. 8d.

from John Holland – 6s. 8d.

– 20s.

¹⁴⁴ See above, p. 257, note 117.

De compaignons de lour an seconde:

Item, ils soy chagent des nobles receuz de compaignons de lour an seconde, vidz.:

De Robert Large –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Chipenham –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Usk –	vi s. viii d.
De William Hardewyk –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Lovelace –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Wode –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Herstoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Comptoun –	vi s. viii d.
– liii s. iiiii d.	

De Thomas Corbet, riens, pur ce q'il n'ad pa la lyvree cest an.

De i compaignon pur soun primere an:

Item, receu de Henry Osbern pur son primere an – vi s. viii d.

Deniers levez pur fyns et forfaitz:

Item, ils soy chagent de deniers levez des compaignons de fins et forfaitz pur absentz as chivalchee et processions – xx s. ii d.

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Fyns:

De Thomas Bekeswelle qe fuist l'apprentice Thomas Philippe, pur ceo q'il fuist fait frank home un an devant soun terme – xx s.

Item, receu de William Hott pur mesme cause, apprentice Symond Bertelot – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Langham pur diverse defautes – vi s. viii d.

De issues d'apprentices:

Item, receu des issues d'apprentices come piert après – etc, vidz.:

De Johan Wylom l'apprentice William Erntoun –	ii s.
De William Hott l'apprentice Simond Berthelot –	ii s.
De Thomas Bekeswelle l'apprentice Thomas Philippe –	ii s.
De Johan Birdlepe l'apprentice Simond Bertelot –	ii s.
De Nichol Jamesoun l'apprentice Richard Coventre –	ii s.
– x s.	

Item, receu de Johan Bally de veille dette – vi s. viii d.

L'encrees de la lyvree:

Item, receu de l'encrees de la lyvree de le mistere contre Paske – xlii s.

From companions for their second year:

Item, they declare the 'nobles' received from companions for their second year, i.e.

from Robert Large –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Chippenham –	6s. 8d.
from John Usk –	6s. 8d.
from William Hardwick –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Lovelace –	6s. 8d.
from John Wood –	6s. 8d.
from John Herston –	6s. 8d.
from John Compton –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

from Thomas Corbet, nothing, because he did not have the livery this year.

From one companion for his first year:

Item, received from Henry Osbern for his first year – 6s. 8d.

Money raised from fees and fines:

Item, they declare money raised from companions from fees and fines for being absent from processions¹⁴⁵ – 20s. 2d.

Fees and fines:

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from Thomas Bekeswelle who was the apprentice of Thomas Philip, because he was made a freeman one year before the end of his term – 20s.

Item, received from William Hott for the same reason, the apprentice of Simon Bartelot – 6s. 8d.

from John Langham for various offences – 6s. 8d.

From issues of apprentices:

Item, received from the issues of apprentices as appears below, etc., i.e.

from John Wylom the apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.
from William Hott the apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from Thomas Bekeswelle the apprentice of Thomas Philip –	2s.
from John Birdlip the apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from Nicholas Jameson the apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
– 10s.	

Item, received from John Bally for an old debt – 6s. 8d.

The profit on the livery:

Item, received from the profit on the mistery's Easter livery – 42s.

¹⁴⁵ A distinction is made in the text here between 'chivalchee' = 'a procession on horseback', and 'processioun' where one might presume them to have been on foot.

Les entrees de les apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent de les deniers levez des entrees d'apprenticez:

De Johan Godson apprentice William Estfeld –		ii s.
De William Gladman apprentice William Melreth –		ii s.
De Robert Squyer apprentice Eborard Flete –		ii s.
De Richard Gerard	} apprentices Aleyn Everard –	iiii s.
De Henry Sydeney		
De Johan Sylesdene	} les apprentices William Otes et Henry Frowyk –	iiii s.
De Johan Cokke		
De Johan Mordoun	} l'appren[t]ices William Prentyce –	iiii s.
De Johan Brewer		
De Johan Colwille apprentice Robert Colwille –		ii s.
De Thomas Igaldesby apprentice Johan Bostoun –		ii s.
De Johan Cottoun apprentice Thomas Berwyk –		ii s.
De Johan Baile apprentice William Pekke –		ii s.
De Olyver Snydale apprentice Robert Strode –		ii s.
De Johan Pykeryng apprentice Johan Butler, senior –		ii s.
De Johan Skypytoun apprentice Johan Wode –		ii s.
De Richard Provendre apprentice Symond Herward –		ii s.
De William Trymnelle apprentice William Trymnelle –		ii s.
De Johan Berby	} apprentices Thomas Weltoun –	vi s.
De William Stavertoun		
De Thomas Chyselle ²³⁴		
– xlii s.		

Somme totale de charge – CCxlv li. iii d. ob.

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Discharge

Salaries:

Primerement, ils soy dischargent païé a Sire William Repyngale, chapeleyn del mistere, pur soun salarye pur un an entier perentre le feste de Pask l'an v^{te} del regne le roy Henry le v^{te} tanqe a mesme feste l'an vi^{me} de mesme le Roy – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, payé a Sire Thomas Stersman, continuant pur partie del dit an, et a Sire Nichol Pardoun perfournant le dit an – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, a Johan Bele pur son salarye pur mesme l'an – iii li. xviii s.
– xvii li. iiii s. viii d.

Almoygne:

Item, payé a Johan Strete en almoygn pur l'an suisdit –	lii s.
Item, a Richard Horwode pur l'an suisdit –	lii s.
Item, a Robert Kemp pur l'an suisdit –	lii s.
Item, a Rauf Elsyng pur l'an suisdit –	lii s.
Item, a Thomas Conestable pur l'an suisdit –	xxx s. iiii d.
– xi li. xviii s. iiii d.	

²³⁴ The truncated name 'hiselle' is found at the far LH edge of this page parallel to this name. The 'y' of the name appears to be an amendment, and no other reason for the marginal note is apparent.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare the money raised from the admission of apprentices:

from John Goodson apprentice of William Eastfield –		2s.
from William Gladman apprentice of William Meldreth –		2s.
from Robert Squire apprentice of Everard Fleet –		2s.
from Richard Gerard	} apprentices of Alan Everard –	4s.
from Henry Sydeney		
from John Sylesdene	} the apprentices of William Otes and Henry Frowyk –	4s.
from John Cokke		
from John Mordon	} the apprentices of William Prentice –	4s.
from John Brewer		
from John Colwelle apprentice of Robert Colwelle –		2s.
from Thomas Igaldesby apprentice of John Boston –		2s.
from John Cotton apprentice of Thomas Berwick –		2s.
from John Baile apprentice of William Pekke –		2s.
from Oliver Snyder apprentice of Robert Strode –		2s.
from John Pickering apprentice of John Butler the elder –		2s.
from John Skipton apprentice of John Wood –		2s.
from Richard Provendre apprentice of Simon Herward –		2s.
from William Trymnelle apprentice of William Trymnelle –		2s.
from John Barby	} apprentices of Thomas Welton –	6s.
from William Staverton		
from Thomas Chiselle		
– 42s.		

Sum total of receipts – £245 3½d.

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Salaries:

Firstly, they declare as paid to Sir William Rippingale, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 5 Henry V up until the same feast in the year 6 Henry V – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir Thomas Steresman, continuing for part of the same year, and to Sir Nicholas Pardon, completing the said year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to John Bele for his salary for the same year – £3 18s.
– £17 4s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Street in alms for the aforesaid year – 52s.

Item, to Richard Horwood for the aforesaid year – 52s.

Item, to Robert Kemp for the aforesaid year – 52s.

Item, to Ralph Elsyng for the aforesaid year – 52s.

Item, to Thomas Constable for the aforesaid year – 30s. 4d.
– £11 18s. 4d.

Forein expences:

Item, païé *pur* tapers de cire *pur* le chapel *pur* mesme l'an – iii s. ix d.

Item, *pur* fasoun de les endentures *pur* shoppe Johan Bostoun – xiiii d.

Item, païé *pur* paper *pur* l'an – iii d.

Item, allowé a Johan Bostoun *pur* reparacioun de sa shope – xl s.

– xlv s. iii d.

Summa totalis discharge amount come piert – xxxi li. viii s. iii d.

Et ency reest en lour mayns come piert par l'acompte –

CCxiii li. xii s. ob.

Dette a lever:

Et de cest somme ils delyvrent les dettours après escriptz acruz en lour temps, c'est assavoir:

De Walter Strete *pur* quele Robert Horwode est plegge de ceo q'il fuist trové en arrerage a soun acompte – iii li.

Item, de Richard Setryngtoun *qe* fuist plegge *pur* Richard Crispe *pur* lower del mesoun jadys a Guppey – v marcz

– vii li. vi s. viii d.

Et ency reest *net* en argent sek – CCvi li. v s. iii d. ob.

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Et faite a savoyr *qe* le dismenge *proscheine* devant le fest de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an sysme *del regne le roy Henry* le ^vte en la sale deyns la Prynce Garderobe a lour maungerye tenue la, les avantdytz Thomas, Eborard, Johan, *et* William choyserent gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoir Thomas Fauconer eslyt William Waldern, Eborard Flete eslit Johan Wasshbourn, Johan Estmond eslit Richard Coventre, *et* William Estfeld eslit Elis Clyderowe, as queux ils ont delyvrez l'argent sek *qe* remaynt en *lour* mains, vidz. – CCvi li. v s. iii d. ob.

Et outre ceo ils ont delyvrez de veille dette accru devant *lour* temps come piert *par* acomptes devant en cest lyvre, vidz.:

William Smyth, tenant al Pye – ii s. iii d.

Adam Norberye, *qe* le devoit a Paske passé – xiii s. iii d.

Thomas Raftoun de veille arrerage – xx s. iii d.

– xxxv s. x d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for wax tapers for the chapel for the same year – 3s. 9d.

Item, the drawing up of the indentures for John Boston's shop – 14d.

Item, paid for paper for the year – 4d.

Item, allowed to John Boston for repairs to his shop – 40s.

– 45s. 3d.

Sum total of disbursements amounts as appears to – £31 8s. 3d.

And thus there remains in their hands as appears by the account –

£213 12s. ½d.

Debts to be recovered:

And from this sum they hand over the debts written below which have accrued during their term of office. i.e.

from Walter Street for whom Robert Horwood has stood surety as he was found to be in arrears on his account¹⁴⁶ – £4

Item, from Richard Settrington who stood surety for Richard Crisp for the renting of the house that used to be Robert Guppey's – 5 marks

– £7 6s. 8d.

And thus there remains net in ready money – £206 5s. 4½d.

Memorandum that on the Sunday before the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 6 Henry V [19 June 1418] in the hall in the Prince's Wardrobe¹⁴⁷ at their feast which was held there, the aforesaid Thomas, Everard, John, and William chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Fauconer elected William Walderne, Everard Fleet elected John Washbourne, John Eastmond elected Richard Coventry, and William Eastfield elected Ellis Clitheroe, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £206 5s. 4½d.

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And besides this they handed over as old debt accrued before their term of office, as appears in accounts written above in this book, i.e.

William Smyth, tenant in the Pye – 2s. 3d.

Adam Norbury, who owed this at Easter last – 13s. 4d.

Thomas Rafton, of old arrears – 20s. 3d.

– 35s. 10d.

¹⁴⁶ Walter Street is later named as rent-collector, see below f. 74v.

¹⁴⁷ John Stow later describes this building thus: 'From this parish church of St Olave to the north end of the Old Jewry, and from thence west to the north end of Ironmongers' Lane, and from the said corner into Ironmongers' Lane almost to the parish church of St Martin, was of old time one large building of stone, very ancient, made in place of Jews' houses, but of what antiquity, or by whom the same was built, or for what use, I have not learnt, more than that King Henry VI, in the 16th of his reign, gave the office of being porter or keeper thereof unto John Stent for term of his life, by the name of his principal palace in the Old Jewry. This was in my youth called the Old Wardrobe' (pp. 273–4). See also Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, Gazetteer, 12 F1.

Et reest al mistier ové dettes veilles *et* nouvelles *et* argent –
215 li. 7 s. 10 d. ob.²³⁵

1418–19 [C']est²³⁶ l'acompte William Walderne, Richard Coventre, Elys Cliderowe, *et* Johan Wasshebourn faite a la feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an septisme del regne le Roy Henry le quinte après le Conquest, pur l'an *proschein* devant passee en quele ils estoyent gardeyns del mistere del *mercerye*.

Charge

Argent sek *et* dettes:

Primement ils se chargent d'une somme de deniers delyverez a eux *par* lours predecessours gardeins del mistere del *mercerye*, come piert en la discharge de *leur* acompte *proschein* devant, vidz. en argent sek ové vii li. vi s. viii d. de bon dette de Strete *et* Crispe – CCxiii li. xii s. ob.

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Deniers levez de le rent:

Item, ils soy chargent ové les deniers levez de les rentz de le mistere, vidz.

- del Croune en Chepe – xix li. viii s. iiiii d.
- de le Pye – xv li. xiiii s. iiiii d.
- et de le mesoun Goppeye – x li. xiiii s. iiiii d.
- xlv li. xvi s.

Compaynouns de *leur* tierce an:

Item, ils soy chargent des receuz de compaignouns de *leur* iii^e an, vidz.:

- De Robert Large – vi s. viii d.
- De Thomas Chipenham – vi s. viii d.
- De Johanne Uske – vi s. viii d.
- De William Hardwyk – vi s. viii d.
- De Richard Lovelace – vi s. viii d.
- De Johan Wode – vi s. viii d.
- De Johan Herstoun – vi s. viii d.
- De Johan Comptoun – vi s. viii d.
- De Thomas Corbet – riens qar il n'ad pas la lyvree
- liii s. iiiii d.

De l'an *seconde*:

Item, receu de Henry Osbern *pur* soun an *seconde* – vi s. viii d.

²³⁵ Note that here the sum is once again given in Arabic numerals, cf. above, f. 64r.

²³⁶ Space is again left as usual for an initial and a small 'c' is written in the far LH margin. A new hand starts here. It is very similar to the previous hand, especially on this page and the facing one, looking more clearly different on ff. 74v and 75r. This hand continues to f. 79v. The presentation of the rent-monies received changes, and the layout also changes, sections such as 'salary' and 'almoyng' are written out as one continuous paragraph, the sums of money being underlined (this underlining has not been reproduced in this edition). A total is placed to the RH side of each bracketed paragraph. This layout continues throughout the pages written by this scribe, and further.

And there remains to the mistery with old and new debts and in
cash in hand – £215 7s. 10½d.

This is the account of William Walderne, Richard Coventry, Ellis Clitheroe, and John Washbourne, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 7 Henry V [24 June 1419], for the year immediately preceding during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery. 1418–19

Receipts

Ready money and debts:

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears at the end¹⁴⁸ of their account immediately above here, i.e. in ready money with £7 6s. 8d. of 'good'¹⁴⁹ debts from Street and Crisp – £213 12s. ½d.

Money raised from the rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties, i.e.

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- from the Crown in Cheap – £19 8s. 4d.
- from the Pye – £15 14s. 4d.
- and from Guppey's house – £10 14s. 4d.
- £45 16s.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare receipt from companions for their third year, i.e.

- from Robert Large – 6s. 8d.
- from Thomas Chippenham – 6s. 8d.
- from John Usk – 6s. 8d.
- from William Hardwick – 6s. 8d.
- from Richard Lovelace – 6s. 8d.
- from John Wood – 6s. 8d.
- from John Herston – 6s. 8d.
- from John Compton – 6s. 8d.
- from Thomas Corbet, nothing, because he did not have the livery
- 53s. 4d.

For the second year:

Item, received from Henry Osbern for his second year – 6s. 8d.

¹⁴⁸ Literally, 'in the discharge'.

¹⁴⁹ i.e. with a good chance that these monies are recoverable.

Amercimentz:

Item, receu de amercimentz *pur* defautes²³⁷ diverse foith – xviii s. viii d.

Des issues d'apprentices:

Item, receu des issues d'apprentices mesme l'an, vidz.:

De Richard Fortesku l'apprentice Eborard Flete –	ii s.
De Stephen Stichemerssh l'apprentice Thomas Tornour –	ii s.
De William Fattyng l'apprentice Eborard Flete –	ii s.
De Robert Archebold ²³⁸ l'apprentice Simond Bertelot –	ii s.
De Piers Denys l'apprentice Thomas Hawe –	ii s.
De William Halle l'apprentice James Bynde –	ii s.
De Robert Wynchekomb ²³⁹ l'apprentice Adam Norbury –	ii s.
– xiiii s.	

Des entrees d'apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent de les entrees des apprentices:

De William Tynbery l'apprentice Thomas Osborn –	ii s.
De William Blankensoppe apprentice William Cavendissh –	ii s.
De Johan Happisford l'apprentice Simond Bartelot –	ii s.
– vi s.	

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert – CCLxiiii li. vi s. viii d. ob.²⁴⁰

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Discharge

Salarye:

Primere[me]nt, ils soy deschargent de vi li. xiii s. iiii d. paiey a Sire William Repynghale, prestre *pur* le mistere, *pur* son salarie *pur* un an entier, c'est asavoir de le feste de Paske l'an vi *del regne le roy Henry le v^{te}* tanqe le fest de Paske l'an du dit Roy vii^e; et de vi li. xiii s. iiii d. paiey [a] Sire Nichol Pardoun, prestre *pur* Guphey, *pur* l'an suisdit; et de xxvi s. viii d. paiey as ditz prestres *pur* lour vesture de cel an *par* cause qe le mistere ne fesoit lyveree ycel an, vidz. a chescun d'eux ii nobles; et de iii li. xviii s. paiey a Johan Bele, bedel del mistere, *pur* mesme l'an; et de xiii s. iiii d. paye a luy *pur* soun vesture *pur* mesme l'an.

– xix li. iiii s. viii d.

Almoynng:

Item, ils se dischargent de lii s. paiey *par* l'an suisdit a Johan Strete en almoign, et de lii s. paiey a Richard Horwode *pur* l'an suisdit, et de lii s. paiey a Robert Kemp *pur* mesme l'an, et de lii s. paiey a Rauf Elsyng mesme l'an, et de xxx s. iiii d. paiey a Thomas Conestable *pur* mesme l'an, et de xxxv s. paiey [a] Robert Petibeof *pur* xxxv sepmaines de l'an suisdit –

– xiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

237 MS: receu de amercimentz des *pur* defautes.

238 This name has been written in darker ink over the erasure of another name.

239 This surname has also been written in darker ink over an erasure.

240 In the far RH margin parallel with this sum is written in Arabic numerals the truncated '264.6'.

Fines:

Item, received from fines for offences at various times – 18s. 8d.

From issues of apprentices:

Item, received from the issues of apprentices in the same year, i.e.

from Richard Fortescue the apprentice of Everard Flete –	2s.
from Stephen Titchmarsh the apprentice of Thomas Turnour –	2s.
from William Fattyng the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from Robert Archebold the apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from Piers Denys the apprentice of Thomas Hawe –	2s.
from William Halle the apprentice of James Bynde –	2s.
from Robert Winchcomb the apprentice of Adam Norbury –	2s.
– 14s.	

From admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare from the admission of apprentices:

from William Tynbery the apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from William Blenkinsop apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from John Hapsford the apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
– 6s.	

Sum total of their receipts as appears – £264 6s. 8½d.

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Salaries:

Firstly, they declare £6 13s. 4d. paid to Sir William Rippingale, priest of the mistery, for his salary for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 6 Henry V until the feast of Easter in the year 7 Henry V; and £6 13s. 4d. paid to Sir Nicholas Pardon, Guppey's priest, for the aforesaid year; and 26s. 8d. paid to the said priests for their clothing for that year, because the mistery did not issue a livery in that year, i.e. to each of them 2 nobles; and £3 18s. paid to John Bele, beadle of the mistery, for the same year; and 13s. 4d. paid to him for his clothing for the same year.

– £19 4s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, they declare 52s. paid in the aforesaid year to John Street in alms, and 52s. paid to Richard Horwood for the aforesaid year, and 52s. paid to Robert Kemp for the same year, and 52s. paid to Ralph Elsyng for the same year, and 30s. 4d. paid to Thomas Constable for the same year, and 35s. paid to Robert Petibef for 35 weeks of the aforesaid year –

– £13 13s. 4d.

Expenses foreynes:

Item, ils se deschargent de xxviii s. paie^z *pur* diverses foreynes despenses faitz, come piert *par* une bille allowé des auditours – xxviii s.

Reparacioun:

Item, ils se dischargent de xxxvi s. vi d. ob. païé *pur* diverse *reparacion*, vidz. *par* Walter Strete x s. i d. ob., *par* Johan Bele vii s. xi d. al Pye ten[emen]t, *et par* Johan Wasshbourn al Croun xxii d., *et par* Johan Clerk al mesoun de Guphey xvi s. viii d. Et de xl s. païé a Walter Strete *pur* son salarye *pur* la rente quiller. Et de iii li. xi s. iiiii d. païé *pur* quitrent *pur* l'an suisdit.

– vii li. vii s. x d. ob.

Unqore salarye *pur* le quynt quartere ovesqe l'almoigne:

Item, ils se dischargent q'ils ount païé de salarie *et* d'almoigne de le dit feste de Paske l'an vii^e tanqe *Seint* Johan *proschein*, vidz. de xxxiii s. iiiii d. païé a Sire William Repynghale, *et* de xxxiii s. iiiii d. païé a Sire Nichol Pardoun. Et de xix s. vi d. païé a Johan Bele. Et de xiii s. païé a Johan Strete. Et de xiii s. païé a Richard Horwod. Et de xiii s. païé a Robert Kemp. Et de xiii s. payé a Rauf Elsyng. Et de xiii s. païé a Robert Petybeof. Et de vii s. vii d. païé a Thomas Conestable.

– *Summa* – vii li. xviii s. ix d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont come piert desuis –
xlix li. xii s. vii d. ob.

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Et reest al mistere come piert devant *par* l'acompte –
CCxiii li. xiii s. i d.

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Et fait a savoyr qe dedeins poy de temps après le dit feste de *Seint* Johan le Baptistre l'an vii^{me} *del regne* le roy Henry suisdit, les avantditz William, Richard, Johan, *et* Elys, a une soper fait deyns l'oustiel des mestre *et* ses freres de *Seint* Thomas d'Acres, choyserent les gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuyant, *c'est assavoir* William Walderne eslit Johan Lane, Richard Coventre eslit William Melreth, Elys Cliderowe eslit Johan Olnay, *et* Johan Wasshbourn eslit Johan Whatele, as queux ils ont delyvrez le desuisdit reest d'*argent* sek, *c'est assavoir* – CCxiii li. xiii s. i d.²⁴¹

Memorandum: dette en l'acompte *proschein* devant ycest

241 Below this and to the RH side is written in Arabic numerals the truncated '214.14'.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they declare 28s. paid for various extrinsic expenses incurred, as appears in a document, approved by the auditors – 28s.

Repairs:

Item, they declare 36s. 6½d. paid for various repairs, i.e. by Walter Street 10s. 1½d., by John Bele 7s. 11d. at the tenement of the Pye, and by John Washbourne at the Crown 22d., and by John Clerk at Guppey's house 16s. 8d. And 40s. paid to Walter Street for his salary for collecting the rent. And £3 11s. 4d. paid for quit-rents for the aforesaid year.

– £7 7s. 10½d.

Further salaries for the fifth quarter, with the alms-payments:

Item, they declare that they have paid in salaries and alms from the said feast of Easter in the year 7 [Henry V] until the next following feast of St John [16 April – 24 June 1419], i.e. 33s. 4d. paid to Sir William Rippingale, and 33s. 4d. paid to Sir Nicholas Pardon. And 19s. 6d. paid to John Bele. And 13s. paid to John Street. And 13s. paid to Richard Horwood. And 13s. paid to Robert Kemp. And 13s. paid to Ralph Elsyng. And 13s. paid to Robert Petibef. And 7s. 7d. paid to Thomas Constable.

– total – £7 18s. 9d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears above to –
£49 12s. 7½d.

And there remains to the mistery as appears above by the account –
£214 14s. 1d.

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Memorandum that shortly after the said feast of St John the Baptist in the year 7 Henry V the aforesaid William, Richard, John, and Ellis, at a supper held in the house of the Master and brothers of St Thomas of Acon, chose the wardens for the following year, i.e. William Walderne elected John Lane, Richard Coventry elected William Meldreth, Ellis Clitheroe elected John Olney, and John Washbourne elected John Whateley, to whom they handed over the aforesaid balance of ready money, i.e. £214 14s. 1d.

1419

Memorandum of debts in the account immediately preceding this one

1419–20 [C']est²⁴² l'acompte Johan Lane, Johan Whatele, Johan Olney, *et* William Melreth,
f. 75v faite al feste Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an viii^{me} del regne le Roy Henry le quint puis
le conquete d'Engleterre pur l'an *prochein* devant passee, en quel ils estoyent
gardeyns del mistere del mercerye de Loundres.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primes, ils soy chargent d'une somme d'argent delivree a eux *par* les gardeyns de
l'an passee, c'est assavoyr – CCxiii li. xiii s. i d.

De lour tierce an

Item, ils soy chargent de receyt de Henry Osbern pur soun tiercz an – vi s. viii d.

Cause pur qey rien n'est levé pur l'an *seconde*:

Et fait a savoir qe n'y ad rien receu des compaignouns pur lour *seconde* an *par*
cause qe le mistere n'avoyt poynt lyvré en l'an passee.

De compaignons de lour an prymere:

Item, ils se chargent de deniers levez des compaignouns de lour *primere* an:

De Thomas Dollay – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Middeltoun – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Reynham – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Arneway – vi s. viii d.

De William Halys – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Chyntyng – vi s. viii d.

De William Cantelowe – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Cotford – vi s. viii d.

– liii s. iiiii d.

Fyne *et* forfaitz:

Item, ils soy chargent de fyns *et* forfaitz de lour temps – iiii s. iiiii d.

De Johan Langham pur dyverse defaultz *et* fyns – vi s. viii d.

Encrees de lyveree le Maire:

Item, ils soy chargent de l'encrees de la lyvree del chyvalchee ovesqe Richard
Whityngtoun, Mayr – *summa* – xxii s. ix d.

Deniers levez des rentes:

Item, ils soy chargent ové les deniers levez de les rentes de le mistere pur un an
entier entre le feste de Paske l'an vii *del regne le roi Henry le v^{te}* suysdit tanqe le
dite feste l'an viiii^e del regne le dit Roy Henry, moustré devant les auditours –
summa – xlvii li. ii s. viii d.

²⁴² The usual space is left for the initial with a small 'c' in the far LH margin.

This is the account of John Lane, John Whateley, John Olney, and William Meldreth, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 8 Henry V [24 June 1420], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery of London.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £214 14s. 1d.

For their third year:

Item, they declare the receipt from Henry Osbern for his third year – 6s. 8d.

The reason why nothing has been raised for the second year:

Memorandum that nothing has been received from companions for their second year because the mistery did not issue a livery last year.

From companions for their first year:

Item, they declare the money raised from companions for their first year:

from Thomas Dullay –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Raynham –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Arneway –	6s. 8d.
from William Hales –	6s. 8d.
from John Chyntyng –	6s. 8d.
from William Cantelowe –	6s. 8d.
from John Cotford –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Fees and fines:

Item, they declare fees and fines during their term of office –	4s. 4d.
from John Langham for various offences and fines –	6s. 8d.

Profit on the livery for the Mayor:

Item, they declare the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor Richard Whittington – total – 22s. 9d.

Money raised from the rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 7 Henry V until the said feast in the year 8 Henry V, as presented¹⁵⁰ before the auditors – total – £46 2s. 8d.

¹⁵⁰ Literally 'shown'. They will have presented before them full lists of both income and expenditure and the figure above is that approved by the auditors as what the gross income should have been. In many previous years a net figure after deductions has been given in these accounts, but a tightening up of procedures is evident last year and here, where both losses and expenses are detailed separately under the 'discharge' section of the account.

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Des issues de les apprentices:

De William Batour apprentice Johan Strattoun –	ii s.
De Johan Skyftlyng apprentice Johan Waltoun –	ii s.
De Richard Riche apprentice Johan Lane –	ii s.
De Johan Chynting apprentice Thomas Fauconer –	ii s.
De Thomas Bernard apprentice Johan Butler le puisné –	ii s.
De Johan Secheford apprentice William Cavendissh –	ii s.
De William Amour apprentice William Goodman –	ii s.
De Symond Laund apprentice Thomas Roos –	ii s.
De William Holt apprentice Thomas Symond –	iii s. iiiii d. ²⁴³
– xix s. iiiii d.	

Des entrees de les apprentices:

De Robert Bacheler apprentice Thomas Tornour –	ii s.
De William Holt apprentice Thomas Symond –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Fryday apprentice William Otes –	ii s.
De Johan Awdole apprentice Thomas Depdene –	ii s.
De James Tournour apprentice James Bynde –	ii s.
De Johan Reyder apprentice Johan Wassbourn –	ii s.
De Johan Chesteyn apprentice Johan Wasshebourn –	ii s.
De Johan Frost apprentice William Hardwyk –	ii s.
De Thomas Colard apprentice Johan Fauntleroy –	ii s.
De William Aylemer apprentice Richard Aylemer –	ii s.
De Johan Sybyle apprentice William Cavendissh –	ii s.
De Johan Fether apprentice Richard Coventre –	ii s.
De Robert Danard apprentice Johan Pydmylle –	ii s.
De Robert Langtre apprentice Johan Typpup –	ii s.
De Thomas Suttoun apprentice Adam Forster –	ii s.
De Johan Whithed apprentice Richard Lovelas –	ii s.
De William Prentiz apprentice William Maltby –	ii s.
De Thomas Roos apprentice Johan Whatle –	ii s.
De William Mullesworth apprentice Robert Strode –	ii s.
De Johan Lovet	} apprentices Johan Michel –
De William Hert	
De William Valens apprentice Thomas Glenhand –	ii s.
De William Derby apprentice de dit Thomas –	ii s.
De Johan Penne apprentice Johan Halgate –	ii s.
– xlix s. iiiii d.	

Item, receu des grotes des gentz as queux le viscont dona chaperouns – xxx s.

Summa totalis de lour charge amont *net* – CClii s. ii d.

²⁴³ No reason is given for this different amount, but below one sees that he has only been admitted as an apprentice this same year, again paying the same higher fee.

From issues of apprentices:

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from William Batour apprentice of John Stratton –	2s.
from John Skyftlyng apprentice of John Walton –	2s.
from Richard Riche apprentice of John Lane –	2s.
from John Chyntyng apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
from Thomas Bernard apprentice of John Butler the younger –	2s.
from John Sedgeford apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from William Amour apprentice of William Goodman –	2s.
from Simon Launde apprentice of Thomas Roos –	2s.
from William Holt apprentice of Thomas Symond –	3s. 4d.
– 19s. 4d.	

From admission of apprentices:

from Robert Bachelor apprentice of Thomas Turnour –	2s.
from William Holt apprentice of Thomas Symond –	3s. 4d.
from John Friday apprentice of William Otes –	2s.
from John Audeley apprentice of Thomas Depdene –	2s.
from James Turnour apprentice of James Bynde –	2s.
from John Reyder apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from John Chesteyn apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from John Frost apprentice of William Hardwick –	2s.
from Thomas Colard apprentice of John Fauntleroy –	2s.
from William Aylmere apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from John Sybille apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from John Fether apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from Robert Danard apprentice of John Pidmylle –	2s.
from Robert Langtre apprentice of John Tippet –	2s.
from Thomas Sutton apprentice of Adam Forster –	2s.
from John Whitehead apprentice of Richard Lovelace –	2s.
from William Prentice apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.
from Thomas Roos apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.
from William Mullesworth apprentice of Robert Strode –	2s.
from John Lovet	} apprentices of John Michel – 4s.
from William Hart	
from William Valens apprentice of Thomas Glenant –	2s.
from William Derby apprentice of the said Thomas –	2s.
from John Penne apprentice of John Algate –	2s.
– 49s. 4d.	

Item, received from the groats¹⁵¹ of those people to whom the sheriff¹⁵² gave hoods – 30s.

Sum total of their receipts amounts net to – £270 9s. 2d.

¹⁵¹ A groat was worth 4d. Does one interpret this as meaning that hoods for 90 men of the mistery were provided, each of whom contributed 4d. to the funds for this expense, the rest of which was met by a donation from the sheriff, at whose procession they were to be worn? Cf. above, f. 68v, below f. 77r for the musicians expenses this year, and later entries in other years for expenses on these occasions.

¹⁵² This was John Butler, see below.

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Discharge

Salarie des prestres *et* bedell:

Primes, ils soy dischargent de xvii li. iiiii s. viiii d. paieez a Sire William Repyngale *et* Sire Nichol Pardoun, prestres del mistere, *et* a Johan Bele, bedell del mistere, c'est assavoir a chescun prestre x marcz par an, *et* a Johan Bele iii li. xviii s. par an, *et* ceo pur un an entier proschein passee devant le feste de Seint Johan avantdit
– xvii li. iiiii s. viiii d.

Almoygne:

Et de vii li. v s. ii d. paieez a Rauf Elsyng, Johan Strete, Richard Horwode, Robert Kemp, *et* Robert Petybef, gentz del almoign del mistere, pur dimi an del temps del acompt, pernant chescun xii d. par le sepmaign, *et* a Thomas Stable²⁴⁴ vii d. par sepmaign –
– vii li. v s. ii d.

Unqore almoygne:

Et de iii s. paieez a Thomas Anketylle, receu al almoign par trois sepmaignes devant Nowel l'an vii del regne le roy Henry le v^{te} – iii s.

Et de lvi s. paieez as suisdits Richard Horwode, Robert Kemp, Robert Petibef, *et* Johan Strete, pernantz par le sepmayn xii d., *et* en encrees ii d. par sepmayn par vi sepmayns devant Pask, ency est le quarter payé de Pask del temps de l'acompte de ces iiiii hommes
– lvi s.

Et de xx s vii d. paieez a Thomas Conestable *et* Thomas Anketylle par le dit terme de Paske, pernant Thomas Anketille xii d. par sepmayn *et* Thomas Conestable vii d. par sepmayn
– xx s. vii d.

Et de xii s. paieez a Johan Elys, receu al almoigne del mistere par vi sepmaynes devant le dit feste de Paske, par sepmayn ii s.
– xii s.

Et de v li. vii s. iii d. payez pur le terme de Seint Johan avantdit as suisditz Johan Strete, Richard Horwode, Robert Kemp, *et* Robert Petybef, pernantz par sepmayn chescun d'eux xiiii d., *et* a Thomas Conestable pernant par semayn vii d., *et* a Thomas Anketylle pernant par sepmayn xii d., *et* [a] Johan Elys pernant par sepmain ii s.
– v li. vii s. iii d.

Novelles baneres:

Et de iii li. xvi s. paieez pur lé costes de viii nouvelles baneres pur le mystere durant le temps de l'acompte – iii li. xvi s.

²⁴⁴ This is probably just a scribal error for 'Constable', but it is possible that the man met with earlier in the records as Thomas Stable is the same as the Thomas Constable who receives alms for many years: see Name Index.

Disbursements

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Salaries of the priests and the beadle:

Firstly, they declare £17 4s. 8d. paid to Sir William Rippingale and Sir Nicholas Pardon, the mystery's priests, and to John Bele, the mystery's beadle, i.e. to each priest 10 marks per year and to John Bele £3 18s. per year, and this for the whole year immediately preceding the aforesaid feast of St John

– £17 4s. 8d.

Alms:

And £7 5s. 2d. paid to Ralph Elsyng, John Street, Richard Horwood, Robert Kemp, and Robert Petibef, almsmen of the mystery, for half a year during the period of the account, each one of them taking 12d. per week, and to Thomas [Con]stable 7d. per week

– £7 5s. 2d.

Further alms:

And 3s. paid to Thomas Anketylle, admitted as an almsman for the three weeks before Christmas in the year 7 Henry V – 3s.

And 56s. paid to the aforesaid Richard Horwood, Robert Kemp, Robert Petibef, and John Street, each taking 12d. per week, and as an increase of 2d. per week for the six weeks before Easter, and thus was paid for the Easter quarter of this account for these four men

– 56s.

And 20s. 7d. paid to Thomas Constable and Thomas Anketylle for the said Easter term, Thomas Anketylle taking 12d. per week and Thomas Constable 7d. per week

– 20s. 7d.

And 12s. paid to John Elys, admitted as an almsman of the mystery for six weeks before the said feast of Easter, at 2s. per week

– 12s.

And £5 7s. 3d. paid for the Midsummer term to the aforesaid John Street, Richard Horwood, Robert Kemp, and Robert Petibef, each taking 14d. per week, and to Thomas Constable taking 7d. per week, and to Thomas Anketylle taking 12d. per week, and to John Elys taking 2s. per week

– £5 7s. 3d.

New banners:

And £3 16s. paid during this accounting period for the costs of 8 new banners for the mystery – £3 16s.

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Vacaciouns del rent:

Item, ils demandent allowance *pur* vacacioun de dyverse mansiouns del rent del mistere deins le temps de l'acompte, c'est assavoir de une shope en le Crowne Selde *par* an xxvi s. viii d., et de xiii s. iiiii d. de ii chambres deins le rent del Pye, et de v s. *pur* le masoun *qe* Johan Bradfeld tenoyt *qe* fuist voide *dimi* an, et de vi s. ix d. de le seler *qe* Anneys Pylgrym tenoyt *qe* voida *par* iii *quarters*, et de x s. del mesoun Johan Londoun *qe* fuist voyde *par* *dimi* an, et de viii s. iiiii d. pardonez a William Peryndoun *par* cause q'il n'ad de quoy paier.

– iii li. x s. i d.

Reparacioun:

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont paieez *pur* rep[ar]aciouns de les rentes del mistere *par* temps de l'acompt – iiiii li. v s. iiiii d.

Quyte rent:

Item, *pur* v li. xiiii s. viii d. paieez *par* le temps de l'acompt, vidz. *pur* quiterent iii li. iiiii s. viii d., et *pur* salarie al coyllour del rent, Johan Bele, l s. –

– *summa* – v li. xiiii s. viii d.

Mynstralles ové le viscompt:

Item, demandent allowance des deniers paieez a mynstralles deyns le temps de l'acompte, vidz. a viii minstralles *pur* le chyvaché de Johan Butler, vyscompte, xlv s. viii d., et *pur* lour chaperons et *pur* lour dysner xi s. vi d. – *summa* – lviii s. ii d.

Mynstralles ové le maire:

Item, de v li. xiiii s. ii d. ob. paieez a viii trompetes, iiiii pipers, et un nakerer *pur* le chyvalchee de Richard Whityngtoun, Maire, vidz. *pur* lour labour iii li. xiiii s. iiiii d., et *pur* xiii chaperons xxxiiii s. x d., et *pur* lour dyner et boyre v s. ob. – *summa* – v li. xiiii s. ii d. ob.

Cire *pur* le chapel:

Item, de iiiii s. vii d. ob., paieez *pur* cire *pur* le chapel, vidz. iiiii s. i d. ob., et a Thomas Raftoun *pur* labour de escrire²⁴⁵ – vi d. – *summa* – iiiii s. vii d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lx li. xi s. ix d.

Et ency reest al mistere en argent sek come piert, ovesqe ii s. vii d. q'ils ont mys en encrees *pur* fourner le *somme* – CCx li.

²⁴⁵ It seems odd to combine these two entries but the same is done again in the next year's account, where however more details are given of the writing work.

Vacancies in the rental properties:

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Item, they ask to have allowed against their account the following amounts due to vacancies in various places in the mistery's rental properties during this accounting period, i.e. for a shop in the Crown Seld 26s. 8d. per year, and 13s. 4d. for 2 rooms in the rental property of the Pye, and 5s. for the house which John Bradfield had held which was vacant for half a year, and 6s. 9d. for the cellar which Agnes Pilgrim had held which was left vacant for 3 quarters of the year, and 10s. for John London's house which was vacant for half a year, and 8s. 4d. which William Peryndoun was let off paying because he had no money with which to pay –
 – £3 10s. 1d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask to have allowed that they have paid for repairs to the mistery's rental properties during this accounting period – £4 5s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, for £5 14s. 8d. paid during the accounting period, i.e. for quit-rents £3 4s. 8d., and as salary for the rent-collector John Bele, 50s.
 – total – £5 14s. 8d.

Musicians with the sheriff:

Item, they ask for allowance of the money paid to musicians during the accounting period, i.e. to 8 musicians for the procession of John Butler, sheriff – 46 s. 8d., and for their hoods and for their dinner – 11s. 6d. – total – 58s. 2d.

Musicians with the mayor:

Item, for £5 14s. 2½d. paid to 8 trumpeters, 4 pipers, and a drummer¹⁵³ for the procession of Richard Whittington, mayor, i.e. for their work £3 14s. 4d., and for 13 hoods 44s. 10d., and for their dinner and their drinks 5s. ½d. – total – £5 14s. 2½d.

Wax for the chapel:

Item, for 4s. 7½d., paid for wax for the chapel, i.e. 4s. 1½d., and to Thomas Rafton for his writing work – 6d. – total 4s. 7½d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £60 11s. 9d.

And thus there remains to the mistery in ready money as appears, with 2s. 7d. which they have given as an increment to bring the total to – £210

¹⁵³ Specifically, one playing the kettle-drums.

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L'esleccioun des nouvelles gardeyns:
Et fait a savoyr qe le dysmenge proschein devant le feste de Seynt John Baptistre l'an viii^{me} devant escript, en la sale deyns l'oustiel appellé la Prynce Garderobe, a lour maungerye tenuz la, les avantditz Johan Lane, John Whatlee, William Melreth, et Johan Olnay choyserent gardeyns pur l'an ensuyant, c'est assavoyr Johan Lane eslit Johan Butler le puisné, Johan Whatle eslit William Cavendissh, William Melreth eslit Robert Large, et Johan Olnay eslit William Trymnelle, as queux ils ont delyvrez l'argent sek qe remeynt en lour mayns, vidz. – CCx li.

Item, donent outre en dettes duez al mistere, come piert après:

Fyn et dette et devyse:

De Thomas Penketh de un fyn pur quel²⁴⁶ William Rombold est plegge – iii li. vi s. viii d.²⁴⁷

Johan Strattoun de le devise Johan Suttoun – v li.

Adam Norbery de veille dette come piert devant – xiii s. iiiii d.

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[C']est²⁴⁸ l'acompte de Johan Butler le puisné, William Cavendissh, Robert Large, et William Trymnelle, faite al feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an ix^{me} del regne le Roy Henry quinte puis le conquete d'Engleterre, pur l'an proscheyn devant passee, en quel ils estoient gardeynes del mistere del mercerye.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primes, ils soy chargent de une somme delyvré a eux par les gardeyns de l'an passee, c'est assavoir – CCx li.

De compaignons de lour seconde an:

De Thomas Dullay –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Middeltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Reynham –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Arneway –	vi s. viii d.
De William Hales –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Chyntyng –	vi s. viii d.
De William Cauntelow –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Cotesford –	vi s. viii d.
– liii s. iiiii d.	

Fynes et forfa[i]tz:

De Johan Langham pur dyverse fa[u]tes²⁴⁹ et fyns – vi s. viii d.

Item, ils soy chargent de forfaitz levez en lour temps – viii s. viii d.

246 The word 'quel' has in fact been inserted with an omission mark between 'Will' and 'Rombold'.

247 A scribbled note follows this sum: 'pd par le (?)' and it appears as if a line may have been lightly drawn through the entry.

248 As usual a space is left for the initial and a small 'c' is found in the far LH margin.

249 MS: faites.

The election of the new wardens:

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Memorandum that on the Sunday preceding the feastday of St John the Baptist in the aforesaid year 8 [Henry V] [23 June 1420] in the hall in the house called the Prince's Wardrobe, at their feast held there, the aforesaid John Lane, John Whateley, William Meldreth, and John Olney chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Lane elected John Butler the younger, John Whateley elected William Cavendish, William Meldreth elected Robert Large, and John Olney elected William Trymnelle, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £210

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Item, they also handed over as debts due to the mistery, as appears below:

Fee and debt and bequest:

of Thomas Penketh for a fee for which William Rumbold has gone surety – £3 6s. 8d.¹⁵⁴

John Stratton for John Sutton's bequest – £5

Adam Norbury for an old debt as appears above – 13s. 4d.

This is the account of John Butler the younger, William Cavendish, Robert Large, and William Trymnelle, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 9 Henry V [24 June 1421], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £210

From companions for their second year:

from Thomas Dullay –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Raynham –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Arneway –	6s. 8d.
from William Hales –	6s. 8d.
from John Chyntyng –	6s. 8d.
from William Cantelowe –	6s. 8d.
from John Cotford –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Fines:

from John Langham for various offences and fines –	6s. 8d.
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Item, they declare fines levied during their term of office –	8s. 8d.
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¹⁵⁴ The note would seem to indicate a later payment of this amount.

Deniers levez de les rentes del mistere:

Item, ils soy chargent de les deniers levez de les rentes de le mistere pur un an entier, vidz. entre le feste de Paske l'an viii *del regne le roy Henry le v^{te}* et le dite feste de Paske l'an ix^{me}, par acompte moustré as auditours – xlvi li. ii s. viii d.

Des issues de apprentices

Des issues d'apprentices, et del entré de un soul, J. Rydmer:²⁵⁰

De Johan Middeltoun apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De Nichol Frebern apprentice Johan Coventre –	ii s.
De Johan Baude apprentice Johan Bostoun –	ii s.
De Johan Everard apprentice Aleyn Everard –	ii s.
De Robert Wolselay apprentice Adam Forster –	ii s.
De Richard Folleyat apprentice Robert Large –	ii s.
De Johan Rydmere apprentice Aleyn Everard –	ii s.
De dit Johan Rydmere pur son entree –	ii s.
De Nichol Draytoun apprentice William Foucher –	ii s. ²⁵¹
– xviii s.	

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Unqore issues d'apprentices:

De Henry Moos apprentice Thomas Halle –	ii s.
De John Chirche apprentice William Bury, issue <i>et</i> entree –	iiii s.
De William Flete apprentice William Cavendissh –	ii s.
De Thomas Sybnam apprentice John Somery –	ii s.
De William Squyrelle pur son issue –	ii s.
De Johan Assche apprentice Thomas Tykelle –	ii s.
De Richard Whitacre apprentice Johan Typpup –	ii s.
De Richard Rokeby apprentice Stephen Spelman –	ii s.
De Johan Fairsted apprentice Johan Welles –	ii s.
De Robert Trenerth apprentice William Butte –	ii s.
De Henry Frowyk apprentice Johan Otley –	ii s.
De William Larke apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De Richard Vaunpage apprentice Thomas Hawe –	ii s.
De Robert Flysp apprentice Johan Butler –	ii s.
De Thomas Everard apprentice Johan Wasshbourne –	ii s.
De Johan Broughtoun apprentice Johan Wasshbourne –	ii s.
De Johan Asshe suisdit pur son entree –	ii s. ²⁵²
– xxxvi s.	

250 While doing the sub-heading at the LH side, the scribe has clearly noted this departure from the norm of listing, and in fact it is not the only one – see the list on the next page.

251 Below this and to the RH side is written '260.9.4', which is the total for this page.

252 See below for this amount being listed a second time.

Money raised from the mistery's rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year, i.e. between the feast of Easter in the year 8 Henry V and the said feast of Easter in the year 9 [Henry V], as per the account presented to the auditors – £46 2s. 8d.

From issues of apprentices

From issues of apprentices and from the admission of just one, J. Rydmer:

from John Middleton apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from Nicholas Frebarn apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from John Bawde apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from John Everard apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from Robert Wolseley apprentice of Adam Forster –	2s.
from Richard Foliot apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
from John Rydmere apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from the said John Rydmere for his admission –	2s.
from Nicholas Drayton apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
– 18s.	

Further issues of apprentices:

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from Henry Moos apprentice of Thomas Halle –	2s.
from John Chirche apprentice of William Bury, issue and admission ¹⁵⁵ –	4s.
from William Fleet apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from Thomas Sibbenham apprentice of John Somery –	2s.
from William Squirrel for his issue –	2s.
from John Asshe apprentice of Thomas Tickhill –	2s.
from Richard Whitacre apprentice of John Tippet –	2s.
from Richard Rokeby apprentice of Stephen Speleman –	2s.
from John Fairsted apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
from Robert Trenerth apprentice of William Butte –	2s.
from Henry Frowyk apprentice of John Otley –	2s.
from William Larke apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from Richard Vaunpage apprentice of Thomas Hawe –	2s.
from Robert Flysp apprentice of John Butler –	2s.
from Thomas Everard apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from John Broughton apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from John Asshe aforesaid for his admission –	2s.
– 36s.	

¹⁵⁵ One may note this late payment for his admission in the context of a court case of 9 July 1421 recorded in *CPMR* 1413–37, pp. 105–6, in which both Bury and Chirche were accused of usury, details of various transactions being given; Bury claimed that he knew nothing of all this, the offences all having been committed by his apprentice, but with his master's goods which he administered. Chirche was sent to prison until he paid some very large fines.

Charge des entrees d'apprentices

Entrees d'apprentices:

De William Herfrey	} apprentices Johan Somery –	vi s.
De Thomas Wykwayn		
De Thomas Freman		
De Henry Warner apprentice Symon Barthelot –		ii s.
De Johan Bullok apprentice Johan Admond –		ii s.
De Thomas Steelle	} apprentices Robert Large –	iiii s.
De Thomas Stantoun		
De Johan Kyrkeby apprentice Thomas Bataille –		ii s.
De William Chestre apprentice Robert Horwode –		ii s.
De Johan Fordham apprentice Richard Somery –		ii s.
De Johan Stokyn	} apprentices Johan Herstoun –	iiii s.
De William Butler		
De Matheu Foucher apprentice William Foucher –		ii s.
De William Chartesey apprentice Johan Coventre –		ii s.
De John ²⁵³ Bille apprentice Johan Olnay –		ii s.
De William Carter apprentice Johan Clerk –		ii s.
De Johan Edmond apprentice Reynold Strete –		ii s.
De Robert Edmond	} apprentices Richard Bures –	iiii s.
De Adam Huberd		

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Unqore entrees d'apprentices:

De William Haxey	} apprentices Richard Coventre –	vi s.
De Johan Brygge		
De Walter Huntyngdoun		
De William Bullok	} apprentices Johan Langham –	iiii s.
De Johan Lyntow		
De William Tykelle	} apprentices William Hales –	iiii s.
De John Stubbes		
De Henry Baret	} apprentices Johan Bostoun –	vi s.
De Hugh Doun		
De Thomas Pouter		
De Thomas Neundoun	} apprentices William Waldern –	iiii s.
De Johan Colet		
De William Duntoun apprentice William Rombold –		ii s.
De William Berford apprentice Laurence Hamptoun –		ii s.
De William Saxby apprentice Johan Chirche –		ii s.
De Robert Blakeney apprentice Thomas Dullay –		ii s.
De Thomas Estmond apprentice Johan Estmond –		ii s.
De John Assche apprentice Thomas Tykelle ²⁵⁶ –		ii s.

253 The name 'William' had first been written, but then, in the space between this name and the surname, was written in different ink the name 'John', apparently in the same scribe's hand, and without scoring out the first name. See Name Index.

254 At the foot of this column, just to the RH side, is written '3.14.0', the total for this page.

255 Two consecutive folios have been given the same number.

256 See above for this man's fee being listed already in the previous table. The 2s. would appear to have been counted twice.

Receipt from admissions of apprentices

Admissions of apprentices:

from William Herfrey	}	apprentices of John Somery –	6s.
from Thomas Wykham			
from Thomas Freman			
from Henry Warner		apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from John Bullok		apprentice of John Admond –	2s.
from Thomas Steele	}	apprentices of Robert Large –	4s.
from Thomas Stanton			
from John Kirkeby		apprentice of Thomas Bataille –	2s.
from William Chester		apprentice of Robert Horwood –	2s.
from John Fordham		apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from John Stockton	}	apprentices of John Herston –	4s.
from William Butler			
from Matthew Foucher		apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.
from William Chartesey		apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from William Bille		apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from William Carter		apprentice of John Clerk –	2s.
from John Edmond		apprentice of Reynold Street –	2s.
from Robert Edmond	}	apprentices of Richard Bures –	4s.
from Adam Huberd			
– 38s.			

Further admissions of apprentices:

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from William Haxay	}	apprentices of Richard Coventry –	6s.
from John Brigge			
from Walter Huntingdon			
from William Bullok	}	apprentices of John Langham –	4s.
from John Lintowe			
from William Tickhill	}	apprentices of William Hales –	4s.
from John Stubbes			
from Henry Barret	}	apprentices of John Boston –	6s.
from Hugh Donne			
from Thomas Pouter			
from Thomas Neundon	}	apprentices of William Walderne –	4s.
from John Colet			
from William Dounton apprentice of William Rumbold –			2s.
from William Burford apprentice of Laurence Hampton –			2s.
from William Saxby apprentice of John Chirche –			2s.
from Robert Blakeney apprentice of Thomas Dullay –			2s.
from Thomas Eastmond apprentice of John Eastmond –			2s.
from John Asshe apprentice of Thomas Tickhill –			2s.

De Johan Baret apprentice Robert Archebold –	ii s.
De Johan Pantery apprentice Johan Abbot –	ii s.
De Johan Bothumselle } apprentices Eborard Flete –	iiii s.
De Johan Dys }	
De Richard Hemptoun apprentice Thomas Dentoun –	ii s.
De Johan Swan apprentice Aleyn Everard –	ii s.
De William Prestoun } apprentices William Estfeld –	viii s.
De Thomas Tykelle }	
De Robert Holm }	
De Thomas Osbern }	
De William Belgrave apprentice Willliam Pekke –	ii s.
De Henry Salman apprentice William Maltby –	ii s.
De William Trusbut apprentice Johan Strattoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Asschby apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De William Ympyngham } apprentices Thomas Cressy –	iiii s.
De Thomas Cromwelle }	
De Thomas Berard apprentice Johan Wode –	ii s.
De Johan Bettes apprentice Thomas Middeltoun –	ii s.
– iii li. xii s.	

f. 78v bis Item, ils soy chargent ové l'argent levé de fyns pur le chival[ché] encontre le Roy
et la Roigne:

Fynes pur le chyvalché encontre nostre seignur le Roy:

De Thomas Everard –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Bale –	vi s. viii d.
De William Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
De James Bynde –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Depdene –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Somery –	x s.
De Johan Wasshbourn pur default d'un jour –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Holand –	xii d.
– xliiii s. iiiii d.	

Fynes pur le chyvalché de le Mayre W. Cambrigge:

De Johan Wasshbourn –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Whatele –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Symond Bertelot –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Wode pur dyverse defautes –	xx d.
– xi s. viii d.	

from John Barret apprentice of Robert Archebold –	2s.
from John Pantery apprentice of John Abbot –	2s.
from John Bothumselle } apprentices of Everard Fleet –	4s.
from John Dys }	
from Richard Hempton apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.
from John Swan apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from William Preston } apprentices of William Eastfield –	8s.
from Thomas Tickhill }	
from Robert Holm }	
from Thomas Osborn }	
from William Belgrave apprentice of William Pekke –	2s.
from Henry Salman apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.
from William Trusbut apprentice of John Stratton –	2s.
from Thomas Ashby apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from William Empyngnam } apprentices of Thomas Cressy –	4s.
from Thomas Cromwell }	
from Thomas Berard apprentice of John Wood –	2s.
from John Bettes apprentice of Thomas Middleton –	2s.
– £3 12s.	

Item, they declare the money raised from fines¹⁵⁶ for the procession to greet the King and Queen. f. 78v bis

Fines for the procession to greet our lord the King:¹⁵⁷

from Thomas Everard –	6s. 8d.
from John Bale –	6s. 8d.
from William Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
from James Bynde –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Depdene –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Somery –	10s.
from John Washbourne for missing one day –	3s. 4d.
from John Holland –	12d.
– 44s. 4d.	

Fines for the procession with the Mayor William Cambridge:¹⁵⁸

from John Washbourne –	3s. 4d.
from John Whateley –	3s. 4d.
from Simon Bartelot –	3s. 4d.
from John Wood for various faults –	20d.
– 11s. 8d.	

¹⁵⁶ i.e. fines for not taking part in this. Those who did take part would have incurred similar expenses either individually or as a contribution to the communal funding for the occasion.

¹⁵⁷ Henry had been in France and arrived in Dover on 1 February 1421 and went straight to London to supervise the arrangements for the coronation of his queen. Catherine arrived on 21 February and was crowned at Westminster two days later. See *ODNB*, vol. 10, p. 546 and vol. 26, p. 493.

¹⁵⁸ William Cambridge, mayor for the previous year (1420–21) was a Grocer.

Fyne pur l'entré d'une femme:

Memorandum, receu de Alyce Corsmaker²⁵⁷ pur un fyn pur entrer en Sylkwommannes craft – vi s. viii d.

Doun de Thomas Roos:

Item, q'ils [ont] receu de Thomas Roos de doun – xx s.

Fyne ové le cause de Johan Abbot:²⁵⁸

Et fait a savoyr qe pur ceo qe Johan Abbot, un des compaignons del mistere, dona paroles de despit et grand reproche disordeynee et haynous a un des gardeyns par son rancune et ire, et sur ceo après soy mist en ordeignance de tout la compaignye et se repentoit de soun mal fait; per le compaignye il estoyt mys a un fyn de – xl s.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert par l'acompte devant –
CCLxxiii li. xviii s.²⁵⁹

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Dyscharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont payé a Sire William Repyngale, a Sire Nichol Pardoun pur lour salarie pur l'an entier, vidz. a chescun de eux x marcz, *summa* xx marcz. Item, al dit Sire William pur sa vesture par cause qe le mestere n'estoyt vestu cest an – xiii s. iiiii d. Et de iiiii li. xi s. iiiii d. paieez a Johan Bele pur salary et vesture, vidz. tanqe Seint Johan l'an suisdit –
– xviii li. vi s. iiiii d.

Almoynge:

Item, païé pur almoigne de le fest Seint Johan l'an del regne le roi Henry v^{te} viii^{me} tanqe le dit fest de Seint Johan l'an ix^{me}, c'est assavoir a Johan Elys pernant ii s. par sepmain, *summa* par l'an – v li. iiiii s. Item, a Johan Strete par sepmain xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Richard Horwode pernant par sepmain xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Robert Kemp par sepmain xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Robert Petibef pernant par le sepmain xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Thomas Conestable par le sepmain vii d., *summa* – xxx s. iiiii d. Item, a Thomas Anketille pernant par le sepmain xii d., *summa* – lii s.

Summa totalis almoigne – xxi li. ix s.

Quitrent:

Item, païé pur quitrent pur l'an – iii li. iiiii s. viii d.

Salarie:

Item, payé a Thomas Austyn pur soun salarie – xl s.

²⁵⁷ It is just possible that this should read 'Alyce, corsmaker', i.e. that it is not a surname but a definition of her trade as one who made 'corses' = 'A ribbon or band of silk (or other material), serving as a ground for ornamentation with metalwork or embroidery, and used as a girdle, garter, etc.' (OED).

²⁵⁸ A hand with pointing finger is drawn to point at this marginal heading.

²⁵⁹ Slightly below this to the RH side in the margin is written a very abbreviated note ending with the Arabic numerals '3 4'.

Fee for the admission of a woman:

Memorandum, received from Alice Corsmaker for a fee for admission to the Silkwomen's craft¹⁵⁹ – 6s. 8d.

Gift from Thomas Roos:

Item, that they have received as a gift from Thomas Roos – 20s.

Fine with the reason, from John Abbot:

Memorandum that whereas John Abbot, one of the companions of the mistery, out of his rancour and anger uttered words of defiance and of very immoderate and heinous reproach to one of the wardens, and then afterwards placed himself under the jurisdiction of the whole company and repented of his misdeed, he was set, by the company, a fine of – 40s.

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the above account – £273 18s.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for it to be allowed that they have paid Sir William Rippingale and Sir Nicholas Pardon for their salaries for the whole year, i.e. to each of them 10 marks [£6 13s. 4d.], total 20 marks. Item, to the said Sir William for his clothing, as the mistery did not issue livery clothing this year – 13s. 4d. And for £4 11s. 4d. paid to John Bele for his salary and his clothing, i.e. up to the feast of St John in the aforesaid year –
– £18 6s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, paid in alms from the feast of St John in the year 8 Henry V until the said feast of St John in the year 9 [Henry V], i.e. to John Elys at 2s. per week, total for the year – £5 4s. Item to John Street at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Richard Horwood at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Robert Kemp at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item to Robert Petibef at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Thomas Constable at 7d per week, total – 30s. 4d. Item, to Thomas Anketylle at 12d. per week, total – 52s.

Sum total of alms – £21 9s.

Quit-rents:

Item, paid in quit-rents for the year – £3 4s. 8d.

Salary:

Item, paid to Thomas Austyn for his salary¹⁶⁰ – 40s.

159 On the Silkwomen, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, *passim* (via Index); Sutton, 'The Shop-floor', esp. pp. 30–34, 42–50; Sutton, 'Alice Claver'; and Power, *Medieval Women*, pp. 61–3. This is the only reference in these accounts to the admission of a silkwoman, but others are mentioned: Isabelle Bally, Maude Denton, Isabelle Fleet and – Gedge.

160 He was the rent-collector, although this information is not given until the account two years later, see Name Index.

Le chapel *et* escrire:

Item, payé *pur* cire *pur* le chapel *et pur* escrire le rolle²⁶⁰ – v s.

Item, payé a Thomas Raftoun *pur* escrire de ordenances *et lettres* – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Reparacion:

Item, ils soy dyschargent *pur* reparacioun de cest an – v li. xv s. ii d.

Foreyne costes:

Item, payé *pur* i pryvé seal ové le costage *pur* outre mere – x s. iiiii d.

Voydance:

Item, ils soy dischargent de certaines voidancz de rentes en le tenement del Pye *et* auxy en le tenement del Crowne en Chepe, *par* acompte moustré devant les ditz auditours – iii li. xviii s. ii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amount come piert – lv li. xviii s.

Et ency reest en clere – CCxviii li.

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L'eleccion:

Et fait a savoyr *qe* a l'avandit feste de Seynt Johan Baptistre les suisditz Johan Butler, William Cavendissh, Robert Large, *et* William Trymnelle en l'oustiel de le suisdit Johan a une sopere choiserent gardeyns *pur* l'an avenyr, c'est assavoir Johan Butler eslit Thomas Aleyn, William Cavendissh eslit Thomas Bataille, Robert Large eslit Henry Frowyk, *et* William Trymnelle eslit Richard Aylemer, as que[u]x ils ont delyveré l'argent *qe* remeynt en lour mayns, vidz. – CCxviii li.

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[C']est²⁶² l'acompte de Thomas Aleyn, Richard Aylemere, Henry Frowyk, *et* Thomas Bataille, faite al feste de Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an x^{me} del regne le Roy Henry v^{le} puis le conquest d'Engleterre, pour l'an proschein devant passé, en quele ils estoyent gardeins del mistier del mercerie.

Charge

Argent seek:

Primes, ils soy chargent d'une somme deliveré a eux *par* lez gardeins del an passé, c'est assavoir – CCxviii li.

260 This is very probably a reference to a roll, now lost, listing the names of those admitted to the freedom or to the livery, the placing of the item under the same heading as chapel expenses leading one to think it was a roll of those admitted to the fraternity. There are further and more explicit references below, see ff. 86r, 97r. It would seem very possible that this roll was kept up to date and survived until the sixteenth century and was used by John Coke, clerk to the Company, for his Register: *Names of all Freemen of the Company from the 22 year of King Edward the Third, anno 1347*. See also, p. 56, note 11 above.

261 A different but very similar hand has written the account for this year.

262 The usual space is left for an initial, and a 'c' is probably indicated in the far LH margin, but the binding is so tight here that one cannot be sure.

The chapel and scribal work:¹⁶¹

Item, paid for wax for the chapel and for the writing of the roll – 5s.

Item, paid to Thomas Rafton for the writing out of ordinances and of letters – 4s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they declare repairs for this year – £5 15s. 2d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for a privy seal document, and the costs associated, for overseas – 10s. 4d.

Vacancies:

Item, they declare certain vacancies in the rental properties of the Pye tenement and also in the tenement of the Crown in Cheap, as per an account presented before the auditors – £3 18s. 2d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £55 18s.

And thus there remains net – £218

The election:

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist the aforesaid John Butler, William Cavendish, Robert Large, and William Trymnelle, at a supper in the house of the aforesaid John, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Butler elected Thomas Aleyn, William Cavendish elected Thomas Bataille, Robert Large elected Henry Frowyk, and William Trymnelle elected Richard Aylmere, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. £218

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This is the account of Thomas Aleyn, Richard Aylmere, Henry Frowyk, and Thomas Bataille, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 10 Henry V [24 June 1422] for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £218

¹⁶¹ Literally 'writing'.

De compaignouns de lour tierce an:

<i>De Thomas Dullay –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Thomas Mideltoun –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Robert Raynam –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Robert Arneway –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De William Hales –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Johan Chyntyng –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De William Cantelowe –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Johan Cotesford –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>– liii s. iiiii d.</i>	

De compaignons de lour primer an:

<i>De Richard Riche –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Reignald Strete –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Thomas Gylle –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Thomas Medylmor –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Johan Cherche –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De William Gege²⁶³ –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Robert Archebold –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>De Rauf Lovelle –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>– liii s. iiiii d.</i>	

Fynes et forfaitz:

<i>De Johan Langham pur diverse forfaitz et fynes –</i>	<i>vi s. viii d.</i>
<i>Item, ils soy chargent dez forfaitz levez en lour temps –</i>	
	<i>xxiii s. ii d.</i>

Deniers levez de lez rentz del mestiere:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez deniers levez de lez rentes del mestiere pur un an entiere perentre le feste de Pasqe l'an du Roy Henry V ix^e et le feste de Pasqe l'an de mesme le Roy Henry quinte x^e, par accompte moustré devant lez auditours
– xlvi li. ii s. viii d.

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*Des issues de lez apprentices**Issues d'apprentices:*

<i>De William Empyngnam apprentice de Thomas Cressy –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Johan Andrewe apprentice de Thomas Chaltoun –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Richard Tasburgh apprentice de Johan Olney –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Johan Gerard apprentice de Richard Coventre –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Johan Bortoun apprentice de Robert Trees –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Geffrey Feldyng apprentice de Johan Admond –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Edmond Heydde apprentice de Richard Bures –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Johan Sewale apprentice de Johan Lane –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>De Johan Frechet apprentice de Johan Langham –</i>	<i>ii s.</i>
<i>– xviii s.</i>	

²⁶³ A different but contemporary hand has added 'ge' at the side of this name, in a much paler ink.

From companions for their third year:

from Thomas Dullay –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Raynham –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Arneway –	6s. 8d.
from William Hales –	6s. 8d.
from John Chyntyng –	6s. 8d.
from William Cantelowe –	6s. 8d.
from John Cotford –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

From companions for their first year:

from Richard Riche –	6s. 8d.
from Reynold Street –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gille –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
from John Chirche –	6s. 8d.
from William Gedge –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Archebold –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Lovell –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Fees and fines:

from John Langham for various fines and fees –	6s. 8d.
Item, they declare the fines levied during their term of office –	23s. 2d.

Money raised from the mistery's rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 9 Henry V and the feast of Easter in the year 10 Henry V, as per an account presented before the auditors – £46 2s. 8d.

From the issues of apprentices

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Issues of apprentices:

from William Empynham apprentice of Thomas Cressy –	2s.
from John Andrew apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from Richard Tasburgh apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from John Gerard apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from John Burton apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.
from Geoffrey Fielding apprentice of John Admond –	2s.
from Edmund Hyde apprentice of Richard Bures –	2s.
from John Sewale apprentice of John Lane –	2s.
from John Frechet apprentice of John Langham –	2s.
– 18s.	

Des entrees dez apprentices

Entrés d'apprentices:

De William Moraunt apprentice de Thomas Osbarne –	ii s.	
De Johan Skoryer apprentice de Robert Reynham –	ii s.	
De Johan Haylemere apprentice de William Brigge –	ii s.	
De William Adames	} apprentices de Henry Frowyk –	vi s.
De Thomas Wittilbury		
De Johan Skot		
De Thomas Welles apprentice de Johan Welles –	ii s.	
De Richard Denton apprentice de Johan Whatele –	ii s.	
De Esteven Castelle	} apprentices de Johan Pydmelle –	iiii s.
De Thomas Cost		
De Richard Blenkinsop apprentice de Johan Coventre –	ii s.	
De Alisaundre Lermouth apprentice de Johan Tippup –	ii s.	
De Bartholmewe Draytoun apprentice de Nicholas Draytoun –	ii s.	
De Richard Tendale apprentice de Aleyn Everard –	ii s.	
De Johan Trusbot	} apprentices de Johan Olney –	iiii s.
De Thomas Lambard		
De Johan Horsey apprentice de Johan Langham –	ii s.	
– xxxiiii s.		

Doune de Piers Geveyne:

Item, ils ont resceu de *Sire* Piers Geveyne²⁶⁴ de doun – C s.

Fyne de W Melreth:

Item, ils ont resceu de William Melreth *pur* une forfait – vi li.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert *par* l'acompte devant –
CCiiii^{xx} iiii li. xi s. ii d.

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Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé a *Sire* William Repyngale *et* a *Sire* Richard Wayneman *pur* lour salarie *pur* l'an entier, c'est assavoir a chescun de eux x marcz, *summa* xx marcz. Et a Johan Bele, bedelle, *pur* son salarye l'an suisdit – iii li. xviii s.

– xvii li. iiii s. viii d.

²⁶⁴ He had been rector of St Dionis Backchurch from 1404 to 1412; see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 80, and references to him are also to be found in *CLB*, 'T', pp. 137, 151, 229. He had been admitted to the mystery in 1401–02, see ff. 34v, 35r.

From admissions of apprentices

Admissions of apprentices:

from William Moraunt apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from John Skoryer apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.
from John Aylmere apprentice of William Brigge –	2s.
from William Adams	} apprentices of Henry Frowyk – 6s.
from Thomas Whittlebury	
from John Scot	
from Thomas Welles apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
from Richard Denton apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.
from Stephen Castelle	} apprentices of John Pidmylle –
from Thomas Cost	
from Richard Blenkinsop apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from Alexander Lermouth apprentice of John Tippit –	2s.
from Bartholomew Drayton apprentice of Nicholas Drayton –	2s.
from Richard Tendale apprentice of Alan Everard –	2s.
from John Trusbut	} apprentices of John Olney –
from Thomas Lambard	
from John Horsey apprentice of John Langham –	2s.
– 34s.	

Gift from Piers Geveyn:

Item, they have received from Sir Piers Geveyn as a gift – 100s.

Fine of W. Meldreth:

Item, they have received from William Meldreth for a fine – £6

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the account above –
£284 11s. 2d.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask it to be allowed that they have paid Sir William Rippingale and Sir Richard Wayneman for their salaries for the whole year, i.e. to each of them 10 marks [£6 13s. 4d], total 20 marks. And to John Bele, beadle, for his salary for the aforesaid year – £3 18s.

– £17 4s. 8d.

Almoigne:

Item, païé pur almoigne del feste de Seint Johan l'an *del regne le roi Henry* quinte ix^{me} tanqe au dit fest de Seint Johan l'an x^{me}, c'est assavoir a Johan Elys pernant la semaigne ii s., *summa par an* – Ciiii s. Johan Strete la semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Richard Horwode pernant la semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Robert Kemp par la semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Robert Petibef pernant par la semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Thomas Conestable par la semaigne vii d., xxx s. iiii d. Item, a Thomas Anketille par la semaigne xii d., *summa* – lii s.

– *Summa totalis* – xxi li. ix s.

Salarye:

Item, païé a Thomas Austyn pur soun salarye pur l'an suisdit – xl s.

La Chapelle:

Item, païé pur cire pur la chapelle – iiii s. vi d.

Foreins costes:

Item, païé a Johan Carpenter pur iii lettres envoieez a Gant, Brugge, et Ipre – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Item, a Richard Lyndesay pur une supplicacioun a lez Maire et Aldermanz pur Johan van Neweden, ducheman, webbe²⁶⁵ – vi d.

Item, a Rauf, Sergeant del Chambre, pur somoner lez maistres dez Webbes et le dit Johan Neweden pur comparoire devant le Maire – xii d.

Item, a Johan Carpenter pur l'entré del descharge du dit Johan Neweden de sa franchise – ii s.

Item, a Richard Lyndesay pur l'escrire d'une lettre mys par William Waldern a la compagne del Estaple a Caley – viii d.

Necessairs:

Item, païé en diversez petitiz costages et expenses necessairs come appiert par l'accompt particulièrement ent fait – ix s. vii d.

Les Weres:

Item, païé par les mains de Henry Frowyk sur la correccioun de lez weres en West Thamys pur luy mesmes, William Melreth, et Johan Olney par iii jours, *summa* – xxxvi s. viii d.

Item, païé par les mains de Thomas Bataille sur la serche et correccioun de lez weres en Est Thamys pur luy mesmes, Johan Whatele, William Estfelde, Thomas Chalton, Richard Coventre, et Thomas Osbarne par vi jours, *summa* – iiii li. vi s. viii d.

265 See CLB, 'I', pp. 257–8. On 15 October 1421 the masters and good men of the misteries of Mercers and Haberdashers came before William Cambridge, the Mayor, and the aldermen 'and complained that John Van Uden, a merchant stranger, from whom the King would derive large sums by way of custom if he were not a freeman of the City, had fraudulently obtained the freedom for a moderate payment through the mystery of "lynnenwevers", which was only an inferior mystery, the Court of Mayor and Aldermen being in ignorance of the fraud and collusion; that after obtaining the freedom of the City he never exercised the art of the Linnenwevers, but always the art of Mercers and Haberdashers'. Both John Van Uden and the masters of the Linenweavers were punished, and Van Uden lost his freedom of the City.

Alms:

Item, paid in alms from the feast of St John in the year 9 Henry V until the said feast of St John in the year 10 [Henry V], i.e. to John Elys at 2s. per week, total for the year – 104s. John Street at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Richard Horwood at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Robert Kemp at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item to Robert Petibef at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Thomas Constable at 7d per week, 30s. 4d. Item, to Thomas Anketylle at 12d. per week, total – 52s.

Sum total – £21 9s.

Salary:

Item, paid to Thomas Austyn for his salary for the aforesaid year – 40s.

The Chapel:

Item, paid for wax for the chapel – 4s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid to John Carpenter¹⁶² for 3 letters sent to Ghent, Bruges, and Ypres – 33s. 4d.

Item, to Richard Lyndesey¹⁶³ for a petition to the Mayor and aldermen concerning John Van Uden, 'Dutchman', linenweaver – 6d.

Item, to Ralph, serjeant of the [Guildhall] Chamber, for summoning the wardens of the Linenweavers and the said John Van Uden to appear before the Mayor – 12d.

Item, to John Carpenter for entering up the expulsion of the said John Van Uden from his freedom – 2s.

Item, to Richard Lyndesey for the writing of a letter sent by William Walderne to the company of the Staple at Calais – 8d.

Necessities:

Item, paid for various necessary small costs and expenses, as appears by the specific account for these – 9s. 7d.

The Weirs:¹⁶⁴

Item, paid out by Henry Frowyk for the correcting of the West Thames weirs, on behalf of himself, William Meldreth, and John Olney, for 3 days, total – 36s. 8d.

Item, paid out by Thomas Bataille for the inspecting and correcting of the East Thames weirs, on behalf of himself, John Whateley, William Eastfield, Thomas Chalton, Richard Coventry, and Thomas Osbarne, for 6 days, total – £4 6s. 8d.

¹⁶² The Common Clerk of London.

¹⁶³ He was a scrivener, see Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, p. 21, and see Name Index.

¹⁶⁴ There are several references in these accounts for expenses incurred over weirs; see Index and see also Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 40–41, 191–2 and further references given there.

Item, païé as²⁶⁶ laborers assignez *par* le Chambre avec bateux appelez 'lighters' pur suisprendre *et* defaire lez weres – v li. xii d.

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Quitrentes:

Item, païé al Priour del esglise de Nostre Dame en Suthwerk de quitrente pur un an entiere tanqe al primer jour de Jannvier l'an ix^{me} avantdit, come appiert *par* une acquittance – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, païé al Priouresse de Saint Eleyne de quit rente pur un an entiere tanqe al primere jour de Feverer le dit an ix^{me}, *par* deux acquittances – xviii s.

Item, païé al Priour de Cristchirche de quit rente pur iiii ans *dimi* tanqe al lendemayn de Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an x^{me} du Roy Henry quint suisdit, *par* une acquittance – iiii li. v s. vi d.

Item, païé al Chamberleyn de Westm' de quit rente pur un an entier tanqe al lendemayn de Pasqe l'an x^{me}, *par* iiii acquittances – xx s.

Item, païé al Priouresse de Haliwelle de quit rente pur lez termes de Saint Johan, Saint Michelle *et* Nowelle l'an ix^{me} suisdit *par* ii acquittances – x s.

Reperacion:

Item, ils soy dischargent pur reperacioun dez rentes cest an – viii li. vi s.

Voidances:

Item, ils soy dischargent dez certains voidancz dez rentes, c'est assavoyr del tenement en Sevehodlane *et* certains maisons en le tenement al Pye *et* a le Croune en Chepe, *par* accompt moustré devant lez auditours suisditz – xiii li. x s. x d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amounte come appiert –
iiii^{xx} iiii li. iiii s. iii d.

Et ensi rest en clere – CC li. vi s. xi d.

1422

L'eleccion:

Et fait assavoir qe a l'avantdit feste de Saint Johan Baptistre les suisditz Thomas Aleyn, Richard Aylemere, Henry Frowyk, *et* Thomas Bataille, en l'oustelle de Saint Thomas d'Acres a une souper, choiserent gardeins pur l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Thomas Aleyn eslit Johan Coventre, Richard Aylemere eslit Johan Abbot, Henry Frowyk eslit Johan Fauntleroy, *et* Thomas Bataille eslit William Hales, as queux ils ount delivéré l'argent qe remaynt en lour mains, c'est assavoir – CC li. vi s. xi d.

²⁶⁶ A blank space follows this word, probably for a number to be filled in.

Item, paid to the labourers assigned by the [Guildhall] Chamber, with boats called 'lighters', for the removal and dismantling of the weirs – £5 12d.

Quit-rents:

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Item, paid to the Prior of St Mary's church in Southwark, in quit-rent for a whole year up to 1 January 9 [Henry V] [1422 n.s.], as appears by an acquittance – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the Prioress of St Helen's in quit-rent for a whole year up to 1 February in the said year 9 [Henry V], by two acquittances – 18s.

Item, paid to the Prior of Christchurch in quit-rent for 4½ years up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 10 Henry V [25 June 1422], by an acquittance – £4 5s. 6d.

Item, paid to the Chamberlain of Westminster [Abbey] in quit-rent for a whole year up to the day after Easter in the year 10 [Henry V] [13 April 1422], by 4 acquittances – 20s.

Item, paid to the Prioress of Haliwell in quit-rent for the terms of Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas of the year 9 [Henry V], by 2 acquittances – 10s.

Repairs:

Item, they declare repairs to the rental properties this year – £8 6s.

Vacancies:

Item, they declare certain vacancies in the rental properties, i.e. in the tenement in Sevenhode Lane¹⁶⁵ and certain dwellings in the tenement of the Pye and in the Crown in Cheap, as per an account presented before the aforesaid auditors – £13 10s. 10d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £84 4s. 3d.

And thus there remains net – £200 6s. 11d.

The election:

1422

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist, the aforesaid Thomas Aleyn, Richard Aylmere, Henry Frowyk, and Thomas Bataille, at a supper in the house of St Thomas of Acon, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Aleyn elected John Coventry, Richard Aylmere elected John Abbot, Henry Frowyk elected John Fauntleroy, and Thomas Bataille elected William Hales, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. £200 6s. 11d.

¹⁶⁵ Left to them by Robert Guppey, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, 163. On Sevenhode Lane and the derivation of this name, see Ekwall, *Street-Names*, p. 142.

1422–23 [C']est²⁶⁸ l'acompte de Johan Covyngtre, Johan Abbot, William Halys, et Johan
f. 82r²⁶⁷ Fauntleroy, faite al feste de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an *primere* del regne le Roy
Henry vi^{te} puis le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'an *proschain* devaunt passé, en
quele ils estoyent gardeins del mistier del *mercery*.

Charge

Argent seek:

Primes, ils soy chargent d'une somme *deliveré* a eux *par* les gardeins del an
passé, c'est assavoir – CC li. vi s. xi d.

De compaignons de lour *seconde* an:

De Raynold Strete –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Gylle –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Chirche –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Riche –	vi s. viii d.
De William Gege –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Middeldmore –	vi s. viii d.
De Rauf Lovelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Archepold –	vi s. viii d.
– liii s. iiiii d.	

Fynes *et* forfaitiez:

De Richard Covyngtre –	vi d.
De Thomas Middleton –	vi d.
De William Palmere –	xl s.
De Johan Langham –	iii s. iiiii d.
– xliiii s. iiiii d.	

Issues d'apprentices:

De Roger Heuster apprentice de Martyn Kylhome –	ii s.
De William Palmer apprentice de Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De Johan Saymour apprentice de Symond Bertelot –	ii s.
De Thomas Wynter apprentice de Symond Bertelot –	ii s.
De Johan Aleyn apprentice de Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De Hughe Wyche apprentice de Johan Boston –	ii s.
De Nicholas Estmond apprentice de Richard Covyngtre –	ii s.
De William Irwilham apprentice de Johan Hartwelle –	ii s.
De Robert Wolsle apprentice de Richard Wyche –	ii s.
De Robert Randolf apprentice de Cossam –	ii s.
De William Overton apprentice de Cossam –	ii s.
– xxii s.	

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Entrés d'apprentices:

De Johan Crook apprentice de Richard Seteryngton –	ii s.
De Johan Cook apprentice de Richard Ryche –	ii s.
De Thomas Somereye apprentice de Johan Somereye –	ii s.

²⁶⁷ A new hand starts here, and writes the whole of this year's account.

²⁶⁸ Space is left for an initial.

This is the account of John Coventry, John Abbot, William Hales, and John Fauntleroy, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 1 Henry VI [24 June 1423] for the immediately preceding year, in which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

1422–23

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £200 6s. 11d.

From companions for their second year:

from Reynold Street –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Gille –	6s. 8d.
from John Chirche –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Riche –	6s. 8d.
from William Gedge –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Lovell –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Archebold –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Fees and fines:

from Richard Coventry –	6d.
from Thomas Middleton –	6d.
from William Palmer ¹⁶⁶ –	40s.
from John Langham –	3s. 4d.
– 44s. 4d.	

Issues of apprentices:

from Roger Hewster apprentice of Martin Kelom –	2s.
from William Palmer apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from John Seymour apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from Thomas Wynter apprentice of Simon Bartelot –	2s.
from John Aleyn apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from Hugh Wyche apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from Nicholas Eastmond apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from William Irwilliam apprentice of John Hartwelle –	2s.
from Robert Wolsley apprentice of Richard Wyche –	2s.
from Robert Randolf apprentice of [John] Cosham –	2s.
from William Overton apprentice of [John] Cosham –	2s.
– 22s.	

Admission of apprentices:

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from John Crook apprentice of Richard Settrington –	2s.
from John Cook apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.
from Thomas Somery apprentice of John Somery –	2s.

¹⁶⁶ A William Palmer, said to be the factor and apprentice of John Abbot, mercer, was prosecuted for chevisance (concealed usury) in 1421, and this large fine may well have reference to this; see *CPMR* 1413–37, pp. 96–7.

De Robert Wolus apprentice de William Rombold –	ii s.
De Johan Tuyford apprentice de Robert Raynham –	ii s.
De Johan Burgh apprentice de Robert Ruschtoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Neil apprentice de Jankyn Johan –	ii s.
De Thomas Catisby apprentice de Johan Olney –	ii s.
De Johan Raynold apprentice William Eryngtoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Lyngcolne apprentice de James ²⁶⁹ Bynd –	ii s.
De Pyrys Kemp apprentice de Johan Baud –	ii s.
De Johan Deram apprentice de Richard Aylemere –	ii s.
De Johan Sayore apprentice de Richard Someray –	ii s.
De Thomas Traynelle apprentice de William Prentys –	ii s.
De William Burgh apprentice de Martyn Kelhome –	ii s.
De Emond Wynter apprentice de Thomas Middilmore –	ii s.
De Edward Blakeney apprentice de Johan Bostoun –	ii s.
De Johan Harwe apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
De Gefferay Duttoun apprentice de Johan Chirche –	ii s.
De Johan Roo apprentice de Johan Abbot –	ii s.
De Thomas Benet apprentice de William Halys –	ii s.
– xlii s.	

Charge

Done de Richard Whytyngton:

Item, resçu de Johan Covyngtre, Johan Carpenter, *et* Johan Grove, lez executours de Richard Whytyngtoun – xiii li. vi s. viii d.²⁷⁰

Done de Thomas Roos:

Item, resçu de Thomas Roos, *mercier*, pur le encrese de la box – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Deniers levez de lez rentez de mistiere:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez deniers levez de lez rentes del mistier pur un an entier perentre le feste de Pasqe l'an du roy Henry V^{te} x^e *et* le feste de Pasqe l'an du roy Henry vi^{te} le primer, par accompte moustré devant lez auditours – xlii li. viii s.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert par l'accompte devant –
CClxvii li. ix s. xi d.

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Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ount païé a Sire William Repyngale pur salarie de un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur vesture a le dit William – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Sire Richard Wayneman pur soun salarie – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

²⁶⁹ The abbreviation is that used more usually for '-us'.

²⁷⁰ On Whittington's will see the discussion by Jean Imray, *The Charity*, p. 6. The Mercers of course received ultimately far more than this one payment, and Imray's book presents an admirably clear account of the various legal stages by which the Whittington estates were conveyed to the Mercers' Company (pp. 9–39); it was not until after John Carpenter's death in 1442 that full responsibility passed to the Company, after which point detailed accounts are kept by them; see below from p. 578 onwards.

from Robert Wolus apprentice of William Rumbold –	2s.
from John Twyford apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.
from John Burgh apprentice of Robert Rushton –	2s.
from Thomas Neil apprentice of Jankyn John –	2s.
from Thomas Catisby apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from John Reynold apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.
from Thomas Lincoln apprentice of James Bynde –	2s.
from Piers Kemp apprentice of John Bawde –	2s.
from John Derham apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from John Sayer apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from Thomas Traynelle apprentice of William Prentice –	2s.
from William Burgh apprentice of Martin Kelom –	2s.
from Edmund Wynter apprentice of Thomas Middlemore –	2s.
from Edward Blakeney apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from John Harrow apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
from Geoffrey Dutton apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.
from John Roo apprentice of John Abbot –	2s.
from Thomas Benet apprentice of William Hales –	2s.
– 42s.	

Receipts

Gift from Richard Whittington:

Item, received from John Coventry, John Carpenter, and John Grove, Richard Whittington's executors – £13 6s. 8d.

Gift from Thomas Roos:

Item, received from Thomas Roos, mercer, as an increment to the communal funds¹⁶⁷ – £3 6s. 8d.

Money raised from the mistery's rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 10 Henry V and the feast of Easter in the year 1 Henry VI, as per an account presented before the auditors – £42 8s.

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the account above –
£267 9s. 11d.

Disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir William Rippingale for his salary for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for clothing for the said William – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir Richard Wayneman for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

¹⁶⁷ Literally: 'the box', and one might have translated as 'the common box', but both seem somewhat archaic.

Item, païé pur soun vesture – xiii s. iiii d.
 Item, païé a Johan Bele pur soun salarye – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, païé pur soun vesture – xiii s. iiii d.
 – Summa – xix li. iiii s. viii d.

Almoigne:

Item, païé a Johan Elys – v li. iiii s.
 Item, païé a Johan Strete – iii li. viii d.
 Item, païé a Robert Kemp – iii li. viii d.
 Item, païé a Robert Petibef – iii li. viii d.
 Item, païé a Thomas Conestable – xxx s. iiii d.
 Item, païé a Thomas Anketyle – lii s.
 – xviii li. viii s. iiii d.

Quit Rentes:

Item, païé a Daun Gefferay Bryd, chamburleyn de Westmester, pur un an de quit rent a le fest de Pask – xx s.
 Item, païé a Margaret Buntyng, priorasse de Seint Eleynes, pur quit rente de un an a le fest de Nowelle l'an primer del regne le roy Henry vi^{te} – xviii s.
 Item, païé a Elisabeth, priourasse de Halywelle, a le fest de Pask l'an primer pur un an et un quarter darein passé, pur rent de la Crone – xvi s. viii d.
 Item, païé a le prioure de Southwork a le fest de Nowelle l'an primer pur un an darein passé, pur quit rent – xiii s. iiii d.
 – iii li. viii s.

Forein expenses:

Item, païé pur cere pur la chapelle – iiii s. iiii d.
 Item, païé a Sire William Repyngale pur mattes – viii d.
 Item, païé pur iii barges²⁷¹ pur nostre meyre William Walderne – xx s.
 Item, païé pur la servoyse pur lez bargemen – iiii d.
 Item, pur colys en lez ditz barges – iii d.
 Item, pur xii torches pur nostre seignur le roy Henry V^{te} – v li. x d.²⁷²
 Item, pur xii pater nosters bedes pur torcheholders – vi d.
 Item, païé pur la servoyse pur lez ditz torcheholders – iiii d.
 Item, païé a Sire William Repyngale pur lavendrie de auter drapus – viii d.
 – vi li. vii s.

271 These will have been hired for the Mayor's procession on taking up office, and this is the first mention in these accounts of a water-borne event for the Mayor, although the accounts for 1407–08 list the expenses for a barge and a boat to greet the Countess of Kent's arrival in the City (see above, f. 47r). For further information on livery-company barges see Palmer, *Ceremonial Barges*.

272 Henry V died on 31 August 1422 near Paris. His body was brought back to England and arrived in London in early November. A large contingent of bishops, abbots, priests and other notable Londoners turned out to meet the body, which was taken to St Paul's and then to Westminster Abbey for burial (see Monstrelet, ed. Douet-d'Arcq, IV, pp. 109–17; trans. Johnes (1819), II, pp. 373–5; (1840 edn), I, pp. 483–5). The Mayor, William Walderne, made provisions for the reception of the corpse and for the funeral, and these torches are specifically referred to there also (see *CLB*, 'K', pp. 2–3): the Mercers Company were required to provide 12 torches, the remains of which were later returned to them.

Item, paid for his clothing – 13s. 4d.
 Item, paid to John Bele for his salary – £3 18s.
 Item, paid for his clothing – 13s. 4d.
 – total – £19 4s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, paid to John Elys – £5 4s.
 Item, paid to John Street – £3 8d.
 Item, paid to Robert Kemp – £3 8d.
 Item, paid to Robert Petibef – £3 8d.
 Item, paid to Thomas Constable – 30s. 4d.
 Item, paid to Thomas Anketylle – 52s.
 – £18 8s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, paid to Dan¹⁶⁸ Geoffrey Bryd, chamberlain of Westminster Abbey,¹⁶⁹ at the feast of Easter for one year's quit-rent – 20s.
 Item, paid to Margaret Buntyng, prioress of St Helen's, at the feast of Christmas in the year 1 Henry VI, for one year's quit-rent – 18s.
 Item, paid to Elizabeth [Arundel], prioress of Haliwell, at the feast of Easter 1 [Henry VI] for the preceding year and a quarter, for [quit]-rent for the Crown – 16s. 8d.
 Item, paid to the Prior of Southwark at the feast of Christmas 1 [Henry VI] for the preceding year, for quit-rent – 13s. 4d.
 – £3 8s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for wax for the chapel – 4s. 4d.
 Item, paid to Sir William Rippingale for mats – 8d.
 Item, paid for 3 barges for our Mayor, William Walderne – 20s.
 Item, for the ale for the bargemen – 4d.
 Item, for coals on the said barges¹⁷⁰ – 3d.
 Item, for 12 torches for our lord the King Henry V – £5 10d.
 Item, for 12 rosaries for the torch-bearers – 6d.
 Item, paid for the ale for the said torch-bearers – 4d.
 Item, paid to Sir William Rippingale for washing of the altar cloths – 8d.
 – £6 7s.

168 'Dan' (also found as 'daun', 'danz', 'daunz', 'dann' etc.) was an honourable title, the equivalent of 'Master' or 'Sir', used in addressing or referring to members of religious orders. See *OED*.

169 On Bryd's career at Westminster, see Pearce, *The Monks*, p. 131; on his surviving accounts, see Harvey, *Obedientiaries* (via Index).

170 Presumably for their braziers or cooking cauldrons.

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Unquore discharge

Item, ils soy dischargent dez divers vacacions de divers tenementis, *par* accompt moustré devant lez auditours suisditz – vi li. vi d.

Item, ils soy dischargent pur reparacion dez rentez cest an – v li. xviii s. i d.

Item, pur la salarie de Thomas Austyn, collettour dez rentez – xl s.

Item, pur petit costez faitz *par* le dit Thomas Austyn a nostrez tenauntez – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amounte come appiert – lxi li. x s. x d.

Et ensi rest en clere – CCv li. xix s. i d.

1423

L'eleccion:

Et fait assavoir *qe* a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptistre lez suisditz Johan Covyngtre, Johan Abbot, William Halys, *et* Johan Fauntleroy, en l'oustelle de Seint Thomas d'Acres a une soupere choiserent gardeins pur l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Johan Covyngtre eslit Thomas Fauconer, Johan Abbot eslit Johan Admond, William Halys eslit Thomas Osborne, *et* Johan Fauntleroy eslit William Prentys, as queux ils ount deliveré l'argent *qe* remaynt en lour mains, c'est assavoir – CCv li. xix s. i d.

1423–24

f. 84r²⁷³

C'est l'acompte de Thomas Fauconer, Johan Admond, Thomas Osbarne, *et* William Prentys, faite al feste de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an secunde del regne le Roy Henry vi^e puis le conquest d'Engleterre pur l'an *prochein* devant passé, en quele ils estoyent gardeins del mistiere del *mercerie*.

Charge

Argent²⁷⁴ seek:

Primes, ils soy chargent d'une somme deliveré a eux *par* les gardeins del an passé, c'est assavoir – CCv li. xix s. i d.

De²⁷⁵ compaignons de lour tierce an:

De Raynold Strete – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Gille – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Chirche – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Riche – vi s. viii d.

De William Gegge – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Middilmore – vi s. viii d.

De Rauf Lovel – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Archebold – vi s. viii d.

– liii s. iiiii d.

273 A new hand starts here, an elegant and ornate one, rather angular. The same hand has also written ff. A4v–A5v. This year's account also has the first initial 'C' elaborately done in pen and ink, in a different style to other previous ones, and, to a varying extent of elaboration, many other 'key' initials are enlarged and flourished, both those of the main text paragraphs and of the sub-headings in the LH margin. Certain noteworthy initials are individually commented upon here. The brackets to a set of sums of money leading to a total at the side are also elaborately drawn.

274 The initial 'A' has an extension to the LH side forming the shape of a lower arm, hand, and fingers.

275 The initial 'D' is flourished to portray a man's head with cap and beard.

Further disbursements

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Item, they declare various vacancies in various tenements, as per an account presented before the aforesaid auditors – £6 6d.

Item, they declare repairs to the rental properties this year – £5 18s. 1d.

Item, for the salary of Thomas Austyn, rent-collector – 40s.

Item, for the petty expenses incurred by the said Thomas Austyn on our tenants¹⁷¹ – 3s. 4d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £61 10s. 10d.

And thus there remains net – £205 19s. 1d.

The election:

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Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist, the aforesaid John Coventry, John Abbot, William Hales, and John Fauntleroy, at a supper in the house of St Thomas of Acon, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Coventry elected Thomas Fauconer, John Abbot elected John Admond, William Hales elected Thomas Osbarne, and John Fauntleroy elected William Prentice, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. £205 19s. 1d.

This is the account of Thomas Fauconer, John Admond, Thomas Osbarne, and William Prentice, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 2 Henry VI [24 June 1424] for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

1423–24

f. 84r

Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £205 19s. 1d.

From companions for their third year:

from Reynold Street – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Gille – 6s. 8d.

from John Chirche – 6s. 8d.

from Richard Riche – 6s. 8d.

from William Gedge – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Middlemore – 6s. 8d.

from Ralph Lovell – 6s. 8d.

from Robert Archebold – 6s. 8d.

– 53s. 4d.

¹⁷¹ This now becomes each year a regular sum allowed to the rent-collector, probably to cover the costs of drinks often offered when tenants came in to pay their rents.

De compaignons de lour primer an:

De Johan Beste –	vi s. viii d.
De William Rumbold –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Sacheford –	vi s. viii d.
De Stevyn Causton –	vi s. viii d.
De William Tounnesende –	vi s. viii d.
De William Oliver –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Everard –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.	

1424
f. 84v²⁷⁶

Un Fyne:

Be it knowyn that at a congregacion of the godemen of the mercerie the vi day of Juny, *etc.*, amonges othir thynges there mevyd Thomas Chalton, on of the sayd compayne, and desirid to have in servys John Swan, the wyche had ben apprentice wyth John Notebroun, capper, and servyd hym of apprenticialite and made freman as the maner is, and the sayd Thomas willid that the sayd John shuld ocupie for hym in theocupacion of beyng and sellyng as wel of mercerie as othir marchandize, and for as mochel as the sayd Chalton wolde nat take it upon hym for to ressayve hym into his service of mercerie wythout licence, because of certeyn ordinance mad be the same compayne touchyng suche materis, therfore he prayd alle the felauschipe that it liked hem that the sayd John myth ben amittid and licencid for to be as on of the crafte, payeng a certen money to the almesse of the craft resonably. Wherupon the said compayne ordeyned John Admond, William Prentys, Thomas Osborn, at that [tyme] beyng maisteris, wyth vi personis of the same felauschip, that is for to saye John Abbot, Everard Flete, William Milreth, Johan Wascheborne, Johan Fauntleroy, and William Cavindische, therfore to make a taxe for the said mater as hem thynkyt resonable, and herupon the said persones awardid that the said Johan Swan schulde dwelle with the sayd Chalton, and²⁷⁷ for to serve hym as his maistir the terme of .v. zere, takynge resonable for his salare as they may acorde, and for to paie to the box of the saide compayne .v. li., makynge his othe to the craft as the usage is of othere that be of the craft, and at the ende of .v. zere for to rejoysshe al maner liberteis of the mercerie as frely and as duely as though he had servyd his apprentishod in the same craft *etc.* – paie – v li.

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Fynes *et* forfaitz:

De Johan Langham pur un fyne –	iii s. iii d.
De Symkyn Bartlot pur un fyne –	xx d.
De Johan Wascheborne pur ii fynez –	iiii s. iii d.
De William Barkere pur un fyne –	iiii s.
De Johan Somerey –	xii d.
De Thomas Middilton –	xii d.

²⁷⁶ The outer edge of this and other leaves in this section has been well cropped, and at the far LH side one sees only the remains of a note: 'rne'.

²⁷⁷ The word 'to' follows but is expuncted.

From companions for their first year:

from John Best –	6s. 8d.
from William Rumbold –	6s. 8d.
from John Sedgeford –	6s. 8d.
from Stephen Causton –	6s. 8d.
from William Townsende –	6s. 8d.
from William Oliver –	6s. 8d.
from John Everard –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

A Fee:

1424

Memorandum that at an assembly of the goodmen of the mercers' mistery on 6 June [1424], amongst other matters was a proposal brought forward by Thomas Chalton, a member of the said company, who wished to have in his service John Swan, who had been an apprentice with John Nutbroun, capper, and had served him as an apprentice and been made a freeman in the customary manner, and the said Thomas wished for the said John to work for him at buying and selling of mercery ware as well as of other goods, and whereas the said Chalton did not wish to take it upon himself to accept him into his service for mercery business without permission, because of a certain ordinance made by the same company concerning such matters,¹⁷² he therefore begged the whole fellowship that they should be pleased to accept for the said John to be admitted and permitted to be as one of the mistery, paying as is reasonable a certain sum of money to the mistery's alms-funds. Whereupon the said company appointed John Admond, William Prentice, Thomas Osbarne, who were at that time wardens, along with six members of the fellowship, i.e. John Abbot, Everard Fleet, William Meldreth, John Washbourne, John Fauntleroy, and William Cavendish, to set a fee as they thought reasonable for this matter, and for this the said persons adjudged that the said John Swan should live with the said Chalton and should serve him as his master for a term of 5 years, receiving a reasonable salary as agreed between them, and that he should pay to the communal funds of the said company £5, and should take his oath to the mistery in the same manner as others of the mistery, and at the end of 5 years he should enjoy all the freedoms of the mercers' mistery as freely and as his due would be had he served his apprenticeship in the same mistery, etc. paid – £5

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Fees and fines:

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from John Langham for a fee –	3s. 4d.
from Simon Bartelot for a fee –	20d.
from John Washbourne for 2 fees –	4s. 4d.
from William Barker for a fee –	4s.
from John Somery –	12d.
from Thomas Middleton –	12d.

¹⁷² See above, pp. 210–15, for the ordinances of 1407–08, which cover more points than are relevant to this case, but which have all the air of having been copied out at this date.

De Johan Abbot – xii d.
 De William Brugge – xii d.
 – xvii s. iiii d.

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Forfaites:

De Thomas Gille – xii d.
 De Robert Archebold – xii d.
 De Thomas Middilmore – ii s.
 De Adam Foster – xii d.
 De William Maltby – vi d.
 De Richard Lovelas – v d.
 De Johan Chirche – vi d.
 De William Cantelowe – vi d.
 De Johan Hertwelle – vi d.
 – vii s. v d.

Issuez d'apprentices:

De Richard Gerard apprentice de Aleyn Everard – ii s.
 De Robert Holme apprentice de William Milreth – ii s.
 De Thomas Dounton apprentice de Richard Harry – ii s.
 De Johan Walkerne apprentice de William Prentys – ii s.
 De Johan Mordon apprentice de William Prentys – ii s.
 De Richard Cokworthy apprentice de Robert Coventre – ii s.
 De Emond Draper apprentice de Thomas Tekyl – ii s.
 De William Belgrave apprentice de William Pekke – ii s.
 De Thomas Aschby apprentice de Thomas Aleyn – ii s.
 De Thomas Homberston apprentice de Richard Somerey – ii s.
 De Thomas Onhand apprentice de Johan Stratton – ii s.
 De Johan Strangwyshe apprentice de Thomas Fauconer – ii s.
 – xxiiii s.

Entrés d'apprentices:

De Richard Girlere apprentice William Oliver – ii s.
 De William Corby } apprentices de Johan Coventre – iii s.
 De Johan Pikkyng }
 De Johan Wyngborne apprentice de Johan Burton – ii s.
 De Johan Draper apprentice de Thomas Dounton – ii s.
 De Alisaundre Wareyn apprentice de Johan Haliot – ii s.
 De Robert Stevyn apprentice de Thomas Osbarne – ii s.
 De William Bernnewey apprentice de William Caundische – ii s.
 – xvi s.

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Entreez d'apprentices:

De Richard Kelome apprentice de Martyn Kelom – ii s.
 De Thomas Founteney } apprentices de Adam Foster – iii s.
 De Thomas Lee }
 De Nicholaus Wolwey apprentice de Roger Gerebray – ii s.

from John Abbot – 12d.
 from William Brigge – 12d.
 – 17s. 4d.

Fines:

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from Thomas Gille – 12d.
 from Robert Archebold – 12d.
 from Thomas Middlemore – 2s.
 from Adam Forster – 12d.
 from William Maltby – 6d.
 from Richard Lovelace – 5d.
 from John Chirche – 6d.
 from William Cantelowe – 6d.
 from John Hartwelle – 6d.
 – 7s. 5d.

Issue of apprentices:

from Richard Gerard apprentice of Alan Everard – 2s.
 from Robert Holme apprentice of William Meldreth – 2s.
 from Thomas Dounton apprentice of Richard Harry – 2s.
 from John Walkerne apprentice of William Prentice – 2s.
 from John Mordon apprentice of William Prentice – 2s.
 from Richard Cokworthy apprentice of Robert Coventry – 2s.
 from Edmund Draper apprentice of Thomas Tickhill – 2s.
 from William Belgrave apprentice of William Pekke – 2s.
 from Thomas Ashby apprentice of Thomas Aleyn – 2s.
 from Thomas Humberstone apprentice of Richard Somery – 2s.
 from Thomas Onehand apprentice of John Stratton – 2s.
 from John Strangeways apprentice of Thomas Fauconer – 2s.
 – 24s.

Admission of apprentices:

from Richard Girlere apprentice of William Oliver – 2s.
 from William Corby } apprentices of John Coventry – 4s.
 from John Pickering }
 from John Wyngborne apprentice of John Burton – 2s.
 from John Draper apprentice of Thomas Dounton – 2s.
 from Alexander Wareyn apprentice of John Algate – 2s.
 from Robert Stevenes apprentice of Thomas Osbarne – 2s.
 from William Bernewey apprentice of William Cavendish – 2s.
 – 16s.

Admission of apprentices:

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from Richard Kelom apprentice of Martin Kelom – 2s.
 from Thomas Founteney } apprentices of Adam Forster – 4s.
 from Thomas Lee }
 from Nicholas Wolvey apprentice of Roger Gerebray – 2s.

De Johan Bastwyk	} apprentices de Richard Bures –	iiii s.
De Piers Makerelle		
De William Beynham ²⁷⁸	apprentice de William Cantelow –	ii s.
De Johan Staverton	apprentice de Roger Heuster –	ii s.
De Richard Roger	apprentice de Johan Estmond –	ii s.
De William Cavyl	apprentice de Thomas Middilmore –	ii s.
De Johan Salman	apprentice de Reynold Stret –	ii s.
De Johan Gardiner	apprentice de Stevyn Causton –	ii s.
De William Kyrton	apprentice de Robert Coventre –	ii s.
– xxvi s.		

Deniers levez de lez rentez de mistier:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez deniers levez de lez rentes del mistier pur un an entier perentre le feste de Pasqe l'an du Roy Henry vi^e le primer *et* le feste de Pasqe l'an du mesme la Roy le secunde an, *per* accompte moustré devant lez auditours – xlii li. viii s.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert per l'acompte devant –
CCLxii li. xvii s. x d.

Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demandent allowance *qe* ils ount païé a Sire William Ripyngale *pur* salarie de un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, païé a Sire Richard Wayneman *pur* soun salarie – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, païé a Johan Bele, jadyz bedil – iiii li. ii s. iiii d.

Item, païé a Roberd Colwelle, bedil *pur* d.²⁷⁹ an – xxxix s.

Summa – xix li. viii s.²⁸⁰

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Almoigne:²⁸¹

Item, païé a Johan Elys – v li. iiii s.

Item, païé a Johan Stret – xi s. iiii d.

Item, païé a Roberd Kempe – iii li. viii d.

Item, païé a Roberd Pitbef – iii li. viii d.

Item, païé a Thomas Constable – iii li. viii d.

Item, païé a Thomas Anketele – lii s.

Summa – xvii li. ix s. iiii d.

Quit rentez:

Item, païé a Dann Geffray Bryd, chamburleyn de Westm', *pur* un an de quit rente a le fest de Pasqe l'an ii^e – xx s.

Item, païé a Mergret Buntyng, priorasse de Seint Elines, *pur* rente de un an a le fest de Nowelle l'an ii^e *del regne le roi Henry vi^e* – xviii s.

278 This is almost certainly an error for 'Reynham': see Name Index.

279 A 'q' had been written and then changed to a 'd'.

280 This scribe now puts his totals underneath a paragraph of entries, not at the RH side as previous scribes had done; he also leaves a gap between the list and the total, the whole being very elegantly set out.

281 The flourished initial 'A' includes a LH-facing face in profile, with a beard and a very overlong nose.

from John Bastwyk	} apprentices of Richard Bures –	4s.
from Piers Makerelle		
from William Raynham apprentice of William Cantelow –		2s.
from John Staverton apprentice of Roger Hewster –		2s.
from Richard Roger apprentice of John Eastmond –		2s.
from William Cavyl apprentice of Thomas Middlemore –		2s.
from John Salman apprentice of Reynold Street –		2s.
from John Gardiner apprentice of Stephen Causton –		2s.
from William Kirton apprentice of Robert Coventry –		2s.
– 26s.		

Money raised from the mistery's rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 1 Henry VI and the feast of Easter in the year 2 Henry VI, as per an account presented before the auditors – £42 8s.

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the above account –
£262 17s. 10d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir William Rippingale for his salary for one whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir Richard Wayneman for his salary – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to John Bele, formerly the beadle – £4 2s. 4d.

Item, paid to Robert Colwell, beadle, for half a year – 39s.

Total – £19 8s.

Alms:

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Item, paid to John Elys –	£5 4s.
Item, paid to John Street –	11s. 4d.
Item, paid to Robert Kemp –	£3 8d.
Item, paid to Robert Petibef –	£3 8d.
Item, paid to Thomas Constable –	£3 8d.
Item, paid to Thomas Anketylle –	52s.
Total – £17 9s. 4d.	

Quit-rents:

Item, paid to Dan Geoffrey Bryd, chamberlain of Westminster [Abbey], for one year's quit-rent at the feast of Easter in the year 2 [Henry VI] – 20s.

Item, paid to Margaret Buntyng, prioress of St Helen's, for [quit-]rent for one year at the feast of Christmas in the year 2 Henry VI – 18s.

Item, païé a Elizabet, priorasse de Haliwelle, de quit rente *pur lez termes* de Seint Johan, Seynt Michel, *et* Nowelle, *cum pier[t]* *par* aquittance l'an ii^e – x s.

Item, païé a le prior de Seynt Marie Overey a Nowelle l'an ii^e *pur* un an de quit rente darren passé – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a le prior de Cricerche *pur* quit rente de un an l'an ii^e, *cum piert par* aquetance – xix s.

Item, païé a Seynt Gilis Spetele Hous, Holborne, *pur* v anez darren passé, *cum piert par* aquetance l'an ii^e *del regne le roi Henry vi^e* – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – v li. xiii s. viii d.

Foren exspences:

Item, païé *pur* cere *pur* la chapelle – iiiii s. ix d.

Item, païé *pur* repayryng de ii vestementes, stoles *et* fanonis²⁸² – v s.

Item, païé *pur* ii newe aubis – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé a Sire William Ripyngale *pur* waschyng de abbis – xii d.

Item, païé *pur* iiiii poles *pur* standard en barges – xvi d.

Item, païé le xvii jour de septembre *pur* diverse chosez en scherchyng de weeres ovesqe nostre meire William Walderne – l s.

Item, païé a Rafton *pur* wrytyng de nostre rolle de nouns de le mercerie – xii d.

Item, païé *pur* wrytyng de entrés *et* issues en cest bok lé othe²⁸³ – viii d.

Summa – iii li. x s. v d.

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Voidance *et* reparacioun:

Item, ils soy dischargent dez divers vocaciouns de divers tenementis *par* acounpte moustré devant lez auditours suisdit – xxvi s. vi d.

Item, ils soy dischargent *pur* reparacioun dez rentes cest an – iii li. ix d. ob.

Item, *pur* la salarie de Thomas Austyn, collettour dez rentes – xl s.

Item, *pur* petit costez faitz *par* le dit Thomas a nostre tenauntes – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – vi li. x s. vii d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amounte come appierte – lii li. xii s. ob.

Et ensi rest en clere – CC x li. v s. ix d. ob.

282 Here and elsewhere this scribe uses the abbreviation for ‘-us’ (looking rather like a modern ‘9’) to indicate a plural ‘s’, ‘is’ or ‘es’ at the end of a word.

283 The phrasing here is odd, but this might refer to ff. A4v–A5v, which is certainly in the same hand as this year’s account, and which does include the oaths on admission and issue of apprentices. However, it is odd that the payment is phrased thus if so, since ordinances are also included. That quire is also now not part of the main book, and was not so, or not so in sequence, at the time this was written.

Item, paid to Elizabeth [Arundel], prioress of Haliwell, in quit-rent for the terms of Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, as appears by an acquittance for the year 2 [Henry VI] – 10s.

Item, paid to the Prior of St Mary Overy at Christmas 2 [Henry VI] for quit-rent for the preceding year – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the Prior of Christchurch for quit-rent for one year, in 2 [Henry VI], as appears by an acquittance – 19s.

Item, paid to St Giles Hospital, Holborn, for the preceding 5 years, as appears by an acquittance of the year 2 Henry VI – 33s. 4d.

Total – £5 13s. 8d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for wax for the chapel – 4s. 9d.

Item, paid for the repair of 2 sets of vestments, stoles¹⁷³ and fanons¹⁷⁴ – 5s.

Item, paid for 2 new albs¹⁷⁵ – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Sir William Rippingale for the washing of the albs – 1d.

Item, paid for 4 poles for standards¹⁷⁶ [to be used] on barges – 16d.

Item, paid on 17 September for various things concerned with the inspection of weirs with our Mayor William Walderne – 50s.

Item paid to Rafton for the writing up of our roll of names of those belonging to the mercers' mistery – 12d.

Item, paid for the writing up of the oaths for admissions and issues, in this book¹⁷⁷ – 8d.

Total – £3 10s. 5d.

Vacancies and repairs:

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Item, they declare various vacancies of various tenements as per an account presented to the aforesaid auditors – 26s. 6d.

Item, they declare repairs to the rental properties this year – £3 9s. ½d.

Item, for the salary of Thomas Austyn, rent-collector – 40s.

Item, for petty expenses incurred by the said Thomas on our tenants – 3s. 4d.

Total – £6 10s. 7½d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £52 12s. ½d.

And thus there remains net – £210 5s. 9½d.

173 'A vestment consisting of a narrow strip of silk or linen, worn over the shoulders ... and hanging down to the knee or lower' (*OED*).

174 Also known as a maniple. A fanon is 'An embroidered band, corresponding with the stole, but shorter, originally a kind of napkin, attached to the left wrist of the officiating priest or celebrant, and of the deacon and subdeacon at mass; a maniple' (*OED*). The *OED* further defines a maniple as 'In the Western Church, one of the Eucharistic vestments, consisting now of a strip of stuff from two to four feet in length and worn suspended from the left arm near the wrist by the celebrant, deacon, and subdeacon: said to have been orig. a napkin held in the left hand for the purpose of wiping the tears shed for the sins of the people.'

175 'A tunic or vestment of white cloth reaching to the feet, and enveloping the entire person; a variety of the surplice, but with close sleeves; worn by clerics in religious ceremonies ...' (*OED*).

176 i.e. banners or flags.

177 Literally the text says 'writing of entries and issues in this book the oaths', but the above seems the most probable meaning.

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Le leccioun:

Et fait assavoire *qe* a l'avantditte feste de Seint Johan Baptiste lez suisdit Thomas Fauconer, Johan Admond, Thomas Osborn, *et* William Prentys en la sale deyns l'oustiel apellé la Prince Garderobe a lour mangerie choiserent gardeins *pur* l'an avenir, c'este assavoire, Thomas Fauconer eslit William Estfeld, Johan Admond eslit Richard Bures, Thomas Osborn eslit Everard Flete, William Prentys eslit Johan Wassheborne, as queux ils ount deliveré l'argent *qe* remaynt en lour mains – CCx li. v s. ix d. ob.

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[C']este²⁸⁵ l'acompte de William Estfeld, Eborard Flete, Richard Bures, *et* Johan Wasshebourne, faite al feste de Seynt Johan le Baptistre l'an tierce del regne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquete d'Engleterre *pur* l'an proscheyn passé devant, en quel ils estoyent gardeyns del mistere de la mercerye.

Charge

Argent sek:

Primes, ils soy chargent de une somme d'argent delyveré a eux *per* les gardeyns de l'an passee, c'est assavoir – CCx li. v s. ix d. ob.

De compaignons de lour seconde an:

De Johan Best –	vi s. viii d.
De William Rumbold –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Sacheford –	vi s. viii d.
De Stephen Caustoun –	vi s. viii d.
De William Tounesende –	vi s. viii d.
De William Olyver –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Everard –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.	

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme receu pur un fyn fait *par* Thomas Shirewynd, servant a Johan Lane, pur estre franke del mercery *et* pur soun entree *et* juré – v li. ii s.

Amercimentz:

De Johan Bostoun –	xii d.
De Robert Strode –	vi d.
De William Brygge –	vi d.
De Thomas Middeltoun –	vi d.
De Rauf Lovel –	xii d.
– iii s. vi d.	

Issues d'apprentices:

De Robert Blenderhasset apprentice Thomas Aleyn –	ii s.
De Robert Raymond apprentice William Foucher –	ii s.

284 A different hand has written this year's account and next year's, the hand that last appeared for the account on ff. 72r–73v.

285 Space is left for an initial.

The election:

1424

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist the aforesaid Thomas Fauconer, John Admond, Thomas Osbarne, and William Prentice, at their feast in the hall of the building called the Prince's Wardrobe, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Fauconer elected William Eastfield, John Admond elected Richard Bures, Thomas Osbarne elected Everard Fleet, William Prentice elected John Washbourne, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands – £210 5s. 9½d.

This is the account of William Eastfield, Everard Fleet, Richard Bures, and John Washbourne, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 3 Henry VI [24 June 1425], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum of money handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £210 5s. 9½d.

From companions for their second year:

from John Best –	6s. 8d.
from William Rumbold –	6s. 8d.
from John Sedgford –	6s. 8d.
from Stephen Causton –	6s. 8d.
from William Townsende –	6s. 8d.
from William Oliver –	6s. 8d.
from John Everard –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

Item, they declare a sum received as a fee from Thomas Shirwynd, serving-man of John Lane, in order to be free of the mercers' mistery and for his admission and his oath – £5 2s.

Fines:

from John Boston –	12d.
from Robert Strode –	6d.
from William Brigge –	6d.
from Thomas Middleton –	6d.
from Ralph Lovell –	12d.
– 3s. 6d.	

Issue of apprentices:

from Robert Blennerhasset apprentice of Thomas Aleyn –	2s.
from Robert Raymond apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.

De Robert Southam apprentice Johan Coventre – ii s.
 De Richard Houchons apprentice Johan Herstoun – ii s.
 De Johan Whithed apprentice Richard Lovelace – ii s.
 – x s.

Entrees d'apprentices:

De Robert Bonde apprentice Robert Raynham – ii s.
 De Thomas Bendisshe apprentice Johan Seccheford – ii s.
 De William Zoole apprentice Thomas Sybnam – ii s.
 De Roger Middelmores apprentice de Johan Pydmylle – ii s.
 De Johan Bylbourgh apprentice Johan Chyrche – ii s.
 – x s.

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Unqore entrees de apprentices:

De Bernard Fisser apprentice William Erntoun – ii s.
 De Piers Athertoun apprentice James Bynd – ii s.
 De Johan Allapert apprentice William Prentys – ii s.
 De Johan Suttoun } apprentices Richard Coventre – iii s.
 De Henry Suward }
 De Johan Bardolf apprentice Eborad Flete – ii s.
 De Johan Botoun } apprentices Johan Wasshebourne – iii s.
 De Johan Beulee }
 – xvi s.

Deniers levez de lez rentes del mistere:

Item, ils soy chargent de les deniers levez de les rentes de le mistier pur un an entier, c'est assavoir de le feste de Paske l'an seconde del regne le roi Henry le vi^e et le feste de Paske l'an iii^e del regne le roi Henry avantdit per acompte moustré devant lé auditours – xlii li. viii s.

Summa totalis de lour charge – CClxii li. xxiii d. ob.

Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demaudent allowance q'ils ont païé a Sire William Repyngale, chapeleyn de le mistere, pur soun salarye de un an entier et pur soun lyvree – vii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, a Sire Richard Wayneman pur salarye de dimi an – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, a Sire Roger Blendoun pur salarye de dimi an – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, a Robert Colwelle pur soun salarye et soun lyvree – iii li. xi s. iii d.

– xviii li. xi s. iii d.

from Robert Southam apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from Richard Houchons apprentice of John Herston –	2s.
from John Whitehead apprentice of Richard Lovelace –	2s.
– 10s.	

Admission of apprentices:

from Robert Bonde apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.
from Thomas Bendisshe apprentice of John Sedgeford –	2s.
from William Yoole apprentice of Thomas Sibbenham –	2s.
from Roger Middlemore apprentice of John Pydmylle –	2s.
from John Bylbourgh apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.
– 10s.	

Further admissions of apprentices:

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from Bernard Fisher apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.	
from Piers Atherton apprentice of James Bynde –	2s.	
from John Allapert apprentice of William Prentice –	2s.	
from John Sutton	} apprentices of Richard Coventry –	4s.
from Henry Suward		
from John Bardolf apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.	
from John Boton	} apprentices of John Washbourne –	4s.
from John Beulee		
– 16s.		

Money raised from the mistery's rental properties:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 2 Henry VI [until] the feast of Easter in the year 3 Henry VI, as per an account presented before the auditors – £42 8s.

Sum total of their receipts – £262 23½d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir William Rippingale, chaplain of the mistery, for his salary for a whole year and for his livery clothing – £7 6s. 8d.

Item, to Sir Richard Wayneman for half a year's salary – £3 6s. 8d.

Item to Sir Roger Blendon for half a year's salary – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, to Robert Colwelle for his salary and his livery clothing – £4 11s. 4d.
– £18 11s. 4d.

Almoign:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur les deniers paieiz as gentz de le almoigne, et primes a Thomas Anketille pur v sepmaignes – v s.

Item, a Johan Elys pur un an entier – v li. iiiii s. Item, a Johan Bele pur un an et iii sepmayns – xlviii s. iiiii d. Item, a Robert Kemp pur un an entier – iii li. viiii d. Item, a Robert Petibef pur iii quarters de an – xlv s. vi d. Item, a Thomas Constable pur i quarter del an et vi sepmaynes – xxi s. x d. Item, a Thomas Secheford pur dimi an et ii sepmaignes – xlii s. Item, a Laurence Lynne pur ii sepmaignes – ii s. iiiii d. Item, a Hughe Clerk pur ii sepmaignes – ii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xvi li. xii s.

Quyterentes:

Item, ils soy dischargent de paiement fait pur quitrentes, et primes al rentier de Westm' tanqe Paske l'an iii^e del regne le roi Henry vi – xx s. Item, al rentier de Sainte Eleynes pur un an tanqe Nowel l'an iii^e suisdit – xviii s. Item, al rentier de Halywelle pur un an entier – xiii s. iiiii d. – Item, a le rentier de Seint Marye Overee pur un an entier – xiii s. iiiii d.

– iii li. iiiii s. viiii d.

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Unqore qui[t]rentes:

Item, ils soy dischargent q'ils ont païé al rentier de Cristcherche pur un an entier – xix s. Item, païé al renter Seint Egidies Spital en Holbourn pur un an entier – vi s. viiii d.

Summa – xxv s. viiii d.

Foreynes costes:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur forein expences, et primes a Bocher, bargeman, pur iii foith aler a Westm', primes pur l'annyversarie le Roy, le secounde ové les viscountes, le iii ovesqe le maire, pur Russell et Brydde soun compaignoun – x s. Item, païé pur cire pur le chapel – iii s. iiiii d. Item, a Sire William Repynghale pur laver de albes – xii d. Item, pur iiiii pelles de parchemyn – xii d. Item, pur un rolle del ordeyna[n]ce del mercerye – x d. Item, pur l'escrire de dyverse envoiez paredela – ii s.

Summa – xviii s. ii d.

Voydance:

Item, ils soy dischargent de dyverse tenement voides, *summa* – xv s. iii d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for the money paid to the almsmen, and firstly to Thomas Anketylle for 5 weeks – 5s.

Item, to John Elys for a whole year – £5 4s. Item, to John Bele for a year and 3 weeks – 48s. 4d. Item, to Robert Kemp for a whole year – £3 8d. Item to Robert Petibef for three quarters of the year – 45s. 6d. Item, to Thomas Constable for one quarter of the year and 6 weeks – 21s. 10d. Item, to Thomas Sedgeford for half a year and 2 weeks – 42s. Item to Laurence Lynne for 2 weeks – 2s. 4d. Item, to Hugh Clerk for 2 weeks – 2s. 4d.

Total – £16 12s.

Quit-rents:

Item, they declare payments made for quit-rents, and firstly to the renter¹⁷⁸ of Westminster [Abbey] up to Easter in the year 3 Henry VI – 20s. Item, to the renter of St Helen's for a year up to Christmas in the aforesaid year – 18s. Item, to the renter of Haliwell for a whole year – 13s. 4d. Item, to the renter of St Mary Overy for a whole year – 13s. 4d.

– £3 4s. 8d.

Further quit-rents:

Item, they declare that they have paid the renter of Christchurch for a whole year – 19s. Item, paid to the renter of St Giles Hospital in Holborn for a whole year – 6s. 8d.

Total – 25s. 8d.

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Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure, and firstly to Bocher, bargeman, for 3 journeys to Westminster, firstly for the King's anniversary service,¹⁷⁹ the second with the sheriffs, the third with the Mayor, for Russell and Brydde his companion¹⁸⁰ – 10s.

Item, paid for wax for the chapel – 3s. 4d. Item, to Sir William Rippingale for washing of the albs – 12d. Item, for 4 parchment skins – 12d. Item, for a roll by decree of the mercers' mystery¹⁸¹ – 10d. Item, for the writing of various missives sent overseas¹⁸² – 2s.

Total – 18s. 2d.

Vacancies:

Item, they declare certain vacant tenements, total – 15s. 3d.

¹⁷⁸ The word used throughout this paragraph and the next is 'rentier', for which the English equivalent, though now obsolete, is 'renter', i.e. the person responsible for collecting rents due to a corporate body.

¹⁷⁹ The mass or religious service held annually during Henry VI's reign for his father Henry V on the anniversary of his death.

¹⁸⁰ These were probably the Mayor's officials. Russell appears later also (see f. 138r), and is known from the City records as the Mayor's serjeant; I have not so far been able to track other references to Bridde (Bird?).

¹⁸¹ This is the most probable sense, that the company decided at an assembly that such a roll should be drawn up. An alternative meaning to the words would be 'a roll containing an ordinance of the mercers' mystery'.

¹⁸² This will refer to letters sent to the company in the Low Countries later known as the Merchant Adventurers.

Reparacioun:

Item, ils demandent allowance q' ils ont païé pur iiiii^M tile de large fourme – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, pur troy mil tiles de petit fourme – xvi s. vi d.

Item, q' ils ont payé pur reparacioun en le Pye *et* aillours – v li. viii s.

Item, pur le salarye Robert Colwel collectour des rentes – xl s.

Item, pur petites costes faitz par le dit Robert sur les tenantz – iii s. iiiii d.

– ix li. xiiii s. vi d.

Summa – ix li. xiiii s. vi d.

Dette:

Item, ils demandent allowance de dette due par Johan Gase, un de les tenantz de le Pye – v li.

Item, de dette due par Isabelle Flete pur un quarter – xvi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lvi li. xviii s. iii d.

Reest due al mistere en argent sek – CCv li. iii s. viii d. ob.

1425

Le Eleccioun:

Et fait a savoyr qe a l'avantdit feste de Seynt Johan Baptiste les suisditz William, Eborard, Richard, *et* Johan, a une soupere tenue en l'oustelle del dit William Estfelde, choiserent gardeyns pur l'an a venyr, c'est assavoyr William Estfeld eslit Henry Frowyk, Eborard Flete eslit Thomas Wandesford, Richard Bures eslit Martyn Kelom, *et* Johan Wasshbourn eslit Johan Chyrche, as queux ils ont delyvryé l'argent qe remaynt en lour maynz, videlicet – CCv li. iii s. viii d. ob.

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[C']est²⁸⁷ l'acompte Henry Frowyk, Thomas Wandesford, Martyn Kelom, *et* Johan Chyrche, faite al feste Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an quarte del regne le Roy Henry le sysme après le conquete d'Engleterre, pur l'an proscheyne devant passee, en quel ils estoient gardeyns de le mistere del mercerye, come piert après.

Charge

Argent sek:

Prymes, ils soy chargent de la somme de monoye delyvree a eux per leurs precessours, gardeins del mistere *et* choisours de eux, come piert en ceste lyvre devant, videlicet – CCv li. iii s. viii d. ob.

286 This page is blank apart from a note in Latin, the last part of which has been cropped, situated right at the lower edge of the page: 'hic dimittitur locus pro ordinacionibus inserendis ...'.

287 Space is left for an initial.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for 4000 large tiles – 26s. 8d.

Item, for 3000 small tiles – 16s. 6d.

Item, that they have paid for repairs in the Pye and elsewhere – £5 8s.

Item, for the salary of Robert Colwell, rent-collector – 40s.

Item, for petty expenses incurred by the said Robert on the tenants – 3s. 4d.

– Total – £9 14s. 6d.¹⁸³

Debt:

Item, they ask for allowance for a debt owed by John Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye – £5

Item, for a debt owed by Isabelle Fleet for one quarter – 16s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £56 18s. 3d.

Balance due to the mistery in ready money – £205 3s. 8½d.

The Election:

1425

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist the aforesaid William, Everard, Richard, and John, at a supper held in the said William Eastfield's house, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. William Eastfield elected Henry Frowyk, Everard Fleet elected Thomas Wandesford, Richard Bures elected Martin Kelom, and John Washbourne elected John Chirche, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. – £205 3s. 8½d.

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This is the account of Henry Frowyk, Thomas Wandesford, Martin Kelom, and John Chirche, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 4 Henry VI [24 June 1426], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the sum of money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens of the mistery and those who elected them, as appears above in this book, i.e. £205 3s. 8½d.

¹⁸³ The total is given twice in the text, once to the right of a bracketting of the individual items and once at the foot of the section.

¹⁸⁴ The note gives the information that this space has been left for ordinances to be entered in here. Why this was not done, and whether any other reference can be linked to this page seems debatable, but see below, f. 97r and note.

Compaignons de *lour* iii^e an:

De Johan Best pur son tierce an –	vi s. viii d.
De William Rombold pur son iii ^e an –	vi s. viii d.
De William Tounesende pur mesme cause –	vi s. viii d.
De William Olyver pur mesme cause –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Everard pur mesme cause –	vi s. viii d.
De Stephen Caustoun pur mesme cause –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Seccheford pur mesme cause –	vi s. viii d.
– xlvi s. viii d.	

Une Fyn:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une somme de monoye receu de Davyn Galganet,²⁸⁸ lombard, pur estre receu en la lyvré del mercerye pur user la mister de abrokour soulment, et pur soun primere an et entree – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Une fyn:

Item, de Matheu Foucher pur estre frank del mistere un poy devant soun terme fynye – xx s.

Une autre fyn:

Item, de Johan Wasshbourne d'estre excusé de un chyvalcher encontre le Roy qant il venoyt de Eltham²⁸⁹ – iii s. iiiii d.

Compaignouns de *lour* primer an:

Item, ils soy chargent d'argent receu de compaignouns de *lour* primere an:

De Symo[n]d Launde –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Geffrey Feldyng –	vi s. viii d.
De William Thornhulle –	vi s. viii d.
De William Tounland –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Strangewas –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Falwes –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dountoun –	vi s. viii d.
– liii s. iiiii d.	

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Dette:

Item, ils soy chargent ové le dette delyvré a eux, c'est assavoyr:

De Johan Gas, esteant en le countour – v li.

De Isabelle Flete, tenaunte en le Crown seld – xvi s. viii d.

– v li. xvi s. viii d.

²⁸⁸ David Galganeti, merchant of Lucca, played a large part in London business at this time; see e.g. the index of CPMR 1413–37.

²⁸⁹ The infant Henry VI was brought to London this year from Eltham by Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, see e.g. Jacob, *The Fifteenth Century*, p. 229.

Companions for their third year:

from John Best for his third year –	6s. 8d.
from William Rumbold for his third year –	6s. 8d.
from William Townsende for the same reason –	6s. 8d.
from William Olyver for the same reason –	6s. 8d.
from John Everard for the same reason –	6s. 8d.
from Stephen Causton for the same reason –	6s. 8d.
from John Sedgford for the same reason –	6s. 8d.
– 46s. 8d.	

A fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum of money from David Galganet, Lombard,¹⁸⁵ in order to be admitted to the livery of the mercers' mistery, and to engage solely in the trade of a broker, and for his first year's payment and his admission – £6 13s. 4d.

A fee:

Item, from Matthew Foucher to be free of the mistery a little before the end of his term – 20s.

Another fee:

Item, from John Washbourne to be excused from a procession to meet the King when he arrived from Eltham – 3s. 4d.

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare money received from companions for their first year:

from Simon Launde –	6s. 8d.
from John Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
from Geoffrey Fielding –	6s. 8d.
from William Thornhill –	6s. 8d.
from William Townland –	6s. 8d.
from John Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from John Falows –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Dounton –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Debt:

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Item, they declare the debts handed over to them, i.e.

from John Gase, who is in the Compter¹⁸⁶ – £5

from Isabelle Fleet, tenant in the Crown Seld – 16s. 8d.

– £5 16s. 8d.

¹⁸⁵ By this date the word had already acquired the meaning of 'A native of Lombardy engaged as a banker, money-changer, or pawnbroker; hence applied *gen.* to a person carrying on any of these businesses' (*OED*).

¹⁸⁶ The compters or 'counters' were prisons attached to the Mayor's court and under the control of the sheriffs originally perhaps in their own house. See Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, p. 164n, 167–8; *CLB*, 'G', p. 566 for regulations concerning them, and see Harben, *Dictionary*, p. 166.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargent ové les deniers levez de le rent del mistere *qe* amont meyns *par* ii s. *par* an q'ils ne soleynt a cause *qe* une mesoun estoit lessee ii s. meyns q'il ne soleyt – xlii li. vi s.

Issues d'apprentices:

De Thomas Cokke apprentice Richard Aylemere –	ii s.
De Thomas Hotoun apprentice Johan Butler, senior, et post Thomas Gille –	ii s.
De William Covyngtoun apprentice Martyn Kelom –	ii s.
De Henry Gegge apprentice John Coventre –	ii s.
De Robert Trusbut apprentice William Gegge –	ii s.
De John Sturgeoun apprentice William Erntoun –	ii s.
– xii s.	

Amorcimentes:

De Thomas Chaltoun –	vi d.
De Johan Somery –	vi d.
– xii d.	

Entree de apprentice:

De Richard Harpour apprentice William Maltby *pur* soun entree – ii s.

Summa totalis de lour charge – CClxvi li. xviii s. ob.

Discharge

Salaries:

Primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé a Sire Richard Wayneman, chappeleyn del mistere, *pur* un an entier *proscheyn* passee devant cest acompt – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. *Item*, païé a Sire Roger Blendon, dit Guppeys prest – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. *Item*, a Robert Colwel, bedell, *pur* un an passee al Seint Johan Baptistre anno iiiii^{to} avantdit – iii li. xviii s.
– xvii li. iiiii s. viii d.

Almoygne:

Item, ils demandent allowance *pur* deniers paiez *pur* almoign. Primes, a Thomas Seccheford *pernant* xviii d. *par* sepmayn *pur* un an entier al Seint Johan suisdit – iii li. xviii s. *Item*, a Johan Elys *pur* mesme l'an *pernant* *par* sepmayn ii s. – v li. iiiii s. *Item*, a Laurence Lynne *pur* mesme l'an *pernant* *par* sepmayn xiiii d. – iii li. viii d. *Item*, a Robert Kemp *pur* mesme l'an *pernant* xiiii d. *par* sepmayn – iii li. viii d. *Item*, a Hughe Clerk *pernant* xiiii d. *par* sepmaygne *pur* mesme l'an – iii li. viii d. *Item*, a Petre Belgrave *pernant* *par* sepmany xiiii d. *pur* iii quarters *proscheyn* passez devant Seynt Johan suisdit – xlv s. vi d.
– xx li. ix s. vi d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties which amounts to 2s. less than the usual amount because one dwelling was let at 2s. less than it had usually been – £42 6s.

Issues of apprentices:

from Thomas Cokke apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from Thomas Hoton apprentice of John Butler, the elder,	
and afterwards of Thomas Gille –	2s.
from William Covington apprentice of Martin Kelom –	2s.
from Henry Gedge apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from Robert Trusbut apprentice of William Gedge –	2s.
from John Sturgeon apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.
– 12s.	

Fines:

from Thomas Chalton –	6d.
from John Somery –	6d.
– 12d.	

Admission of an apprentice:

from Richard Harpour apprentice of William Maltby for his admission – 2s.

Sum total of their receipts – £266 18s. ½d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Wayneman, chaplain of the mistery, for a whole year up to the date of this account – £6 13s. 4d. Item, paid to Sir Roger Blendon, called Guppey's priest, £6 13s. 4d. Item, to Robert Colwell, beadle, for a year up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the aforesaid year 4 [Henry VI] – £3 18s.
 – £17 4s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for money paid in alms. Firstly, to Thomas Sedgford at 18d. per week for a whole year up to the aforesaid feast of St John – £3 18s. Item, to John Elys for the same year at 2s. per week – £5 4s. Item to Laurence Lynne for the same year at 14d. per week – £3 8d. Item, to Robert Kemp for the same year at 14d. per week – £3 8d. Item, to Hugh Clerk at 14d. per week for the same year – £3 8d. Item, to Peter Belgrave at 14d. per week for the three quarters up to the aforesaid feast of St John – 45s. 6d.
 – £20 9s. 6d.

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Quitrentes:

Item, ils demandent allowance de quitrentes païé *par* eux et *primes* al rentier de Westm' *par* iiii acquietances, vidz. de Pasche l'an iii^e tanqe Paske l'an iiii^{te} *del regne le roi Henry* vi – xx s. Item, al rentier de Crystcherche *pur* un an entier, come piert *par* une acquittance – xix s. Item, al rentier Seint Giles p[u]r²⁹⁰ un an entier, come piert *par* i acquittance – vi s. viii d. Item, al rentier de Haliwelle *pur* un an entier *proschein* passee devant Nowel l'an iiii^{te} *del regne le roi Henry* vi^e, *par* ii acquittances – xiii s. iiii d. Item, al rentier Seynt Marie Overee en Southwerk *pur* un an entier *proschein* devant Nowel l'an iiii^{te} *suisdit*, *par* un acquytance – xiii s. iiii d. Item, al rentier Seynte Eleins *pur* dimi [an] *proschein* passee devant Seynt Johan l'an iii^e *del regne le roi Henry* vi, *par* une acquittance – ix s. – iiii li. xvi d.

Reparaciouns *par* Colwel:

Item, ils demandent allowance *pur* diverse reparaciouns faitz *par* Robert Colwelle, quylour des rentes del mistere, *par* acompt moustré *et* allowé *par* les auditours, ovesqes xl s. *pur* soun salarie *pur* quyler le rent *et* xl d. *pur* petite expences – xviii li. xv s. v d. ob.

Reparacioun fait *par* les gardeyns:

Item, ils demandent allowance de une somme païé *par* eux mesmes a Johan Gille, carpenter, *pur* le fronte del Crowne Selde, en groos – viii li.

Veille dette:

Item, ils demandent allowance de dette delyvré a eux *par* lours *precessours* vidz. Johan Gase, un des tenants del Pye – v li.

Novel dette ové distresse *pur* ycel:

Item, ils demandent allowance de ce *qe* William Orient, portour, doyt, *pur* quele ils ont delyvré *par* distresse gages sufficeant – viii s.

Mynstralles *pur* les viscountes:

Item, de le meyttee des costes partables entre les drapers *et* nous *pur* le chyvalchee des viscountes William Melreth *et* soun compaignoun²⁹¹ – iii li. ii s. ii d.

Item, *pur* laver lynges del chapel *et* fasoun de i obligacioun *et* i paire endentures entre le rayman *et* nous – xvi d.

Voydances:

Item, ils demandent allowance de certaines mesounes voides en le Pye en le temps de l'acompte, come piert *par* l'acompt Robert Colwelle – viii s. v d. Item, de Isabelle Flete *pur* le temps *qe* sa shope estoit réparé – v s., *et* William Tounland *pur* mesme cause – iii s. iiii d. Summa – xvi s. ix d.

290 MS: *par*.

291 John Brockley, Draper.

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Item, they ask for allowance for quit-rents paid by them, and firstly to the renter of Westminster [Abbey] by 4 acquittances, i.e. from Easter in the year 3 Henry VI until Easter 4 Henry VI – 20s. Item, to the renter of Christchurch for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance – 19s. Item, to the renter of St Giles for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance – 6s. 8d. Item, to the renter of Haliwell for a year up to Christmas 4 Henry VI, by two acquittances – 13s. 4d. Item to the renter of St Mary Overy in Southwark for a whole year up to Christmas 4 Henry VI, by an acquittance – 13s. 4d. Item, to the renter of St Helen's for half a year up to the feast of St John in the year 3 Henry VI, by an acquittance – 9s.

– £4 16d.

Repairs carried out by Colwell:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Colwell, rent-collector of the mistery, as per an account presented to and authorised by the auditors, with 40s. for his salary for collecting the rent and 40d. for petty expenses – £18 15s. 5½d.

Repairs carried out by the wardens:

Item, they ask for allowance for a sum paid out by themselves to John Gille, carpenter, for the frontage of the Crown Seld, in all – £8

Old debt:

Item, they ask allowance for a debt handed on to them by their predecessors, i.e. John Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye – £5

New debt with distraint¹⁸⁷ for the same:

Item, they ask for allowance in that William Orient, porter, owes, and for which they have handed over sufficient pledges by distraint – 8s.

Musicians for the sheriffs:

Item, for half of the costs which were to be shared between the Drapers and ourselves for the procession with the sheriffs William Meldreth and his colleague – £3 2s. 2d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel linen and the drawing up of a bond obligatory and a pair of indentures between ourselves and the ray-merchant¹⁸⁸ – 16d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask allowance for certain dwelling-houses being vacant in the Pye during the accounting period, as appears by Robert Colwelle's account – 8s. 5d. Item, for Isabelle Fleet for the time during which her shop was being repaired – 5s., and William Townland for the same reason – 3s. 4d. Total – 16s. 9d.

¹⁸⁷ The word used is 'distresse' = 'The action of distraining; the legal seizure and detention of a chattel, originally for the purpose of thereby constraining the owner to pay money owed by him or to make satisfaction for some wrong done by him, or to do some other act (e.g. to appear in court); according to later practice, in order that out of the proceeds of its sale (if not redeemed within a fixed period) satisfaction may be obtained of some debt or claim, now, especially, for rent unpaid' (*OED*).

¹⁸⁸ The man who sold 'ray', a kind of striped cloth.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lxxvii li. xix s. ii d. ob.

Encrees come piert:

Reest en clere due al mistere ovesqe xxi s. ii d. donez en encrees – Ciiii^{xx} li.

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Le eleccion de les nouvelles gardeynes:

Et fait a savoir qe le xvi jour de le moys de Juny l'an iiii^{te} de le regne le Roy Henre le sysme depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour mangerye tenue en l'oustiel appellee le Prynce Garderobe en la veille Juerye de Loundres, les avantditz Henry, Thomas, Martyn, et Johan choiserent gardeyns pur l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Henry Frowyk eslit William Melreth, Thomas Wandesford eslyt Johan Olney, Martyn Kelom eslit William Cavendysshe, et Johan Chyrche eslit Thomas Chaltoun, as queux ils ount delyvré l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, vidz. – Ciiii^{xx} li.

Reest al mistere ové le dette de Johan Gase, vidz. v li., comprys deyns le acompte avant escripte – Ciiii^{xx} xv li.

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[C']est²⁹³ l'acompte de William Melreth, Johan Olney, William Cawndysshe, et Thomas Chaltone, fait a le feste de Seint Johan Baptiste l'an v^{te} del regne le Roy Henry le sysme après le conquete d'Engleterre, pur l'an proscheyne devant passé, en quel ils estoyent gardeyns de le mistere del mercerye, come piert après.

Charge

Argent²⁹⁴ sek:

En prymes, ils soy chargent de le money par eux resseux de lez gardeins de l'an devant passé, c'est assavoyr – Ciiii^{xx} x li.

Item, lez dit gardeyns de l'an devant nous charge[rent]²⁹⁵ de lever de Thomas Gase pur dette q'il devoit pur lowage de sone hostelle – v li.

De compaignons pur lour seconde an:

De Symond Lawnde –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
De Geffrey Feldyng –	vi s. viii d.
De William Thornhille –	vi s. viii d.
De William Towland –	vi s. viii d.

292 A new hand starts here, that of William Piryman (who identifies himself by name on f. 100r), and continues until f. 107v. His hand is well-formed but the most noteworthy features of his pages are the elegant ornate leaf-shapes which he draws as exaggerated ascenders to letters, for instance for the list of wardens across the top of pages, for headings to sections, for the first line of a year's account, etc. Most of his 'key' initials have elaborate pen-flourishing, and special mention is made in these notes only for some outstanding ones.

293 Although the initials of the marginal sub-headings have all been very elaborately filled in with pen-and-ink decoration, this first initial has not been done, but a faintly visible pencil sketch of the actual letter has been done with a well-sketched face inside it.

294 The flourishing of the letter 'A' includes a face in left profile with an exaggeratedly long nose.

295 MS: chargea.

Sum total of their disbursements – £77 19s. 2½d.

Increment as appears:

Net balance due to the mistery, with 21s. 2d. given as an increment – £190

The election of the new wardens:

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Memorandum that on 16 June 4 Henry VI [1426], at their feast held in the building known as the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid Henry, Thomas, Martin, and John chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Henry Frowyk elected William Meldreth, Thomas Wandesford elected John Olney, Martin Kelom elected William Cavendish, and John Chirche elected Thomas Chalton, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £190

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There remains for the mistery with John Gase's debt, i.e. £5, included in the above account – £195

This is the account of William Meldreth, John Olney, William Cavendish, and Thomas Chalton, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 5 Henry VI [24 June 1427], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the money received by them from last year's wardens, i.e. £190

Item, the said last year's wardens charged us with collecting from Thomas Gase the debt he owed for the rent of his house – £5

From companions for their second year:

from Simon Launde – 6s. 8d.

from John Aleyn – 6s. 8d.

from Geoffrey Fielding – 6s. 8d.

from William Thornhill – 6s. 8d.

from William Townland – 6s. 8d.

De Johan Strangwys – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Falwes – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Downtone – vi s. viii d.
 – *summa* – iii li.

Pur sone *primer an*:²⁹⁶

De Thomas²⁹⁷ Rikelle – vi s. viii d.

Fyne:

De William Olyver *pur* ceo q'il ne venoit ases temper a le dirige de Johan Best, mercer – xx d.

Fyne:

Item, de Thomas Asshby *pur* ceo q'il fuist disobessant a les mestres del mercerye *et* a le companie, a une assemblé a Seint Thomas en presens de divers aldermen, *per* comandement de dit aldermen il fuist comys a prisone en le Contour, mes a le request de divers gentz de sez amys *et pur* ceo q'il humbelment luy submitta a le companye, le companye luy *perdona*, payant a le Box – xl s.

Unqore²⁹⁸ fynes:

Gentz *qe* ne chevachioient a Westmistre ovesqe Johan Reignewelle esteant Maire:

De Johan Wassheburne – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Thomas Gylle – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Johan Wode – iii s. iiiii d.
 De Robert Strode – iii s. iiiii d.
 – xiiii s. iiiii d.

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Amercymenz:

De Johan Whateley – vi d.
 De William Thornhille – vi d.
 De Thomas Dullay – vi d.
 De Everard Fleet – vi d.
 De Johan Somerey – vi d.
 De William Cantelowe – vi d.
 De William Malteby – vi d.
 De Richard Lovelas – vi d.
 De William Townesende – vi d.
 De William Rumbolde – vi d.
 De William Thornhille – vi d.
 De Johan Wode – vi d.
 De Johan Burtone – vi d.
 De Thomas Middelmor – vi d.
 De William Rumbold – vi d.

²⁹⁶ This sub-heading in the margin is alongside the name of Rikelle which is written as if it were part of the list above. One may note that the sub-total at the side of £3 correctly excludes this.

²⁹⁷ This name is in different ink but the scribe's own hand, and replaces a scored through 'William'. This is odd as in subsequent years he is named 'William'. See Name Index.

²⁹⁸ The flourished extensions to the initial 'U' include a man's face in RH profile.

from John Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from John Falows –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Dounton –	6s. 8d.
– total – £3	

For his first year:

from Thomas Rikelle – 6s. 8d.

Fine:

from William Olyver because he did not turn up soon enough for the dirge of John Best, mercer – 20d.

Fine:

Item, from Thomas Ashby because he was disobedient to the wardens of the mercers' mistery and to the company, and at an assembly in St Thomas of Acon in the presence of various aldermen he was by the order of the said aldermen committed to prison in the Counter, but at the request of various friends of his and because he humbly submitted himself to the judgement of the company, the company excused him [from going to prison] on payment to the communal funds of – 40s.

Further fines:

Men who did not ride to Westminster with John Reynewelle when he became Mayor:

from John Washbourne –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Gille –	3s. 4d.
from John Wood –	3s. 4d.
from Robert Strode –	3s. 4d.
– 13s. 4d.	

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from John Whateley –	6d.
from William Thornhill –	6d.
from Thomas Dullay –	6d.
from Everard Fleet –	6d.
from John Somery –	6d.
from William Cantelowe –	6d.
from William Maltby –	6d.
from Richard Lovelace –	6d.
from William Townesende –	6d.
from William Rumbold –	6d.
from William Thornhill –	6d.
from John Wood –	6d.
from John Burton –	6d.
from Thomas Middlemore –	6d.
from William Rumbold –	6d.

De Richard Tasburghe –	vi d.
De William Empyngham –	vi d.
De Nicholas Draytone –	vi d.
De William Covyntone –	vi d.
De Robert Domyan –	vi d.
De Thomas Cok –	vi d.
De Water Aleyn –	vi d.
De Johan Storjone –	vi d.
De Johan Bostone –	iiii d.
Summa –	xi s. x d.

Issues d'apprentices:

De Johan Falwes apprentice de William Estfeld –	i s.	
De William Prestone apprentice de dit William –	ii s.	
De Thomas Freman	} apprentices de Johan Somerey –	iiii s.
De Thomas Wykham		
De Johan Swan apprentice de Thomas Weltone –	ii s.	
De Johan Lintowe apprentice de Johan Langham –	ii s.	
De Johan Kyrkeby apprentice de Thomas Bataille –	ii s.	
De Johan Langley apprentice de Thomas Ossberne –	ii s.	
De Richard Brooke apprentice de Johan Etone –	ii s.	
De Thomas Gosse apprentice de Thomas Dane –	ii s.	
De Thomas Armurer apprentice de William Eryngtone –	ii s.	
De Sandre Arable apprentice de Johan Knottyngley –	ii s.	
De Austyn Stratton apprentice de Johan Clerk –	ii s.	
De William Holand apprentice de William Rody –	ii s.	
De Thomas Brangwayn apprentice de Thomas Middeltone –	ii s.	
De Richard Hemptone apprentice de Thomas Dentone –	ii s.	
De William Machone apprentice de Johan Fauntleroy –	ii s.	
De Johan Collewelle	} apprentice de Robert Colwelle –	ii s.
– al' dict' Johan Chapman		
De William Gladman apprentice de William Melreth –	ii s.	
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Entrés de Apprentices:²⁹⁹

De Johan Swan aprentys de Thomas Weltone –	ii s.	
De William Leche apprentice de William Maltby –	ii s.	
De Johan Boteler apprentice de Johan Sacheford –	ii s.	
De Walter Mower apprentice de Thomas Dullay –	ii s.	
De William Tyler apprentice de Johan Chirche –	ii s.	
De Johan of Stowe apprentice de Thomas Duntone –	ii s.	
De Johan Callowe apprentice de Robert Reygnam –	ii s.	
De Johan Rokewode apprentice de William Cawndisshe –	ii s.	
De Thomas Pyrye apprentice de Thomas Duntone –	ii s.	
De Roulond Roos	} apprentices de Johan Cottesford –	iiii s.
De Johan Belle		

²⁹⁹ The flourished extension to the letter 'A' includes a left-facing profile with a large nose.

from Richard Tasburgh –	6d.
from William Empyngham –	6d.
from Nicholas Drayton –	6d.
from William Covington –	6d.
from Robert Damian –	6d.
from Thomas Cokke –	6d.
from Walter Aleyn –	6d.
from John Sturgeon –	6d.
from John Boston –	4d.
Total –	11s. 10d.

Issue of apprentices:

from John Falows apprentice of William Eastfield –	2s.	
from William Preston apprentice of the said William –	2s.	
from Thomas Freman	} apprentices of John Somery –	4s.
from Thomas Wykham		
from John Swan apprentice of Thomas Welton –	2s.	
from John Lintowe apprentice of John Langham –	2s.	
from John Kirkeby apprentice of Thomas Bataille –	2s.	
from John Langley apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.	
from Richard Brooke apprentice of John Eton –	2s.	
from Thomas Gosse apprentice of Thomas Dane –	2s.	
from Thomas Armorer apprentice of William Erntoun –	2s.	
from Alexander Orable apprentice of John Knottyngley –	2s.	
from Austin Stratton apprentice of John Clerk –	2s.	
from William Holland apprentice of William Ruddy –	2s.	
from Thomas Brangwayn apprentice of Thomas Middleton –	2s.	
from Richard Hempton apprentice of Thomas Denton –	2s.	
from William Machon apprentice of John Fauntleroy –	2s.	
from John Colwell	} apprentice of Robert Colwell –	2s.
otherwise known as John Chapman		
from William Gladman apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.	
Total – 38s.		

Admission of apprentices:

from John Swan apprentice of Thomas Welton –	2s.	
from William Leche apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.	
from John Boteler apprentice of John Sedgford –	2s.	
from Walter More apprentice of Thomas Dullay –	2s.	
from William Tyler apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.	
from John of Stowe apprentice of Thomas Downton –	2s.	
from John Callowe apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.	
from John Rookwood apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.	
from Thomas Pery apprentice of Thomas Downton –	2s.	
from Roland Roos	} apprentices of John Cotford –	4s.
from John Belle		

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De Emund Lovelle	aprentice de Raff Lovelle –	ii s.
De Robert Stroder	aprentice de William Empynggham –	ii s.
De Nicholas Carre	aprentice de Richard Tassburghe –	ii s.
De Richard Coke	} aprentices de Johan Estmund –	iiii s.
De William Strete		
De Jamys Cromwelle	aprentice de Johan Bawde –	ii s.
De Laurens Sikerpris	} aprentices de William Brigge –	iiii s.
De Thomas Scowrore		
De Gilbert Capeleyne	aprentice de William Prentys –	ii s.
De Johan Rankyn	} aprentices de Robert Strode –	iiii s.
De Johan Baynard		
De Raff Cheveney	aprentice de Thomas Asshby –	ii s.
De Robert Qweneburghe	} aprentices de Matheu Foucher –	iiii s.
De Roger Blenkinsope		
De William Gyffard	aprentice de William Dawtre –	ii s.
De Johan Borghe	aprentice de Johan Somerey –	ii s.
De Roger Rose	aprentice de Richard Somerey –	ii s.
De Robert Coggeshale	} aprentices de Thomas Osberne –	iiii s.
De William Bridlyngtone		
De William Haliwelle	aprentice de Thomas Turnour –	ii s.
De Robert Rokewode	} aprentices de Thomas Chaltone –	iiii s.
De William Widwson		
De Johan Lokke	aprentice de Johan Michelle –	ii s.
De Johan Waltone	aprentice de Johan Olney –	ii s.
De Aleyn Martyn	aprentice de Richard Riche –	ii s.
De Johan Kempe	aprentice de Johan Gerard –	ii s.
De Costantyne Wilugby	} aprentices de William Melreth –	vi s.
De Richard Penystone		
De William Aylemere		
De Johan Forde	aprentice de Johan Bostone –	ii s.
De William Luffe	aprentice de Roger Gerebray –	ii s.
De Johan Penystone	} aprentices de Herry Frowyk –	vi s.
De William Lyghchollers		
De Johan Allard	} aprentices de William Thornhille –	iiii s.
De Johan Dentone		
De William Tankardesley		
Summa – iiii li. xiiii s.		

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Resçu de veil dette:

Item, resçu de William Oryent, portour, de veil dette pur ferme de sone mesone le temps de Henry Frowyk, Thomas Wandesford, Martyn Kylham, et Johan Chirche esteantz pur lors gardeins del mercerye, pur le quele ils nous deliverent gages – viii s.

from Edmund Lovell apprentice of Ralph Lovell –	2s.
from Robert Strother apprentice of William Empyngnam –	2s.
from Nicholas Carre apprentice of Richard Tasburgh –	2s.
from Richard Coke	} apprentices of John Eastmond –
from William Street	
from James Cromwell apprentice of John Bawde –	2s.
from Laurence Sikerpris	} apprentices of William Brigge –
from Thomas Scowrore	
from Gilbert Capeleyne apprentice of William Prentice –	2s.
from John Rankyn	} apprentices of Robert Strode –
from John Baynard	
from Ralph Cheveney apprentice of Thomas Ashby –	2s.
from Robert Queenborough	} apprentices of Matthew Foucher –
from Roger Blenkinsop	
from William Gyffard apprentice of William Dawtre –	2s.
from John Borgh apprentice of John Somery –	2s.
from Roger Roos apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from Robert Cogsale	} apprentices of Thomas Osbarne –
from William Bridlington	
from William Haliwell apprentice of Thomas Turnour –	2s.
from Robert Rookwood	} apprentices of Thomas Chalton –
from William Widowson	
from John Locke apprentice of John Michel –	2s.
from John Walton apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from Alan Martyn apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.
from John Kemp apprentice of John Gerard –	2s.
from Constantine Willowby	} apprentices of William Meldreth –
from Richard Penystone	
from William Aylmere	
from John Forde apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from William Luffe apprentice of Roger Gerebray –	2s.
from John Penystone	} apprentices of Henry Frowyk –
from William Lightholders	
from John Allard	} apprentices of William Thornhill –
from John Denton	
from William Tankersley	
Total – £4 14s.	

Received from an old debt:

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Item, received from William Orient, porter, for an old debt for the rent¹⁸⁹ of his house during the period when Henry Frowyk, Thomas Wandesford, Martin Kelom, and John Chirche were wardens of the mercers' mistery, and for which they handed over pledges to us – 8s.

¹⁸⁹ The word used is 'ferme' (= 'farm') which is most often used to refer to a fixed yearly amount payable as rent etc.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez rentes apertenant a le mistere del mercerye, amoute – xlii li. x s.

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert per l'acompte devant –
CCI li. xvi s. x d.

Discharge

Salaries et liverés:

En primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé a Sire Richard Wayneman, chapeleyne del mistere, pur une an entier darrein passé devant cest acompt – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a dit Sire Richard pur sone liveré – xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a Sire Roger Blendone, dit Guppers Prest – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a dit Sire Roger pur sone liveré – xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a Robert Collewelle, bedele de dit mistere, pur sone salarie pur un an entiere, chescun semaigne xviii d. qe amonte – iii li. xviii s. Item, a dit Robert pur sone liveré – xiii s. iiiii d. – *Summa* – xix li. iiiii s. viii d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur divers paiey pur almoigne, c'est assavoyr: en prim[e]z,³⁰⁰ a Thomas Sacheford pur un an entier, le semaigne xviii d. – iii li. xviii s. Item, a Johan Elyse pur un an entier, le semaigne iis. – *summa* – v li. iiiii s. Item, a Laurens Lynne pur un an entier, le semaigne xiii d. – *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Robert Kempe pur un an entier, le semaigne xiii d. *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Hughe Clerk pur un an entier, le semaigne xiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Piers Belgrave pur un an entier, le semaigne xiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. – *summa* – xxi li. iiiii s. viii d.

Quit Rentees:

Item, ils demandent allowance de quite rentes per eux paiey, c'est assavoyr: a Sire Johan Hore, chanone de Cristchirche, pur un an entier, per un aquitance – xix s. Item, a Gefferey Brydde, renter de Westmistre, pur iii quarter, c'est assavoyr pur le feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane iiiie et le feste de Seint Michelle l'an v^e et le feste de Nowelle l'an v^e, per iii aquitances, *summa* – xv s. Item, a Margerie Stokes, prioeresse de Seint Eleins, pur un an entier, c'est assavoyr pur l'ane iiiie devant le fest de Seint Johan Baptist, per une aquitance, *summa* – xviii s. – *summa* – lii s.

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Unqore quit rentes:

Item, païé a Geffery Shrigley, renter de Seint Gyles extra, pur un an entier per une aquitance, c'est assavoyr pur l'an iiiie devant le feste de Seint Johan Baptist, *summa* – vi s. viii d. Item, païé a Adam Levelord, renter de Seint Mare Overay, pur un an entier, c'est assavoyr devant le feste de Nowelle l'an v^e, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d. – *summa* – xx s.

300 MS: *primtz*.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies belonging to the mercers' mistery, which amount to – £42 10s.

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the account above –
£250 16s. 10d.

Disbursements**Salaries and livery clothing:**

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Wayneman, chaplain of the mistery, for a whole year up to the date of this account – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to the said Sir Richard for his livery clothing – 13s. 4d. Item, to Sir Roger Blendon, called Guppey's Priest – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to the said Sir Roger for his livery clothing – 13s. 4d. Item, to Robert Colwell, beadle of the said mistery, for his salary for a whole year, at 18d. per week which amounts to – £3 18s. Item, to the said Robert for his livery clothing – 13s. 4d. Total – £19 4s. 8d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for various amounts paid in alms, i.e. firstly to Thomas Sedgford for a whole year at 18d. per week – £3 18s. Item, to John Elys for a whole year at 2s. per week – total – £5 4s. Item, to Laurence Lynne for a whole year at 14d. per week – total – £3 8d. Item, to Robert Kemp for a whole year at 14d. per week – total – £3 8d. Item, to Hugh Clerk for a whole year at 14d. per week – total – £3 8d. Item, to Piers Belgrave for a whole year at 14d. per week – total – £3 8d.

– total – £21 4s. 8d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for quit-rents paid by them, i.e. to Sir John Hore, canon of Christchurch, for a whole year by an acquittance – 19s. Item, to Geoffrey Bryd, renter of Westminster, for three quarters of the year, i.e. for the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 4 [Henry VI] and Michaelmas of the year 5 [Henry VI] and Christmas of the year 5 [Henry VI], by 3 acquittances, total – 15s. Item, to Margery Stokes, prioress of St Helen's, for a whole year, i.e. for the year 4 [Henry VI] up to the feastday of St John the Baptist, by an acquittance, total – 18s.

– total – 52s.

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Further quit-rents:

Item, paid to Geoffrey Shirley, renter of St Giles in the Fields, for a whole year by an acquittance, i.e. for the year 4 [Henry VI] up to the feastday of St John the Baptist, total – 6s. 8d. Item, paid to Adam Lovelord, renter of St Mary Overy, for a whole year, i.e. up to Christmas of the year 5 [Henry VI], total – 13s. 4d.

– total – 20s.

Foren Expences:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur foreyn exspencez per eux païés, c'est assavoyr: En *primes*, pur bothire pur le obite du Roy Henry le v^{te} a Westmistre en alant et revenant, *summa* – xiiii d. Item, pur ii boxes pur mittere *lettres* ou autres chosez, *summa* – i d. ob. Item, une peire cruettes de pewter – iiiii d. Item, pur bromes et une pot pur ewe – i d. Item, pur laver lez awbes et amytes, *summa* – viii d. Item, païé a Herry Gowe, wexchandeler,³⁰¹ pur cere pur le chapelle, le veil cere abaté, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d. Item, a William Piryman pur escrivere une lettre a le compaignie per dela, *summa* – viii d. Item, païé a Sire Richard Wayneman pur j doss' seintures pur aubes, *summa* – v d.

– *summa* – vi s. ix d. ob.

Reparacions et voydance:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur divers reparacions fait per Robert Colwelle, coilour dez rentes de le dit mistere, per acompt mostré en une petit paper plus pleinement escript, *summa* – xxi li. viii s. i d. Item, ils ont allowé Johan Astelle, nostre tenant a le Pye, a cause qe une chevalle fuist blessé et naufré en une stable per divers tiles cheiés sur luy pur faute de reparacion, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d. Item, ils demandent allowance de certeinz voidance de ii tenantes, per acompt fait ovesqe Robert le coilour de le rent avaunt dit, per tout l'ane, *summa* – vi s. iiiii d. Item, ils demandent allowance pur le salaré du dit Robert pur coiler le rente, *summa* – xl s. Item, ils demandent allowance pur petit exspences faitz per dit Robert sur lez tenantes a divers foitz, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

– *Summa* – xxiiii li. xiii d.

Dette:

Item, ils demandent allowance pur dette deliveré a eux per lez gardeins del dit mistere estant en l'an devant q'ils pernoient le charge, c'est assavoyr de Johan Gase, une de nostre tenantes a le Pye, le quele ils ne purront recoverere a cause qe le dit Gase, come il dit, ad païé pur divers reparaciones de le mesone per comandement de Thomas Austyn, pur lors coilour de lez rentes pur dit mistere, *summa* – v li. *Summa*

– *Summa* – v li.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amounte – lxxiii li. ix s. ii d. ob.

Rest due al mistere en argent sek – Clxxvii li. vii s. vii d. ob.

301 Henry Gowe was Master of the Wax Chandlers in 1421; see Dummelow, *Wax Chandlers*, p. 14.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure paid out by them, i.e. Firstly, for the hiring of a boat for King Henry V's obit at Westminster, for the journey there and back, total – 14d. Item, for 2 boxes for putting letters and other things in, total – 1½d. Item, a pair of pewter cruets – 4d. Item, for brooms and a water-pot – 1d. Item, for the washing of albs and amices, total 8d. Item, paid to Harry Gowe, wax-chandler, for wax for the chapel, with deduction of the old wax,¹⁹⁰ total – 3s. 4d. Item, to William Piryman for writing a letter to the company overseas,¹⁹¹ total – 8d. Item, paid to Sir Richard Wayneman for a dozen girdles for albs, total – 5d.
– total – 6s. 9½d.

Repairs and vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Colwell, rent-collector of the mistery, as per an account presented in a small paper document where all is set out more fully – total – £21 8s. 1d. Item, they allowed to John Astelle, our tenant in the Pye, because a horse was hurt and injured in a stable by some tiles falling on him due to repairs not having been properly done, total – 3s. 4d. Item they ask for allowance for certain vacancies for 2 tenements, as per an account rendered by Robert, the aforesaid rent-collector, for the whole year, total – 6s. 4d. Item, they ask for allowance for the said Robert's salary for collecting the rent, total – 40s. Item, they ask for allowance for the petty expenses incurred by the said Robert on the tenants at various times, total – 3s. 4d.
– total – £24 13d.

Debt:

Item, they ask for allowance for a debt handed on to them by the wardens of the said mistery for the year before they took up office,¹⁹² i.e. of John Gase, one of our tenants in the Pye, which they will not be able¹⁹³ to recover because the said Gase, as he says, had paid for various repairs to the house on the orders of Thomas Austyn, then rent-collector of the said mistery, total – £5 – total
– total – £5

Sum total of their disbursements amounts to – £73 9s. 2½d.

Balance due to the mistery in ready money – £177 7s. 7½d.

190 The wax-chandler would take away the old wax left over of candles, for re-use, and give a certain allowance for this against the cost of the new wax candles.

191 Those members of the Mercers' who were in the Netherlands, the company which later became known as the Merchant Adventurers.

192 The text refers to them 'taking [up] the "charge"', which can refer both to the office they hold but here with specific reference to the financial charge or responsibility which they took on.

193 The form of the verb, and the decision as to how to expand it, could equally see this as a past tense: 'they were not able'.

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f. 93v³⁰² Le eleccion de les nouvelles gardeyns:
Et fait assavoyr qe a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptist, lez suisdit William Melreth, Johan Olney, William Cawndishe, et Thomas Chaltone a une souper tenue en l'ostelle del dit William Melreth choysèrent gardeyns pur l'an avenyr, c'est assavoyr: William Melreth eslit Johan Whatele, Johan Olney eslit Robert Large, William Cawndishe eslit Thomas Bataile, et Thomas Chaltone eslit Johan Pydmylle, as queux ils ount delyvré l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour mayns, vidz. – Clxxii li. vii s. vii d. ob.

Reest al mistere ové le dette de Thomas Gaase, vidz. v li. comprys deyns le acompte avaunt escripte – Clxxvii li. vii s. vii d. ob.

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f. 94r C'est la compte de Johan Whatley, Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, et Johan Pidmylle, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane vi^{me} del reigne le Roy Henry vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'ane proscheine devaunt passé, en quel ils estoient gardeins de le mistere del mercerie, come piert après.

Charge

Argent seek:

En prim[e]z,³⁰³ ils soy chargent de une *summa* delevy a eux per les gardeins del an passé, c'est assavoyr – Clxxii li. vii s. viii d. ob.³⁰⁴

Item, les ditz gardeins del ane devaunt nos chargera de lever de Thomas Gase pur dette qe il devoit pur lowage de sone ostelle, *summa* – v li.

Sir William Cheyne ³⁰⁵ , Chief Justice	} franks de nostre mistiere saunz fyne
Johan Hale, ³⁰⁶ Justice	

Compaignons de lour premer ane:

Johan Seymor –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Wollesley –	vi s. viii d.
Roger Gerebray –	vi s. viii d.
Matheu Foucher –	vi s. viii d.
Walter Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Foliot –	vi s. viii d.
William Fleete –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Storgeone –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Southam –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Tykylle –	vi s. viii d.

302 This page and its facing partner have (as is usual) the names of all four wardens at the top, after the year-date, and the ascenders in each word are made into a leaf-shape, all of them the same and seeming to be lined up in formation. These leaves have appeared on previous pages of this scribe but not with such uniformity until here. His next open-page spreads also use this very distinctive decoration.

303 MS: *primtz*.

304 The sum given here is indeed a penny more than that given at the end of the last account.

305 William Cheyne was Chief Justice of the King's Bench for 15 years from 21 January 1424. See Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 301–2; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 164.

306 John Hale or Hals was a judge of both the Common Pleas and the King's Bench; see Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 321–2; Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 324.

The election of the new wardens:

1427

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist, the aforesaid William Meldreth, John Olney, William Cavendish, and Thomas Chalton, at a supper held in the said William Meldreth's house, chose wardens for the following year, i.e. William Meldreth elected John Whateley, John Olney elected Robert Large, William Cavendish elected Thomas Bataille, and Thomas Chalton elected John Pidmylle, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £172 7s. 7½d.

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There remains to the mistery with the debt of Thomas Gase, i.e. £5, included in the above account – £177 7s. 7½d.

This is the account of John Whateley, Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, and John Pidmylle, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 6 Henry VI [24 June 1428], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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f. 94r

Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £172 7s. 8½d.

Item, the said last year's wardens have charged us with recovering from Thomas Gase for the debt he owes for rent of his house, total – £5

Sir William Cheyne, Chief Justice
John Hale, judge

} free of our mistery without any fee

Companions for their first year:

John Seymour –	6s. 8d.
Robert Wolsley –	6s. 8d.
Roger Gerebray –	6s. 8d.
Matthew Foucher –	6s. 8d.
Walter Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
Richard Foliot –	6s. 8d.
William Fleet –	6s. 8d.
John Sturgeon –	6s. 8d.
Robert Southam –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.

Johan Burtone – vi s. viii d.
 Hewe Wyche – vi s. viii d.
 – iiii li.

Pur sone seconde ane:

William Rikelle – vi s. viii d.

Compaignons de lour tierce ane:

Symkyn Launde – vi s. viii d.
 Gefferey Feldyng – vi s. viii d.
 William Thornhille – vi s. viii d.
 William Towland – vi s. viii d.
 Johan Strangwische – vi s. viii d.
 Johan Falwes – vi s. viii d.
 Thomas Dountone – vi s. viii d.
 Johan Aleyn – vi s. viii d.
 – liii s. iiii d.

Fyne:

Nicholas Frebarn, *pur* ceo *qe* fuit dissobessaunt a lez meistres del mercerye *et* a le companie *pur* trop tarde *et* *pur* mal grevaunce a Johan Halȝat – xl s.

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Fynez:

Alis Bridenelle,³⁰⁷ the doughter of Thomas Picot, þe sone of John Picot, the sone of Nicholas Picot, sumtyme mercer of London, for a fyn to make here free – xx s.

Piers Kempe for his prentyshod for a fyne withinne his prentishood to be maad freman – v li.

Of the whiche he paied in hande – xl s.

And of the iiii li. þat is behynde to paie at Cr[i]stemasse next comynge – xxs. And at the feste of Cristemasse next afftur – xx s. And at the feste of Cristemasse next afftur þat – xx s.

Richard Lovelas for ridyng in to Henawde at Whitsonemart – vi s. viii d.

John Emonde for byyng of busk cloth aȝens the ordenaunce – vi s. viii d.

Austyn Stratton for byyng of spenalle at Andwerp – vi s. viii d.

Robert Holm for byyng of vi^{xx} pece cloth for Picot and for byyng of vi rolle of busk cloth – xxvi s. viii d.

John Berby for brekyng of the ordenaunce over the see, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Hewe Wych paied also for brekyng of the ordenaunce and for rydyng out in dyvers places – xx s.

John Brigge for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – xx s.

John Clerk for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

³⁰⁷ She is the only woman listed as being admitted to the freedom of the company in this account book. (Alice Corsmaker was admitted to the silkwomen's craft in 1420–21, but not it seems to the Mercery.)

John Burton – 6s. 8d.
 Hugh Wyche – 6s. 8d.
 – £4

For his second year:

William Rikelle – 6s. 8d.

Companions for their third year:

Simon Launde – 6s. 8d.
 Geoffrey Fielding – 6s. 8d.
 William Thornhill – 6s. 8d.
 William Townland – 6s. 8d.
 John Strangeways – 6s. 8d.
 John Falows – 6s. 8d.
 Thomas Dounton – 6s. 8d.
 John Aleyn – 6s. 8d.
 – 53s. 4d.

Fine:

Nicholas Frebarn, because he was disobedient to the wardens of the mercers' mistery and to the company in lateness and for causing serious grievance to John Algate – 40s.

Fees:

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Alice Bridenelle, the daughter of Thomas Picot, the son of John Picot, the son of Nicholas Picot, sometime mercer of London, for a fee to make her free – 20s.

Piers Kemp, for his apprenticeship, for a fee to be made a freeman while still an apprentice – £5

Of the which he paid straightaway – 40s.

And of the £3 left over, he is to pay next Christmas – 20s. And at the following feast of Christmas – 20s. And at the next following feast of Christmas – 20s.

Richard Lovelace for riding into Hainault for the Whitsun Mart¹⁹⁴ – 6s. 8d.

John Edmond for buying busk cloth¹⁹⁵ in contravention of the ordinance – 6s. 8d.

Austin Stratton for buying spinal¹⁹⁶ at Antwerp – 6s. 8d.

Robert Holm for buying 120 lengths of cloth for Picot and for buying 6 rolls of busk cloth – 26s. 8d.

John Barby for infringement of the ordinance overseas, total – 6s. 8d.

Hugh Wyche also paid for infringement of the ordinance and for riding out to various places¹⁹⁷ – 20s.

John Brigge for infringement of the ordinance – total – 20s.

John Clerk for infringement of the ordinance, total – 6s. 8d.

194 On this and the following fines, and on the general background to trade problems with the Netherlands, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 156–60 (p. 158).

195 This was a type of linen cloth.

196 'Spinal' was a word used for thread or yarn of various kinds, and also for a kind of textile fabric; see *OED*.

197 Presumably, to markets.

Richard Foliot for bying of spenalle at Andwerp, *summa* – vi s. viii d.
 Herry Gegge for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – xx s.
 John Derham for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Thomas Cromwelle for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – x s.
 John Falows for brekyng of the ordenaunce, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

William Gegge for spekyng at Seint Thomas at oure court holdyng and not kept
 silence when we knocked oure malet aftur oure ordenaunce – i d.³⁰⁸

Watkyn Neuent, squier in the shire of Gloucetre, made freman be the assent of
 alle oure company þe ix day of Juny l'ane vi^{me} making a fyne – liii s. iiiii d.

Hewe Dyke pur un fyne pur sone entré en le leveré, *summa* – iii li. vi s. viii d.

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Unqore Fynez:

John Halyat kept William Cullyng his prentys iii zeer and more rolled & bounde,
 and cam afore us and complained upon his prentys and seid that he was stoborn
 and wold not be governed be hym, and we axed how longe he had be with hym
 and he seid a xvi wekes forsothe, and afermed hit with an othe, and þenne we
 sent for the prentys and charged hym þat he schuld be wel ruled and governed
 after the oth of oure book ordeined for prentys, upon whiche we axed hym how
 longe he had be with his maister and he seid þat he hadde be bounden to his
 maister iii zeer afore þat tyme and rolled ii zeer and more, and for he was fawty
 in his othe we made hym to make a fyne of – iii s. iiiii d.³⁰⁹

John Somerey for a fyne for not rydyng and axed no leve with þe shereve Henry
 Frowyk, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

John Wasshebourne for a fyn with axyng leve, *summa* – xx d.
 Richard Brook for a fyn, *summa* – xx d.
 John Gerard for a fyn, *summa* – xii d.
 – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Richard Coventre for a fyn not rydyng with
 þe Meyr John Gedney, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.
 John Wasshebourne for a fyn not rydyng
 þe same tyme, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

³¹⁰William Thornhille for a fyn comyng late at John Lane
 dirige, *summa* – xii d.
 Thomas Middilmor for a fyn as above said, *summa* – xii d.

³⁰⁸ For this ordinance, see ff. A2v–A3r (1376), repeated in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 6v.

³⁰⁹ The wardens also clearly noted that William Cullyng had not been properly presented to them or their predecessors for admission, and this was then rectified, see below f. 96r.

³¹⁰ In the margin, a hand with pointing finger aims attention at this line and that of John Boston's fine below.

Richard Foliot for buying spinal at Antwerp, total – 6s. 8d.
 Harry Gedge for infringement of the ordinance, total – 20s.
 John Derham for infringement of the ordinance, total – 13s. 4d.
 Thomas Cromwell for infringement of the ordinance, total – 10s.
 John Falows for infringement of the ordinance, total – 13s. 4d.

William Gedge for speaking at St Thomas's when we held our court there, and for not keeping silent when we banged our mallet in accordance with our ordinance – 1d.

Watkyn Newent, squire of Gloucestershire, made a freeman by agreement of all our company on 9 June of the year 6 [Henry VI] [1428], paying a fee of – 53s. 4d.

Hugh Dyke¹⁹⁸ as a fee for his admission to the livery, total – £3 6s. 8d.

Further fines:

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John Algate kept William Cullyng as his enrolled and bound apprentice for three years and more, and he came to us and complained about his apprentice and said that he was stubborn and would not be ruled by him, and we asked how long he had been with him and he said for about 16 weeks, forsooth, and he affirmed this with an oath, and then we sent for the apprentice and enjoined him to accept to be ruled and governed according to the oath in our book laid down for apprentices, and then we asked him how long he had been with his master and he said that he had been bound to his master three years ago and enrolled more than two years ago, and since he had offended against his oath we set him to pay a fine of – 3s. 4d.

John Somery for a fine for not riding in the procession with the sheriff Henry Frowyk and not having asked leave – total – 3s. 4d.¹⁹⁹

John Washbourne for a fine, having asked leave, total – 20d.
 Richard Brook for a fine, total – 20d.
 John Gerard for a fine, total – 12d.
 – 4s. 4d.

Richard Coventry for a fine for not riding in the
 procession with the Mayor John Gedney, total – 3s. 4d.
 John Washbourne for a fine for not riding in procession
 on that same occasion, total – 3s. 4d.

William Thornhill for a fine for arriving late at John Lane's
 funeral service,²⁰⁰ total – 12d.
 Thomas Middlemore for a fine as above, total – 12d.

¹⁹⁸ A biography of him may be found in Stratford, *Bedford Inventories*, pp. 409–10.

¹⁹⁹ He was lucky to be fined only this amount, for the *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 1v–2r, sets the penalty for not riding at the presentations of the Mayor and sheriffs at 3s. 4d., but if the Mayor and/or a sheriff is of the same 'felasshippe', then the fine is set at 6s. 8d.

²⁰⁰ The word used is 'dirige' = dirge: 'In the Latin rite: The first word of the antiphon at Matins in the Office of the Dead, used as a name for that service' (*OED*).

Thomas Middiltone for a fyn as above said, <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
William Townesende for lakyng of his gowne at the same dirige, <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
– iii s.	
John Bostone for a fyn not comyng to þe dirige of Davy Galganat, <i>summa</i> –	iii s. iii d.
Symkyn Launde for a fyn as above said, <i>summa</i> –	iii s. iii d.
John Aleyn for lakyng [of his gowne] ³¹¹ at þe masse of Davy Galganat, <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
– vii s. viii d.	
John Pydmylle faut i chaperon al dirige de Richard Whityngton –	iiii d.
Sir Richard Waynman, chapeleyn, faut al dirige de Nicholas Bacon –	vi d.
John Bille, attourné de John Olney, pur un fyne ³¹² –	

Mercementes le xix jour d'aust l'an [du Roy Henry] vi^e quint

Mercementz:

John Bostone –	vi d.
Thomas Middiltone –	xii d.
Roger Gerebray –	xii d.
Emond Hyde –	vi d.
Thomas Tikkille –	vi d.
William Halle –	vi d.
John Abbot –	xii d.
– v s.	

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Amercementz:

William FitzRichard –	vi d.
Thomas Sibbenhām –	vi d.
Richard Coventre –	vi d.
Thomas Middilmor –	vi d.
John Falows –	vi d.
Emond Hyde –	xii d.
Thomas Sibbenhām –	vi d.
Jankyn John –	xii d.
Thomas Gylle –	vi d.

311 These words are needed for the sense, cf. the fine four lines above, and their omission is a simple scribal error.

312 No sum is given, although a line is drawn out to where it should have been filled in.

Thomas Middleton for a fine as above, total –	12d.
William Townsend for the lack of his gown ²⁰¹ at the same funeral service, total –	12d.
– 4s.	
John Boston for a fine for not coming to Davy Galganet's funeral, ²⁰² total –	3s. 4d.
Simon Launde for a fine as above, total –	3s. 4d.
John Aleyn for lacking [his gown] at the mass for Davy Galganet, total –	12d.
– 7s. 8d.	
John Pidmylle lacked a hood at Richard Whittington's obit ²⁰³ –	4d.
Sir Richard Wayneman, chaplain, for being at fault ²⁰⁴ at Nicholas Bacon's obit –	6d.
John Bille, attorney of John Olney, for a fine –	

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Fines:

John Boston –	6d.
Thomas Middleton –	12d.
Roger Gerebray –	12d.
Edmund Hyde –	6d.
Thomas Tickhill –	6d.
William Halle –	6d.
John Abbot –	12d.
– 5s.	

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William Fitzrichard –	6d.
Thomas Sibbenham –	6d.
Richard Coventry –	6d.
Thomas Middlemore –	6d.
John Falows –	6d.
Edmund Hyde –	12d.
Thomas Sibbenham –	6d.
Jankyn John –	12d.
Thomas Gille –	6d.

201 i.e. he had turned up without his livery gown. For the ordinance of 1410 concerning this, see above, f. 55v.

202 The fine set is that laid down in the 1376 ordinances, f. A2v, and one may note that the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 1v, sets a fine of only 20d.

203 The word used here and in the next line is again 'dirige', but this must here refer not to the funeral but the obit: 'ceremony or office (usually a mass) performed in commemoration of, or on behalf of the soul of, a deceased person (especially a founder or benefactor of some institution) on the anniversary or other mind-day of his death; a yearly ... memorial service' (*OED*).

204 Here, as above for John Aleyn's fine, it seems that the scribe may have telescoped the phrasing somewhat, or just simply omitted a phrase. The fine for Wayneman does not correspond to that set for the lack of a gown (8d.) or that of a hood (4d.), but it might have been either of these omissions, or perhaps late arrival?

Thomas Asshby –	xii d.
John Moredone –	xii d.
William Thornhille –	vi d.
John Moredon –	xii d.
John Chirche –	xii d.
John Somerey –	vi d.
John Goodessone –	vi d.
William Cantelowe –	vi d.
John Herstone –	xii d.
John Gerard –	xii d.
Thomas Gosse –	vi d.
William Gegge –	vi d.
Symond Launde –	xii d.
John Burtone –	vi d.
John Bawde –	xii d.
Richard Brooke –	xii d.
Robert Blenerhaysset –	xii d.
Jankyn John –	xii d.
John Olney –	vi d.
William Hales –	vi d.
Richard Riche –	vi d.
William Maltby –	xii d.
John Chirche –	vi d.
William Cantelowe –	vi d.
John Borham –	vi d.
William Maltby –	vi d.
Thomas Dountone –	vi d.
John Everard –	vi d.
William Thornhille –	vi d.
John Gerard –	xii d.
Thomas Assheby –	xii d.
Mathew Fowcher –	vi d.
Thomas Osborn –	vi d.
John Chirche –	vi d.
John Somerey –	vi d.
Richard Lovelas –	vi d.
John Aleyn –	vi d.
– xxxi s.	

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Amercementz:	
Thomas Middilmor –	vi d.
Thomas Estone –	vi d.
John Wassheborne –	vi d.
Richard Lovelace –	vi d.
Thomas Middilmor –	vi d.
Richard Tasborough –	vi d.
Roger Gerebray –	xii d.
Jankyn John –	vi d.

Thomas Ashby –	12d.
John Mordon –	12d.
William Thornhill –	6d.
John Mordon –	12d.
John Chirche –	12d.
John Somery –	6d.
John Goodson –	6d.
William Cantelowe –	6d.
John Herston –	12d.
John Gerard –	12d.
Thomas Gosse –	6d.
William Gedge –	6d.
Simon Launde –	12d.
John Burton –	6d.
John Bawde –	12d.
Richard Brooke –	12d.
Robert Blennerhasset –	12d.
Jankyn John –	12d.
John Olney –	6d.
William Hales –	6d.
Richard Riche –	6d.
William Maltby –	12d.
John Chirche –	6d.
William Cantelowe –	6d.
John Boreham –	6d.
William Maltby –	6d.
Thomas Dounton –	6d.
John Everard –	6d.
William Thornhill –	6d.
John Gerard –	12d.
Thomas Ashby –	12d.
Matthew Foucher –	6d.
Thomas Osbarne –	6d.
John Chirche –	6d.
John Somery –	6d.
Richard Lovelace –	6d.
John Aleyn –	6d.
– 31s.	

Fines:

Thomas Middlemore –	6d.
Thomas Easton –	6d.
John Washbourne –	6d.
Richard Lovelace –	6d.
Thomas Middlemore –	6d.
Richard Tasburgh –	6d.
Roger Gerebray –	12d.
Jankyn John –	6d.

John Mordone – xii d.
 John Storgeone – vi d.
 John Estmond – vi d.
 Symond Launde – vi d.
 John Gosse – vi d.
 – vii s. vi d.

Dones:

Symond Bertelot ad doné al mister per les mayns de William Trymnelle et Johan Seymor, executours de dit Symond, al *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, Herry Frowyk, vicounte, ad doné en alowaunce pur lez mynstrals al Westmynstre, *summa* – xxvi s. viii d.³¹³

Rente:

Item, ils [soy]³¹⁴ chargent de les divers levés de lez rentz del mistere pur une ane enter perentre le feste de Pask l'ane du Roy [Henry] vi^e le quint et le feste de Pask l'ane du Roy Henry le vi^e sisme, *summa* – xlii li. x s.

L'encrés de le leveré:

Item, resçux de l'encrés de nostre leveré a le feste de Pask darrein passé, *summa* – vi li. xii s. iii d. ob.

Lez entrés d'apprentices:

Thomas Rike	} apprentys de Johan Storgeone, <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
Herre Seyncler		
William Cullyng	apprentys de Johan Halyat, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
James Walsyngham	} apprentys de Richard Coventre, <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
Alysaundre Eglisfeld		
Thomas Norman	apprentis de Thomas Gosse, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Johan Dolande	apprentys de William Flete, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Johan Eglistone	apprentys de William Hardwyk –	ii s.
William Colwelle	apprentys de Thomas Estone –	ii s.
James Woletone	apprentys de Johan Bawde et Johan Michelle –	ii s.
Robert Hallum	apprentys de Johan Pidmylle –	ii s.
William Pomfret	apprentys de Thomas Bataille –	ii s.
– xxiiii s.		

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Entrez d'apprentices:

Robert Halle	} apprentys de Robert Large, <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
Randolf Streete		
Emond Lovelle	apprentys de Thomas Dountone –	ii s.
– vi s.		

313 This amount becomes a regular contribution by a Mercer sheriff towards the costs of his inauguration procession and is paid also by John Abbot (1428–29), Robert Large (1430–31), and Thomas Chalton (1433–34). However, John Olney (1432–33) paid 40s. towards these costs, as did William Hales (1437–38), and after that date and during the whole period of these accounts the sum is always 40s.

314 MS: sount.

John Mordon –	12d.
John Sturgeon –	6d.
John Eastmond –	6d.
Simon Launde –	6d.
John Gosse –	6d.
– 7s. 6d.	

Gifts:

Simon Bartelot has given to the mistery, through William Trymnelle and John Seymour, executors of the said Simon, to the total of – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, Harry Frowyk, sheriff, has given as an allowance towards the musicians [for his procession] to Westminster, total – 26s. 8d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the various collections made of the mistery's rents for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 5 Henry VI and the feast of Easter in the year 6 Henry VI, total – £42 10s.

Profit on the livery:

Item, received from the profit on last year's Easter livery, total – £6 12s. 4½d.

Admission of apprentices:

Thomas Ryke	} apprentices of John Sturgeon, total –	4s.
Harry Seyntclere		
William Cullyng apprentice of John Algate, total –		2s.
James Walsingham	} apprentices of Richard Coventry, total –	4s.
Alexander Eglisfeld		
Thomas Norman apprentice of Thomas Gosse, total –		2s.
John Downlond apprentice of William Fleet, total –		2s.
John Eglistone apprentice of William Hardwick, total –		2s.
William Colwell apprentice of Thomas Easton, total –		2s.
James Woleton apprentice of John Bawde and John Michel –		2s.
Robert Hallom apprentice of John Pidmylle –		2s.
William Pomfreyt apprentice of Thomas Bataille –		2s.
– 24s.		

Admission of apprentices:

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Robert Halle	} apprentices of Robert Large, total –	4s.
Randolf Street		
Edmund Lovell apprentice of Thomas Dounton –		2s.
– 6s.		

Issuez d'apprentices:

Olyver Snyttalle apprentys de Robert Strode, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
Johan Bille apprentys de Johan Olney, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
Johan Goodsonne apprentys de William Estfeld, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
William Tikkyllle apprentys de William Hales, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
Johan Lovet apprentys de Johan Michelle, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
Thomas Osborn le puisné apprentys de William Estfeld, <i>pur sone issu</i> –	ii s.
– xii s.	

Summa totalis de lour charge come piert per l'acompte devaunt –
ii^c lxix li. ix s. i d. ob.

Discharge

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaudent allowaunce q' ils ount païé a Sire Richard Wayneman, chapeleyn del mistier, *pur une ane entier darrein* passé devant ceste acompt, *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiii d. Item, a Sire Roger Blendone, dit Guppers Prest, *pur une ane, summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiii d. Item, a Robert Colwelle, bedille de dit mistier, *pur le dimi ane, summa* – xxxix s. Item, a Robert Treneth, bedille de dit mistier, *pur le dimi ane* – xxxiiii s. viii d. – *Summa* – xvii li. iiii d.

Almoignez:

Item, ils demandent allowaunce *pur divers paymentz pur almoigne*, c'est assavoyr: en primes a Thomas Sechesford *pur une ane entier*, le semaigne xviii d., *summa* – iii li. xviii s. Item, a Johan Elys *pur une ane entier*, le semaigne iis., *summa* – v li. iiii s. Item, a Robert Kempe *pur une ane entier*, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Laurence Lyne *pur une ane entier*, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Huchone Clerk *pur i quarter et x semaignez* a xiiii d., *summa* – xxvi s. x d. Item, a Piers Belgrave *pur une ane entier*, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Johan Holand *pur i quarter et iiii semaignez* a xiiii d. le semaigne, *summa* – xix s. x d. Item, a Laurence Hamptone *pur ii semaignez* a xviii d. le semaigne, *summa* – iii s.

Summa totalis – xx li. xiii s. viii d.

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Quit Rentes:

Item, ils demandent allowaunce *pur divers quite rentes per eux paiez*, c'est assavoyr: a dame Margret Stokes, prioress de Seint Eleyne, *pur un ane entier*, c'est assavoyr *pur l'ane quinte* devaunt le fest de Seint Johan Baptist, *per une aquitaunce, summa* – xviii s. Item, païé a Gefferey Bridde, renter de Westmenstre, *pur i ane entier*, c'est assavoyr *pur le feste de Pask et de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane quinte* et le feste de Seint Michelle et Nowelle l'an vi^e, *per iiii aquitauncez, summa* – xx s. Item, a Sire Johan Hoore, chanoun de Cricherche, *pur quitrente pur i ane entier per i aquitaunce, summa* – xix s. Item, a Geffery Shirley, renter de Seint Gyles extra, *pur quitrent pur i ane entier per i aquitaunce, summa* – vi s. viii d. Item, païé a Adam Lovelord, renter de Seint Marie Awerey, *pur i an entier per i aquitaunce, summa* – xiii s. iiii d. Item, païé a dame Elisabeth Arundelle, priorase de Haliwelle, *pur ii anes entieres* passé l'ane Henry vi^e sisme al feste de Nowelle *per i aquitaunce* – xxvi s. viii d.

– v. li. iii s. viii d.

Issues of apprentices:

Oliver Snyder apprentice of Robert Strode, for his issue –	2s.
John Bille apprentice of John Olney, for his issue –	2s.
John Goodson apprentice of William Eastfield, for his issue –	2s.
William Tickhill apprentice of William Hales, for his issue –	2s.
John Lovet apprentice of John Michel, for his issue –	2s.
Thomas Osborn the younger, apprentice of William Eastfield, for his issue –	2s.
– 12s.	

Sum total of their receipts as appears by the account above –
£269 9s. 1½d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Wayneman, chaplain of the mistery, for a whole year up to the date of this account, total – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to Sir Roger Blendon, called Guppey's Priest, for a year, total – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to Robert Colwell, beadle of the said mistery, for half a year, total – 39s. Item, to Robert Trennerth, beadle of the said mistery, for half a year – 34s. 8d. – Total – £17 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for various alms payments, i.e. firstly to Thomas Sedgford for a whole year at 18d. per week, total – £3 18s. Item, to John Elys for a whole year at 2s. per week, total – £5 4s. Item, to Robert Kemp for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Laurence Lynne for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Hugh Clerk for one quarter and 10 weeks at 14d., total – 26s. 10d. Item, to Piers Belgrave for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to John Holland for one quarter and 4 weeks at 14d. per week, total – 19s. 10d. Item, to Laurence Hampton for 2 weeks at 18d. per week, total – 3s.

Sum total – £20 13s. 8d.

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Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid by them, i.e. to Dame Margaret Stokes, Prioress of St Helen's, for a whole year, i.e. for the year 5 [Henry VI] up to the feast of St John the Baptist, by an acquittance, total – 18s. Item, paid to Geoffrey Bryd, renter of Westminster, for a whole year, i.e. for the feasts of Easter and St John the Baptist in 5 Henry VI and the feasts of Michaelmas and Christmas in 6 Henry VI, by 4 acquittances, total – 20s. Item, to Sir John Hore, canon of Christchurch, for quit-rent for a whole year, by 1 acquittance, total – 19s. Item, to Geoffrey Shirley, renter of St Giles in the Fields, for quit-rent for a whole year, by 1 acquittance, total – 6s. 8d. Item, paid to Adam Lovelord, renter of St Mary Overy, for a whole year, by 1 acquittance, total – 13s. 4d. Item, paid to Dame Elizabeth Arundel, Prioress of Haliwell, for 2 whole years up to Christmas in the year 6 Henry VI, by 1 acquittance – 26s. 8d.

– £5 3s. 8d.

Foreyn Expencez:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce pur foreyn expences per eux paieez, c'est assavoyr: pur viii clarioners et trompettes pur Henry Frowyk, vicounte de Loundres, chescun trompette vi s. viii d., *summa* – liii s. iiiii d. Item, pur viii chaperons et costages del mesmes clarioners, *summa* – xix s. iiiii d. Item, pur bataillage ovesqe le Meyr pur le obit de Roy Herry le V^e a Westmynstre, *summa* – iiiii s. iiiii d. Item, paié pur i copy de presentacion a le colage de Richard Whityngton,³¹⁵ *summa* – ii d. ob. Item, paié a Sire Richard Wayneman, chapeleyn, pur i matte et amend de une coffre en nostre chapelle, *summa* – viii d. Item, a William Pyryman pur escrivere lé nouvelles ordenauncez fait per tout la compaignye,³¹⁶ *summa* – viii d. Item, pur escriv[er]e d'une rolle de lez nouns de tout la compaignie, *summa* – viii d. Item, pur escriv[er]e de nostre acompte en nostre grant lyvere, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis – iiiii li. ii s. vi d. ob.

Reparacions et voydauncz:

Item, ils demandent alowaunce pur divercez reparacions faitz per Robert Colwelle, coilour dez rentez de dit mistier, pur i quarter, *summa* – v s. viii d. Item, ils demandent alowaunce pur divers reparacions faitz per William Pyryman, com piert per i bille, *summa* – viii s. vii d. Item, ils demaundent alowaunce de un tenaunt³¹⁷ voide a le Pye, *summa* – iiiii s. ii d.³¹⁸ Item, ils demaundent alowaunce de un tenaunt voide al Crowne en Chepe, *summa* – ii s. i d. Item, ils demandent allowance de certains tenantz de le Pye et de le Crowne en Chepe puis le feste de Saint Johan Baptist l'ane quint tanqe al feste de Paske proschein l'ane vi^{me}, com piert per i bille, c'est assavoir a le Pye et a le Crowne amounte, *summa* – xv s. ix d. ob. Item, ils demaundent alowaunce pur salary de dit Robert, coilour del rente, pur i quarter del ane, *summa* – x s. Item, ils demandent allowance de petit expences faitz per dit Robert sur lez tenantz, *summa* – x d. Item, ils demandent alowaunce pur salary de William Pyryman, coilour del rente, pur iii quarters del ane, *summa* – xxx s. Item, ils demaundent allowance de petit expences faitz per dit William sur lez tenantz, *summa* – ii s. vi d.

Summa totalis – iii li. xix s. vii d. ob.

315 This is presumably a copy of the 1424 agreement between the executors of Whittington's will, the wardens of the Mercers, and the Prior and Chapter of Christchurch, Canterbury. See Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 36–7: 'The right of presentation to [the church of St Michael Paternoster] had previously belonged to the Prior and Chapter but the ordinances of the new College laid down that the Master of the College was to be rector of the church, the Master being elected by the chapter of the College and then presented by the Wardens of the Mercers' Company to the Prior and Chapter of Christchurch.'

316 It is unclear to what this entry refers. Folio 88v above, at the end of the account for 1424–25, has been left blank for some ordinances to be written in, and this payment may be linked to that, the ordinances in the end being written elsewhere.

317 This is correct Middle English although not Anglo-Norman, as the word 'tenaunt' can be used not just for a tenant but also for 'a land-holding'. See *MED*.

318 Either an attempt has been made to erase this figure or else it has been written over a previous erasure and is somewhat unclear.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure paid out by them, i.e. for 8 clarioners and trumpeters for [the procession of] Henry Frowyk, sheriff of London, for each trumpeter 6s. 8d., total – 53s. 4d. Item, for 8 hoods with costs for the same clarioners,²⁰⁵ total – 19s. 4d. Item, for transport by boat with the Mayor for the obit of King Henry V at Westminster, total – 4s. 4d. Item, paid for a copy of the document concerning presentation at Richard Whittington's college, total – 2½d. Item, paid to Sir Richard Wayneman, chaplain, for 1 mat and the mending of a chest in our chapel, total – 8d. Item, to William Piryman for writing out the new ordinances established by the whole company, total – 8d. Item, for the writing of a roll with the names of all who belong to the company, total – 8d. Item, for writing up our account in our large record-book, total – 3s. 4d.

Sum total – £4 2s. 6½d.

Repairs and vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Colwell, rent-collector of the said mistery, for one quarter, total – 5s. 8d. Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by William Piryman, as appears by a document, total – 8s. 7d. Item, they ask for allowance for one tenement vacant in the Pye, total – 4s. 2d. Item, they ask for allowance for one tenement vacant in the Crown in Cheap, total – 2s. 1d. Item, they ask for allowance for certain tenements in the Pye and in the Crown in Cheap from the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 5 [Henry VI] up until the next Easter in the year 6 [Henry VI] [1428], as appears by a document, i.e. at the Pye and the Crown it amounts to, total – 15s. 9½d. Item, they ask for allowance for the salary of the said Robert, rent-collector, for one quarter of the year, total – 10s. Item, they ask for allowance for the petty expenses incurred by the said Robert on the tenants, total – 10d. Item, they ask for allowance for the salary of William Piryman, rent-collector, for three quarters of the year, total – 30s. Item, they ask for allowance for the petty expenses incurred by the said William on the tenants, total – 2s. 6d.

Sum total – £3 19s. 7½d.

205 As will be seen in the text, the distinction between clarions and trumpets and those who played them is unclear, Jeremy Montagu and Maurice Byrne, leading authorities on musical instruments of this period, bear this out and have both written on this subject, saying that although there were definite differences, their exact nature is uncertain to us nowadays. The Goldsmiths' medieval accounts refer to a difference in weight, trumpets being heavier (see Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, p. 236), and to a differing number of sections of which they were composed (p. 390). Carter, *Middle English Musical Terms*, pp. 80–82., cites one reference implying that clarions were folded trumpets, but the matter remains doubtful; see Byrne, 'Goldsmith-Trumpet-Makers'; and Byrne, 'Instruments for the Goldsmiths' Company'; Montagu, 'Musical Instruments', p. 192; and Montagu, 'Medieval Woodwind Instruments'.

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Done:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur* un hoppelande *et* chaperon de Johan Carpenter,³¹⁹ *summa* – xxx s. Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur* un chaperon de Sire Johan Neelle, meistre de Seint Thomas d’Acres,³²⁰ *summa* – x s. viii d. Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur* un chaperon a Johan Fray, Barone de le Cheker, *summa* – viii s. iiii d. Item, ils demaundent alowaunce de ii justices *et* autres notables gentz a nostre maungerie, *summa* – xl s.

– iiii li. ix s.

Dettes:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce d’argent prest *per* tout la compaignye *pur* costes de dyvers lettres a le duke de Burgoyne *et* a le Staple de Caley s *et* a nostres compaignouns outre le miere, *summa* – iii li. *Pur* lever le dit *summa* de lez bienz unquore venuz

summa – iii li.

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur* dette deliveré a eux *per* lez gardeins del dit mister esteaunt en l’an devant q’ils pernoient le charge, c’est assavoyr de Johan Gase, une de nostre tenantz a le Pye, le quele ils ne purrout recoverer a cause qe le dit Gase come il dit ad païé *pur* divers reparacions de le mesone *per* comaundement de Thomas Austyn, *pur* lours coilour de lez rentes *pur* dit mistier,

summa – v li.

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur* dette de Piers Kempe, qe est escript devant en nostre charge, *summa* – iii li. C’est assavoyr *pur* paier a Nowelle proschein – xx s. Item, a Nowelle après – xx s. Item, a Nowelle après ceo, *summa* – xx s.

Summa – iii li.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amont net come piert –
lxvi li. viii s. x d.

Rest *net* en argent seek duwe al mistier, amont – ii^c iii li. iii d. ob.

319 Common Clerk of London, chief executor of Richard Whittington’s will, author/compiler of the *Liber Albus*, the introduction to the edition of which provides biographical information, as does Brewer, *Memoir of the Life and Times of John Carpenter*.

320 He was Master of St Thomas of Acon for many years and died in 1463. See Watney, *Some Account*, pp. 39, 41–3, 2nd edn, p. 45. See also the frequent mentions of him in e.g. *CPMR* 1437–57.

Gift:

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Item, they ask for allowance for a houppelande²⁰⁶ and a hood for John Carpenter, total – 30s. Item, they ask for allowance for a hood for Sir John Neel, Master of St Thomas of Acon, total – 10s. 8d. Item, they ask for allowance for a hood for John Fray, Baron of the Exchequer, total – 8s. 4d. Item, they ask for allowance for 2 judges and other notabilities at our feast, total – 40s.

£4 9s.

Debts:

Item, they ask for allowance for money advanced by the whole company for the costs of various letters to the Duke of Burgundy²⁰⁷ and to the Staple in Calais and to our overseas companions, total – £3. The said sum to be raised from goods yet to arrive²⁰⁸

total – £3

Item, they ask for allowance for a debt handed on to them by the wardens of the mistery for the year before they took up office, i.e. that of John Gase, one of our tenants in the Pye, which they were unable to recover since the said Gase, as he says, had paid for various repairs to the house on the orders of Thomas Austyn, then rent-collector of the mistery –

total – £5

Item, they ask for allowance for the debt of Piers Kemp, which is written above in our receipts section, total – £3, i.e. to be paid next Christmas – 20s. Item, at the following Christmas – 20s. Item, at the next Christmas following that, total – 20s.

total – £3

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to –
£66 8s. 10d.

Net balance in ready money due to the mistery amounts to – £203 3½d.

206 The OED lists HOUPPELAND: 'A tunic with a long skirt'. A better definition of the *houppelande* is given by Evans, *Dress in Medieval France*: 'This was an upper garment of coat-like form, but was a house-coat of rich material to supplement the *pourpoint*. It was buttoned to the waist and opened in front to show the *pourpoint*. It had wide sleeves, sometimes of a pointed form, and a high fitted collar. The *grande houppelande* reached to the feet ..., the *petite houppelande* only to the thighs Both were often embroidered' (p. 34). Plates in this book illustrate the garment well. See also Fairholt, *Costume in England*, II, p. 257: HOUPPELAND.

207 Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy 1419–67.

208 The text uses a past participle 'venuz', but this scribe's use of French is far from perfect and a future sense must be intended. The money is indeed listed as repaid to the company the following year, see below, f. 98v. Rather than considering 'venuz' as an error, one could supply a negative 'nun': 'nun unquore venuz' = not yet arrived.

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f. 98r

Le electione de lez maistres:

Et fait assavoyr qe a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptist et le xx jour de le moys de Juny l'ane vi^{me} de le reigne le Roy Henry le sisme depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour mangerye tenue en l'oustelle appellé le Prynce Garderobe en la veille Jurye de Loundres, les avantditz Johan Whatele, Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, et Johan Pydmylle choiserent gardeins pur l'ane avenir, c'est assavoyr Johan Whatle eslit William Estffeld, Robert Large eslit Johan Abbot, Thomas Bataille eslit Richard Riche, et Johan Pidmylle eslit Johan Fauntleroy, as queux ils ount delyvré l'argent seek qe remaynt en lour mayns, vidz. – ii^c iii li. iii d. ob.

Rest al mistier ové le dette de Thomas Gase compris deintz la compte devant escript, *summa* – v li.

Item, rest al dit mistier en argent prest devant escript, *summa* – iii li.

Item, rest al dit mistier de Piers Kempe devant escript, *summa* – iii li.

– xi li.

Item, Johan Olney pur un fyn de Johan Bille, sone attourné³²¹ –

Rest al mister ové les dettes et argent seek, amounte – ii^c xiiii li. iii d. ob.

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f. 98v³²²

[C']est³²³ la compte de William Estfeld, Johan Abbot, Johan Fauntleroy, et Richard Riche, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane vii^{me} del regne le roy Henry vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'ane proscheine devaunt passé en quel ils estoient gardeins de le mistere del *mercerie*, come piert après:

Charge

Argent seek:

En *prim[e]z*,³²⁴ ils soy chargent de une somme delyveré a eux de l'ane passé, c'est assavoir – ii^c iii li. iii d. ob.

Dettez:

Item, lez gardeins de l'ane darrein passé nous chargent pur lever de Thomas Gaase, *summa* – v li.

D'une prest:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme resçu qe fuist prestez per tout la companye pur costes de divers *lettres* al Duke de Burgoyne, *somma* – iii li.

Dettours:

Item, ils soy chargent pur le dette de Piers Kempe pur quele dette nous avoms resçu pur une ane – xx s.

321 No sum is given for this fine, but a line is drawn out to where it might have been filled in.

322 The same scribe continues and still adds pen-flourishing, but from now on the extended ascenders are in general less elaborately decorated.

323 A space is left for the initial that is larger than usual, the depth of four lines.

324 MS: *primtz*.

The election of the wardens:

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist and [specifically]²⁰⁹ on 20 June 6 Henry VI, at their feast held in the building known as the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid John Whateley, Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, and John Pidmylle chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Whateley elected William Eastfield, Robert Large elected John Abbot, Thomas Bataille elected Richard Riche, and John Pidmylle elected John Fauntleroy, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £203 3½d.

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There remains to the mistery with Thomas Gase's debt included in the above account, total – £5

Item, there remains to the said mistery in the money advanced written in above, total – £3

Item, there remains to the said mistery from Piers Kemp, as written in above, total – £3

– £11

Item, John Olney for a fine of John Bille, his attorney –

Balance to the mistery with the debts and the ready money,
amounts to – £214 3½d.

This is the account of William Eastfield, John Abbot, John Fauntleroy, and Richard Riche, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 7 Henry VI [24 June 1429], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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f. 98v

Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them from last year, i.e. £203 3½d.

Debts:

Item, last year's wardens charge us with raising from Thomas Gase, total – £5

Loan:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum which had been advanced as a loan by the whole company for the costs of various letters to the Duke of Burgundy, total – £3

Debtors:

Item, they declare the debt of Piers Kemp, for which debt we have received for one year – 20s.

²⁰⁹ See below, p. 411, note 216.

Item, ils soy chargent pur le dette de le dit Piers, *summa* – xl s.

Fynes:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Johan Roger *pur* estre frank *et pur* sone entré, *summa* – x li. ii s.

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Water Roger *pur* estre frank *et pur* sone entré, *summa* – x marcz ii s.

Bequeste:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Johan Lane *per* sez executours al eyde de l'almesse del dit mistier de mercerie, *summa* – x li.

Donez:

Item, ils soy chargent de xxvi s. viii d. ressuz de Johan Abbot, vicounte, al eyde de lez mynstralles, *summa* – xxvi s. viii d.

Compaignons de lour ii^e an:

Item, ils soy chargent de lé compaignons pur le ii. ane:

Johan Seymour –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Worselee –	vi s. viii d.
Roger Gerebray –	vi s. viii d.
Matheu Foucheer –	vi s. viii d.
Water Aleyn –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Folyot –	vi s. viii d.
William Fleete –	vi s. viii d.
–	xlvi s. viii d.

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Compaignons *pur* lour ii^e ane:

Johan Storjone –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Southam –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Tykylle –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Burtone –	vi s. viii d.
Huwe Wyche –	vi s. viii d.
–	xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Compaignon *pur* le iii^e ane:

William Rykhille *pur* le iii ane – vi s. viii d.

Forfetes:

Item, ils soy³²⁵ chargent de une somme ressu de Johan Warham, snarler, c'est assavoyr – xx d.

Rente:

Item, ils soy³²⁶ chargent de les d[e]niers levés de lez rentz del mistier pur une ane entier perentre le feste de Pask l'an du Roy Henry vi^e le vi^{me} et le feste de Pask l'ane du Roy Henry vi^e le septime, *summa* – xlii li. x s.

325 MS: soyent.

326 MS: soyent.

Item, they declare the [remaining] debt of the said Piers, total – 40s.

Fees:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Roger for his freedom and for his admission, total – £10 2s.

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Walter Roger for his freedom and for his admission, total – 10 marks 2s.

Bequest:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Lane through his executors, to go to the help of the alms-funds of the said mercers' mistery, total – £10

Gifts:

Item, they declare receipt of 26s. 8d. from John Abbot, sheriff, to help [with the costs] of the musicians, total – 26s. 8d.

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare from companions for their second year:

John Seymour –	6s. 8d.
Robert Wolsley –	6s. 8d.
Roger Gerebray –	6s. 8d.
Matthew Foucher –	6s. 8d.
Walter Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
Richard Foliot –	6s. 8d.
William Fleet –	6s. 8d.
	– 46s. 8d.

Companions for their second year:

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John Sturgeon –	6s. 8d.
Robert Southam –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.
John Burton –	6s. 8d.
Hugh Wyche –	6s. 8d.
	– 33s. 4d.

Companion for the third year:

William Rikelle for the third year – 6s. 8d.

Fines:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Warham, snarler,²¹⁰ i.e. – 20d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the money raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year between the feast of Easter in the year 6 Henry VI and the feast of Easter in the year 7 Henry VI, total – £42 10s.

210 A pedlar or hawker.

Entrés de lez apprenticez:

Item, ils soy³²⁷ *chargent* pur entrez de apprentices:

Johan Dene apprentys de Thomas Sibnam –	ii s.
Harry Wetyngtone apprentis de Richard Aylmere –	ii s.
Richard Bonne apprentis de Johan Halyate –	ii s.
Richard Wyse apprentis de Thomas Humberstone –	ii s.
Johan Berard apprentis de Thomas Shirwynd –	ii s.
– x s.	

Issuez dez apprenticez:

Item, ils soy *chargent* pur issuez de apprentis:

Piers Kempe pur sone issue –	ii s.
Water Huntyngdone apprentis de Richard Coventre –	ii s.
Johan Penne apprentis de Johan Halyate –	ii s.
Thomas Cowlard apprentis de Fauntleroy –	ii s.
William Hert apprentis de Johan Michelle –	ii s.
Johan Fordham apprentis de Richard Somerey –	ii s.
– xii s.	

Mercimentes:

Item, ils soy *chargent* de une somme de divers persones beyng absent fro dirigez, ridyng & sommouns, com *piert per i bille* – xxxvii s. x d.

Bequest et fyn:

Item, ils soy *chargent* de une somme ressu de Richard Aylmere per Johan Derham, executour del dit Richard, et *qe* le dit Johan Derham soit frank deinz sone apprentishod, pur *qe* nous avoms ressu pur tout – x marcz.³²⁸

f. 99v

Discharge³²⁹

Salaries:

En *prim[es]*,³³⁰ ils demaundent allowaunce *qe* ils ount païé a Sir Roger Blendone pur une ane enter darrein passé devant cest acompte, *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a dit Sir Roger pur sone leveré – xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a Sir Richard Wayneman pur une an enter – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a dit Richard pur sone leveré – xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a Robert Trenethe, bedille, pur un ane enter, *summa* – iii li. xviii s. Item, pur sone leveré – xiii s. iiiii d.

– xix li. iiiii s. viii d.

327 MS: *soyent*.

328 At the outer lower edge of this page are the tops of some barely legible words, the rest cropped off, and which appear to have been a sub-total for the sums on this page written in Roman numerals. One notes also that no total as one would have expected for all receipts appears here.

329 The initial 'D' has very elaborate pen-flourishing with a RH-facing profile face tucked into an upper flourish.

330 MS: *printz*.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare for the admission of apprentices:

John Dene apprentice of Thomas Sibbenham –	2s.
Harry Whittington apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
Richard Bonne apprentice of John Algate –	2s.
Richard Wise apprentice of Thomas Humberstone –	2s.
John Berard apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.
– 10s.	

Issue of apprentices:

Item, they declare for the issues of apprentices:

Piers Kemp for his issue –	2s.
Walter Huntingdon apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
John Penne apprentice of John Algate –	2s.
Thomas Colard apprentice of Fauntleroy –	2s.
William Harte apprentice of John Michel –	2s.
John Fordham apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
– 12s.	

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum from various people who were absent from funerals, processions, and assemblies,²¹¹ as appears by a list – 37s. 10d.

Bequest and fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Richard Aylmere through John Derham, executor of the said Richard, and for a fee that the said John Derham should be made free while within the terms of his apprenticeship, for which we have received in all – 10 marks.

Disbursements

f. 99v

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon for a whole year preceding and up to the date of this account, total – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to the said Sir Roger for his livery – 13s. 4d. Item, to Sir Richard Wayneman for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to the said Richard for his livery – 13s. 4d. Item to Robert Trenerth, beadle, for a whole year, total – £3 18s. Item, for his livery – 13s. 4d. – £19 4s. 8d.

²¹¹ The text says 'sommouns' = summons, i.e. they had not turned up at any assembly to which they had been formally summoned. For the ordinances concerning this see f. 2r and also the *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 1v–2r.

Almoignez:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce pur diverse paymentz pur almoigne. En prim[es]³³¹ a Thomas Secheford pur i ane entier, le semaigne xviii d., *summa* – iii li. xviii s. Item, a Johan Elys pur un ane entier, le semaigne ii s. – *summa* – v li. iiiii s. Item, a Robert Kempe pur une ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d. *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Laurence Hamptone pur i ane entier, le semaigne xviii d., *summa* – iii li. xviii s. Item, a Piers Belgrave pur une ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Johan Holand pur i ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Laurence Lynne pur i ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d., *summa* – iii li. viii d. Item, a Nicholas Hamme pur i quarter et iiiii semaignes, le semaigne xvi d., *summa* – xxii s. viii d. Item, a Robert Trees pur dimi ane, le semaigne xvi d., *summa* – xxxiiii s. viii d.

Summa totalis – xxviii li.

Quitrentes:

Item, ils demaudent [allowaunce] pur divers quitrentes per eux paieez, c'est assavoyr: a Geffrey Bridde, moigne de Westm', pur i ane et i quarter, c'est assavoyr del feste de Nowelle anno vi^o tanqe al fest de Pask l'ane vii^{me}, com piert per v aquitaunce, *summa* – xxv s. Item, a dame Mergrete Stokes, prioeresse de Seint Eleynes, pur i ane entier, com piert per i aquitaunce, *summa* – xviii s. Item, a Crycherche pur i ane entier, com piert per i aquitaunce, *summa* – xix s. Item, a Geffrey Shirley, renter de Seint Gyles extra, pur i ane entier, com piert per i aquitaunce, *summa* – vi s. viii d. Item, a Herry, priour de Southwerk, pur i ane entier, com piert per une aquitaunce, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a dame Elyzabethe Arondelle, prioeresse de Halywelle, pur i ane entier, com piert per i aquitaunce, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

– iiiii li. xv s. iiiii d.

Reparaciones:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce pur dyvers reparaciones faitz per Peryman sur les rentz del dit mistier, com piert per une bille, *summa* – xxxi s. ii d. Item, ils demaudent allowaunce pur divers voidaunce al Pye et al Crowne en Chepe, com piert per i bille, *summa* – xlvii s. x d. Item, ils demaudent allowaunce pur salarie al dit Peryman pur le dit ane, *summa* – xl s. Item, pur petitiz costis ou expencz sur lez tenauntz – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – vi li. ii s. v d.

331 MS: *primtz*.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for various alms payments. Firstly, to Thomas Sedgford for a whole year at 18d. per week, total – £3 18s. Item, to John Elys for a whole year at 2s. per week, total – £5 4s. Item, to Robert Kemp for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Laurence Hampton for a whole year at 18d. per week, total – £3 18s. Item, to Piers Belgrave for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to John Holland for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item to Laurence Lynne for a whole year at 14d. per week, total – £3 8d. Item, to Nicholas Hamme for one quarter and 4 weeks at 16d. per week, total – 22s. 8d. Item, to Robert Trees for half a year at 16d. per week, total – 34s. 8d.

Sum total – £28

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid out by them, i.e. to Geoffrey Bryd, monk of Westminster, for one year and one quarter, i.e. from the feast of Christmas 6 [Henry VI] [1427] until the feast of Easter 7 [Henry VI] [1429], as appears by 5 acquittances, total – 25s. Item, to Dame Margaret Stokes, Prioress of St Helen's, for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance, total – 18s. Item, to Christchurch for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance, total – 19s. Item, to Geoffrey Shirley, renter of St Giles in the Fields, for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance, total – 6s. 8d. Item, to Harry,²¹² Prior of Southwark, for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance, total – 13s. 4d. Item, to Dame Elizabeth Arundel, Prioress of Haliwell, for a whole year, as appears by an acquittance, total – 13s. 4d.

– £4 15s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Piryman on the said mystery's rental properties, as appears by a document, total – 31s. 2d. Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies at the Pye and at the Crown in Cheap, as appears by a document, total – 47s. 10d. Item, they ask for allowance for the said Piryman's salary for the said year, total – 40s. Item, for petty costs or expenses on the tenants – 3s. 4d.

total – £6 2s. 5d.

²¹² Henry Werkeworth, Prior of St Mary Overy, Southwark, 1414–52; see *VCH London*, I, 480–84.

f. 100r

Foreyn expencez:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur foreyn expencis, c'est assavoyr pur viii claryouns *et* trompettis a Johan Abbot, vicounte de Loundres, *summa* – liii s. iiiii d. Item, pur viii cappez a eux, *summa* – xii s. Item, en vyn *et* autrez costes al ditz trompettez, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d. Item, pur batallage ovesqe le Meyre al obite del Roy, *summa* – xix d. Item, a Pyryman pur escripre instruccione a Johan Waren, *summa* – xii d. Item, pur amender lez balauncez pertient al dit mistier, *summa* – vi d. Item, a Sir Richard Wayneman pur laver dez auterclothes, *summa* – iiiii d. Item, a Pyryman pur escripre nostre acompte en le graunt lyvre,³³² *summa* – iii s. iiiii d. Item, pur iiiii gerlondez de roses pur elyre nouvelles maistres, *summa* – vi d. Item, al chaundeler pur cere *per* ii anz – viii s. ii d.
– iiiii li. iiiii s. i d.

Dette:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur le dette delyveré a eux *per* lez gardeins del dit mistier, c'est assavoyr de Thomas Gaase, une de nostre tenauntz al Pye, qe ils ne purront recoverer a cause q'il ad païé pur dyvers reparaciones *per* le comaundement de Thomas Austyn, *summa* – v li.

Et auxi ils demaundent allowaunce pur le mesme Thomas Gaase d'une somme qe Pyryman ne poet recoverer come il dit a cause de poverté de dit Gaase, mez il presente toutz jours sone corps a persone al voluté dez gardeinz de dit mistier – v li.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur une somme qe fuist doné al meister de Seint Thomas d'Acres *per* le comune assent, *summa* – x li.

Dette:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur le dette de Piers Kempe qe estoit paiable a Nowelle proschein – xx s. Et a Nowelle donqes ensuaunt altre xx s., *summa* – xl s.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amounte net come piert –
iiii^{xx} iiiii li. vi s. vi d.

Rest³³³ *net* en argent seek duwe al mistier amounte –
ii^c xiiii li. vii s. iii d. ob.

332 This is where Piryman first identifies himself as the scribe of this section of the account book.

333 The initial 'S' of 'Summa' above, and the initial 'R' of this word both have noteworthy flourishing, and that of the 'R' has a little LH-facing profile face tucked in at the side.

Extrinsic expenditure:

f. 100r

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure, i.e. for 8 clarioners and trumpeters [at the procession of] John Abbot, sheriff of London, total – 53s. 4d. Item, for 8 hoods for them, total – 12s. Item, for wine and other expenses on the said trumpeters, total – 3s. 4d. Item, for boat-transport with the Mayor to the King's obit, total – 19d. Item, to Piryman for writing an instruction to John Wareyn, total – 12d. Item, for repairs to the scales belonging to the said mistery,²¹³ total – 6d. Item, to Sir Richard Wayneman for the washing of the altar cloths, total – 4d. Item, to Piryman for writing our account in the big record book, total – 3s. 4d. Item, for 4 garlands of roses at the election of the new wardens, total – 6d. Item, to the chandler for wax for 2 years – 8s. 2d.
– £4 4s. 1d.

Debt:

Item, they ask for allowance for the debt handed on to them by the said mistery's wardens, i.e. that of Thomas Gase, one of our tenants in the Pye, which they were unable to recover because he had paid for various repairs on the orders of Thomas Austyn, total – £5

And they also ask for allowance for the same Thomas Gase for a sum which Piryman was unable to recover, as he says, on account of the said Gase's poverty, but he puts his person at all times²¹⁴ at the disposal of the said mistery's wardens²¹⁵ – £5

Item, they ask for allowance for a sum donated to the Master of Thomas of Acon by communal agreement, total – £10

Debt:

Item, they ask for allowance for Piers Kemp's debt which was payable next Christmas – 20s. And at the next Christmas following another 20s., total – 40s.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts as appears to – £84 6s. 6d.

Net balance in ready money due to the mistery amounts to –
£214 7s. 3½d.

213 These will probably have been the mistery's own standard and authorised set of scales but might perhaps have been the scales for the Small Beam, the silk weigher's scales passed on to successive officials, for which see pp. 1006–15 below.

214 The text's 'toutz jours' here could also mean 'nevertheless'.

215 Unless there were two tenants in the Pye, one named John Gase and one named Thomas Gase, one taking on responsibility for the other's debt perhaps, it seems likely that the debts listed over several years are all those of one man, in which case one may in this context here note that he had previously been in prison (very probably because of debt), see above f. 89v. His offer here may well mean that he was saying that they could do with him as they liked (but he is pointing out that he really does not have the money, and thus that it might be useless to send him to prison).

1429 Le eleccione de lez maistres:
 f. 100v Et fait assavoir *qe* a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptist et le xvii jour de le moys de Juny l'ane vii^{me} de le regne le Roy Henry sisme depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour souper tenue en l'ostelle de Johan Abbot, mercer, les *avantesditz* William Estfeld, Johan Abbot, Johan Fauntleroy, et Richard Riche choiserent gardeins *pur* l'ane avenir, c'est assavoyr William Estfeld eslit Henry Frowyk, Johan Abbot eslit William Hales, Richard Riche eslit Johan Bostone. Et *per* le consent de lez ditz troiz maistres, c'est assavoyr William Estfeld, Johan Abbot, *et* Richard Riche, Robert Trenerthe, bedille de dit mistier, eslit William Dautre,³³⁴ as queueux ils ount delyvré l'argent seek *qe* remaynt en lour mayns, vidz.
 – ii^c xiiii li. vii s. iii d. ob.

Rest al mistier ou le dette de Thomas Gaase compris deintz la compte devant escript *per* deux parcelles, *summa* – x li.

Item, rest al dit mistier de Piers Kempe devant escript, *summa* – xl s.

Rest al mistier ou lez dettez *et* argent seek, amount – ii^c xxvi li. vii s. iii d. ob.

1429–30 [C']est³³⁵ la compte de Henry Frowyk, William Hales, Johan Bostone, et William
 f. 101r Dautre, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane viii^{me} del regne le Roy Henry vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre *pur* l'ane proscheine devaunt passé en quel ils estoient gardeins de le mistier del mercerie come piert après.

Argent seek:

En *prim[es]*,³³⁶ ils soy chargent de un somme deliveré a eux *per* lez gardeyns de l'ane passé, c'est assavoyr – CC xiiii li. ix s. iii d. ob.

Dettours:

Item, lez dits gardeins de l'ane passé nous chargent *pur* lever de Thomas Gase, un des tenantz a le Pye, *summa* – x li.

Item, les ditz gardeins de l'ane passé nous chargent *pur* lever de Piers Kempe, jadis apprentys Johan Bawde, *pur* une fyne – xl s.

Bequest Johan Coventre:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Henre Frowyk, Richard Coventre, *et* Robert Coventre, executours del testament Johan Coventre (*qe* dieux assoyle), *pur* sone devyse a le box del mercerie – xx marc.

334 This election by the beadle rather than by John Fauntleroy is very odd, and it is possible that Fauntleroy, although listed above as present, was ill. He makes no further appearance in the accounts here.

335 A space three lines deep is left for the initial.

336 MS: *primtz*.

The election of the wardens:

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist and [specifically] on 17 June²¹⁶ of the year 7 Henry VI, at their supper held in the house of John Abbot, mercer, the aforesaid William Eastfield, John Abbot, John Fauntleroy, and Richard Riche chose wardens for the following year, i.e. William Eastfield elected Henry Frowyk, John Abbot elected William Hales, Richard Riche elected John Boston. And with the consent of the said three masters, i.e. William Eastfield, John Abbot, and Richard Riche, Robert Trennerthe, beadle of the said mistery, elected William Dawtre, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e.

– £214 7s. 3½d.

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There remains to the mistery with the debt of Thomas Gase included in the account above as two separate items, total – £10

Item, there remains to the mistery from Piers Kemp as written above, total – 40s.

Balance to the mistery with the debts and the ready money, amounts to – £226 7s. 3½d.

This is the account of Henry Frowyk, William Hales, John Boston, and William Dawtre, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 8 Henry VI [24 June 1430], for the year immediately preceding, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. – £214 9s. 3½d.

Debtors:

Item, the said last year's wardens charge us with obtaining from Thomas Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye, total – £10

Item, the said last year's wardens charge us with obtaining from Piers Kemp, former apprentice of John Bawde, for a fee – 40s.

Bequest of John Coventry:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Henry Frowyk, Richard Coventry, and Robert Coventry, executors of the will of John Coventry (may God absolve him), for his bequest to the communal funds of the mercers' mistery – 20 marks

²¹⁶ This was a Friday, which one may note as Sunday was the preferred day for the feast (see above, f. 1v). The precise day is not often given, but there are other instances when it is and the day is revealed not to be a Sunday, e.g. 1431. The phrasing, giving two dates, almost certainly means that the first refers to the general period and the second is the specific day, but one can note that a much later ordinance of 1479–80 (*Book of Ordinances*, ff. 16r–17r) says that the outgoing wardens should submit two names first and then choose one of those after the vetting and approval of the aldermen and court of assistants. This might have been the practice at an earlier period also (see Imray, 'Les bones gentes', pp. 176–7).

Bequest Johan Schadworthe:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Robert Chicheley, Johan Carpenter, et Richard Osbarn, executours de Johan Schadworthe (qe dieux assoile), per sone devsey a le box del mercerye, *summa* – xx li.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Johan Hennore, grocer et potegarie de Loundres, pur estre de nostre compaignie et leverey et pur avoyr une chaperone de nostre leverey, *summa* – xl s.

Fyne:

Item, ils ount ressu de Sir Thomas Dale, persone de Seint Sythes,³³⁷ pur estre de nostre compaignie frank, un hoggeshed de vyn de Gasgoyn rouge pur le feste del compaignie –

Fyne:

Item, ils ount ressu de Sir Richard Graunger, persone de Seint Pancras de Loundres,³³⁸ pur estre frank de nostre compaignye, une hoggessed de vyn de Gasgoyn blank pur le feste del compaignye, *summa* – ³³⁹

Saunz fyne:

Item, Memorandum qe Rauf Grene de Popeler, gentilman, est ressu pur estre frank de nostre compaignye saunz fyne, per l'assent de William Estfeld adonqes Meyre de Loundres et per toute le compaignye a Seint Thomas.

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Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de un somme ressu de Richard Veer de Caleyys pur estre frank del compaignie, *summa* – v li. ii s.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Johan Presven pur estre frank de nostre compaignie – xl s.

Compaignones de le iii^{ce} ane:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez compaignones pur lour iii^{ce} ane:

En prim[es], ³⁴⁰ de Johan Seymour –	vi s. viiii d.
Robert Wolsley –	vi s. viiii d.
Roger Gerebray –	vi s. viiii d.
Matheu Foucher –	vi s. viiii d.
Walter Aleyn –	vi s. viiii d.
Richard Foliate –	vi s. viiii d.
William Fleete –	vi s. viiii d.
Johan Sturjeone –	vi s. viiii d.

³³⁷ He was Rector of St Bennet Sherehog (alternatively known as St Osith) from 1426 until 1442; see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 387. On the church and its appellations, see Hobhouse, *Ward of Cheap*, p. 144.

³³⁸ He was Rector of St Pancras, Soper Lane, from 1416 until 1450; see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 310.

³³⁹ No sum is given here or above, although an equivalent cash value might have been considered.

³⁴⁰ MS: *primtz*.

Bequest of John Shadworth:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Robert Chicheley, John Carpenter, and Richard Osborn, executors of John Shadworth (may God absolve him), for his bequest to the communal funds of the mercers' mistery, total – £20

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Hennore, grocer and apothecary²¹⁷ of London, to be of our company and livery and to have a hood of our livery, total – 40s.

Fee:

Item, they have received from Sir Thomas Dale, parson of St Osith's, to be free of our company, one hogshead²¹⁸ of red Gascon wine for the company's feast –

Fee:

Item, they have received from Sir Richard Graunger, parson of St Pancras of London, to be free of our company, one hogshead of white Gascon wine for the company's feast, total –

No fee:

Item, memorandum that Ralph Grene of Poplar, gentleman, has been admitted to the freedom of our company without a fee, with the agreement of William Eastfield, then Mayor of London, and of the whole company at St Thomas's.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Richard Vere of Calais in order to be free of our company, total – £5 2s.

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Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Presven in order to be free of our company – 40s.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare from companions for their third year:

Firstly, from John Seymour –	6s. 8d.
Robert Wolsley –	6s. 8d.
Roger Gerebray –	6s. 8d.
Matthew Foucher –	6s. 8d.
Walter Aleyn –	6s. 8d.
Richard Foliot –	6s. 8d.
William Fleet –	6s. 8d.
John Sturgeon –	6s. 8d.

217 At this date the word meant 'One who kept a store or shop of non-perishable commodities, spices, drugs, comfits, preserves, etc.' (*OED*), as also already the later sole meaning of one who prepared and sold drugs for medicinal purposes. At this date the Grocers' Company included apothecaries and it was not until 1617 that the latter formed themselves into a separate company. See Melling, *Discovering London's Guilds*, pp. 34–5; Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community* (via Index).

218 A cask containing 63 old wine-gallons (this content prescribed by a statute of 1423). See *OED*.

Robert Southam –	vi s. viiii d.
Thomas Tikhulle –	vi s. viiii d.
Johan Burtone –	vi s. viiii d.
Hughe Wyche –	vi s. viiii d.
– <i>summa</i> –	iiii li.

Compaignones pur lour primer ane:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez compaignones pur le primer ane:

En <i>prim[es]</i> , ³⁴¹ de Johan Cantelow –	vi s. viiii d.
Johan Derham –	vi s. viiii d.
Olyver Snyttalle –	vi s. viiii d.
Johan Goodsonne –	vi s. viiii d.
–	xxvi s. viii d.

Rente:

Item, ils soy chargent de diverses denier levés de le rente del mercerie pur une ane entier – xlii li. x s.

Issuez d'apprentises:

Item, ils soy chargent pur lez issues de lez apprentys en lour temps:

En <i>prim[es]</i> , ³⁴² de Thomas ³⁴³ Cost, jadis apprentis de Johan Pydmylle –	ii s.
De Thomas Pouter, jadis apprentis Johan Bostone –	ii s.
De Thomas Berard, jadis apprentis Johan Wode et Richard Riche –	ii s.
De Johan Berby, jadis apprentis Thomas Weltone et Thomas Fauconer –	ii s.
De Johan Derham, jadis apprentis Richard Aylmer –	ii s.
De Johan Bothumselle } jadis apprentis Eborard Fleete –	iiii s.
De Johan Dys	
De Thomas Rasyn, jadis apprentis Johan Clerk et Thomas Dountone –	ii s.
De Thomas Welles, jadis apprentis de Johan Welles –	ii s.
De Richard Dentone, jadis apprentis Johan Whateley –	ii s.
De Richard Blenkinsop, jadis apprentis Johan Coventre –	ii s. ³⁴⁴

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Issues d'apprentises:

De Bertilmew Strattonne, jadis apprentis Johan Strattonne et William Milrethe –	ii s.
De Thomas Wittilbury, jadis apprentis Henry Frowyk –	ii s.
De Thomas Lee, jadis apprentis de Adam Fostier –	ii s.
De William Haxay, jadis apprentis Richard Coventre –	ii s.
–	viii s.

³⁴¹ MS: *primtz.*

³⁴² MS: *primtz.*

³⁴³ A different contemporary hand, in much fainter ink, has substituted 'Thomas' above the scored name of 'Johan'.

³⁴⁴ No total is given for this list, although the continuation on the next page gives a total just for the few further sums listed there.

Robert Southam –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Tickhill –	6s. 8d.
John Burton –	6s. 8d.
Hugh Wyche –	6s. 8d.
– total – £4	

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare from companions for the first year:

Firstly, from John Cantelowe –	6s. 8d.
John Derham –	6s. 8d.
Oliver Snyderdale –	6s. 8d.
John Goodson –	6s. 8d.
– 26s. 8d.	

Rent:

Item, they declare various monies raised from the mistery's rental properties for a whole year – £42 10s.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare for the issues of apprentices during their term of office:

Firstly, from Thomas Cost, formerly apprentice of John Pidmylle –	2s.
from Thomas Pouter, formerly apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from Thomas Berard, formerly apprentice of John Wood and Richard Riche –	2s.
from John Barby, formerly apprentice of Thomas Welton and Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
from John Derham, formerly apprentice of Richard Aylmere –	2s.
from John Bothumselle } formerly apprentices of Everard Fleet –	4s.
from John Dys }	
from Thomas Rasyn, formerly apprentice of John Clerk and Thomas Dounton –	2s.
from Thomas Welles, formerly apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
from Richard Denton, formerly apprentice of John Whateley –	2s.
from Richard Blenkinsop, formerly apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.

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from Bartholomew Stratton, formerly apprentice of John Stratton and William Meldreth –	2s.
from Thomas Whittlebury, formerly apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.
from Thomas Lee, formerly apprentice of Adam Forster –	2s.
from William Haxay, formerly apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
– 8s.	

Entrés de lez apprentisez:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez entrés de lez apprentisez en lour temps:

En prim[es], ³⁴⁵ de Thomas Stanford apprentis Robert Damyan –	ii s.
De Richard Polle apprentis Watkyn Aleyn –	ii s.
De Thomas Muschamp apprentis de Johan Somerey –	ii s.
De William Redeknape apprentis Johan Bostone –	ii s.
De Thomas Rasyn apprentis Johan Clerk <i>et</i> Thomas Dountone –	ii s.
De Thomas Silver apprentis de Johan Borham –	ii s.
De Robert Gladman apprentis Robert Randolf –	ii s.
De Robert Galgate apprentis Robert Holme –	ii s.
De Johan Spanby apprentis Richard Somerey –	ii s.
De Richard Claver apprentis Gefferey Feldyng –	ii s.
De Johan Fauntleroy apprentis Robert Reynham –	ii s.
De Robert Suttone apprentis Johan Estmound –	ii s.
De Thomas Kyghley apprentis William Cavendisshe –	ii s.
De Johan Boche apprentis Johan Derham –	ii s.
De Johan Anselle apprentis Johan Chirche –	ii s.
De Lambard Brigge } apprentisez Eborard Fleete –	iiii s.
De Johan Martyn }	
De Henry Strete apprentis Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De William Beverley apprentis William Prentis –	ii s.
De Nicholas Wobynbury apprentis Johan Herstone –	ii s.
De Bertilmew Strattonne apprentis Johan Strattonne <i>et</i> William Melrethe –	ii s.
De Thomas Hethe } apprentis Admond –	iiii s.
De Thomas Massyngberd }	
De William Whitwelle apprentis William Melreth –	ii s.
De Johan Shiptone apprentis Henry Frowyk –	ii s.
De William Newtonne apprentis Richard Coventre –	ii s.
De Thomas Bertelot apprentis Thomas Gille –	ii s.
De Robert Dautre apprentis William Dautre –	ii s.
De Henre Everard } apprentis Johan Seymour –	iiii s.
De Robert Radclif }	
De Thomas Baudewyn apprentis Johan Olney –	ii s.
– summa – iii li. ii s.	

Amorcementez:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme de diverses personnes per amercementis pur ceo qe furent absentz a divers courtes, come apiert per bille – xxiiii s.

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Trespasours encountre lez ordinaunces *et* fynez:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de divers personnes trespasours encountre l'ordinaunce, c'est asavoyr. En prim[es]³⁴⁶:

De John of Wode for late comyng to þe dirige of the persone of Honylane – xii d.

345 MS: *primtz.*

346 MS: *primtz.*

Admission of apprentices:

Item they declare from the admission of apprentices during their term of office:

Firstly, from Thomas Stanford, apprentice of Robert Damian –	2s.
from Richard Polle apprentice of Watkyn Aleyn –	2s.
from Thomas Muschamp apprentice of John Somery –	2s.
from William Redeknape apprentice of John Boston –	2s.
from Thomas Rasyn apprentice of John Clerk and Thomas Dounton –	2s.
from Thomas Silver apprentice of John Boreham –	2s.
from Robert Gladman apprentice of Robert Randolph –	2s.
from Robert Galgate apprentice of Robert Holme –	2s.
from John Spanby apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from Richard Claver apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
from John Fauntleroy apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.
from Robert Sutton apprentice of John Eastmond –	2s.
from Thomas Kyghley apprentice of William Cavendish –	2s.
from John Boche apprentice of John Derham –	2s.
from John Anselle apprentice of John Chirch –	2s.
from Lambard Brigge } apprentices of Everard Fleet –	4s.
from John Martyn }	
from Henry Street apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
from William Beverley apprentice of William Prentice –	2s.
from Nicholas Wobynbury apprentice of John Herston –	2s.
from Bartholomew Stratton apprentice of John Stratton and William Meldreth –	2s.
from Thomas Hethe } apprentices of [John] Admond –	4s.
from Thomas Massyngberd }	
from William Whitwelle apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.
from John Shipton apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.
from William Newton apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from Thomas Bartelot apprentice of Thomas Gille –	2s.
from Robert Dawtre apprentice of William Dawtre –	2s.
from Henry Everard } apprentices of John Seymour –	4s.
from Robert Radclif }	
from Thomas Baldewyn apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
– total – £3 2s.	

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum from various persons as fines for being absent from various courts, as appears by a list – 24s.

Offenders against the ordinances and fines and fees:

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Item, they declare receipt of a sum from various persons who offended against the ordinances, i.e. Firstly

from John of Wood for late arrival at the funeral service of the parson of Honey Lane – 12d.

De John Middiltone for wordes of reprof & dishoneste unto Robert Randolf & also for the smytyng of hym with his fiste³⁴⁷ – x s.

De Richard Dentone *pur estre franke une poy devant sone terme fene* – vi s. viii d.

De John Berby for rydyng and sellyng of ware in the contre³⁴⁸ – xx s.

De Richard Blenkinsop *pur estre frank une poy devant sone terme* – vi s. viii d.

De Mathew Foucher *pur ceo qe il fuist absent a le dirige Johan Elys* – ii s.

De William Haxay *pur estre frank une poy devant sone terme fene* – xiii s. iiiii d.

De Thomas Gille *pur dishobesaunce a lez wardeins and for þat Thomas Bertelot, his prentis, be ii 3eer was not bounde, presentid ne entrid* – iii s. iiiii d.

– *summa* – iii li. iii s.

L'encrés de lez leverés:

Item, ils soy chargent de l'encrés de nostre leveré encountre Paske *anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti}*. Item de l'encrés de le rydyng leveré ovesqe le Meyr William Estfeld – vi li. xiiis. iiiii d.

Summa totalis de tout le charge amount – iii^c xxxii li. vi s. xi d. ob.

Discharge

Salaries:

En *prim[es]*,³⁴⁹ ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ounte paiés a Sir [Roger]³⁵⁰ Blendone *pur sone salarie pur une ane entier, tanqe al feste de Paske anno viii^e* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Sir Richard Wayneman *pur sone salarie pur mesme l'ane, summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Robert Trenerthe, bedille, *pur i ane entier tanqe al mesme feste de Pasche, vz. per le semaigne xviii d., summa* – iii li. xviii d.

Item, paié a le suisdite Robert Trenerthe *pur l'office de renter del mercerie pur une ane entier tanqe al feste de Paske suisdite* – xl s.

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Almoignez:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur divers paymentz per eux paieiz a lez gentz de l'almoigne del mercerie, c'est assavoyr: en prim[es]*³⁵¹ a

Thomas Sechford *pur une ane entier tanqe al feste*

de *Seint Johan Baptiste anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti}*,

vz. xviii d. *per le semaigne, summa* –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, a Robert Kempe *pur une ane entier a xiiii d.*

per le semaigne –

iii li. viii d.

³⁴⁷ An ordinance 'for uncurteyse langage' is recorded in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 7r: 'Also that no persone under the forsaide obeysaunce geve ony uncurteyse langage slaunderouse, unsytyng, dyshoneste, nor heynous unto ony persone of owre said felasshippe, nor to ony persone of ony oþer felasshippe, whiche myghte move and cause debate, rancoure, trouble, or discencyon.' The same ordinance goes on to forbid striking or drawing a weapon against another, and lays down a penalty fine of 40s. or more.

³⁴⁸ For further details of this offence and fine see below, f. 104v.

³⁴⁹ MS: *primtz*.

³⁵⁰ MS: Johan. All other entries give the name 'Roger'.

³⁵¹ MS: *primtz*.

from John Middleton for insulting and dishonourable words spoken to Robert Randolf and also for striking him with his fist – 10s.

from Richard Denton, to be free a little before the end of his term – 6s. 8d.

from John Barby for riding out and selling goods in the country²¹⁹ – 20s.

from Richard Blenkinsop, to be free a little before the end of his term – 6s. 8d.

from Matthew Foucher for being absent from John Elys's funeral – 2s.

from William Haxay, to be free a little before the end of his term – 13s. 4d.

from Thomas Gille for disobedience to the wardens and because Thomas Bartelot, his apprentice, was not bound, presented, nor admitted for 2 years – 3s. 4d.

– total – £3 3s.

The profit on the liveries:

Item, they declare the profit on our Easter livery of the year 8 Henry VI [1430].

Item, the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor, William Eastfield – £6 13s. 4d.

Sum total of all receipts amounts to – £332 6s. 11½d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon for his salary for a whole year up to Easter in the year 8 [Henry VI] [1430] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Richard Wayneman for his salary for the same year, total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Robert Trenerth, beadle, for a whole year up to the same feast of Easter, i.e. at 18d. per week, total – £3 18d.

Item, paid to the aforesaid Robert Trenerth for the post of rent-collector of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up to the aforesaid feast of Easter – 40s.

total – £19 3s. 8d.

Alms:

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Item, they ask for allowance for various payments made by them to the almsmen of the mercers' mistery, i.e. firstly to

Thomas Sedgford for a whole year up to the feast

of St John the Baptist in the year 8 Henry VI [1430],

at 18d. per week, total –

£3 18s.

Item, to Robert Kemp for a whole year at 14d. per week –

£3 8d.

²¹⁹ i.e. outside London.

Item, a Laurence Hamptone <i>pur i ane entier a xviii d.</i>	
le semaigne –	iii li. xviii s.
Item, a Piers Belgrave <i>pur i ane entier a xiiii d.</i>	le semaigne – iii li. viii d.
Item, a Johan Holand <i>pur i ane entier a xiiii d.</i>	le semaigne – iii li. viii d.
Item, a Robert Trees <i>pur i ane entier a xvi d.</i>	le semaigne – iii li. ix s. iii d.
Item, a Johan Elys <i>pur iii quarters d'une ane a ii s.</i>	le semaigne – iii li. xviii s. ³⁵²
Item, a Laurence Lynne <i>pur iii quarters d'une aune a xiiii d.</i>	
le semaigne –	xlvi s. vi d.
Item, a Nicholas Hamme <i>pur dimi aune et xii semaines a xvi d.</i>	
le semaigne –	l s. viii d.
Summa – xxix li. xviii d.	

Quyt Rente:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur diverses quytrentes per eux paieiz:*

En *prim[es]*,³⁵³ a Daune Gefferey Brid, moigne *et* chamberleyn de l'abbé de Westm', *pur* quyte rente *pur i ane entier tanqe a Pasche anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti} – xx s.*

Item, a le renter de Crichchirche *pur* quitrente *pur i ane entier tanqe al feste de Saint Johan Baptiste anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti} – xix s.*

Item, païé a dame Mergrete Stokes, prioresse de *Seint Eleyens*, *pur* quyte rente *pur une ane entier tanqe al feste de Seint Johan Baptiste suisdite – xviii s.*

Item, païé a Gefferey Shirggele, meister de *Seint Giles*, *pur* quyt rente *pur une ane entier tanqe al dit feste de Seint Johan Baptiste anno vii^o Henrici vi^{ti} – vi s. viii d.*

Item, païé a le renter de *Seint Marie Overee* *pur* quyte rente *pur une ane entier tanqe a le feste de Nowelle anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti} – xiii s. iii d.*

Item, a dame Elisabeth, prioresse de *Haliwelle*, *pur* quyt rente *pur une ane entier tanqe al dite feste de Nowelle anno viii^o – xiii s. iii d.*

Summa païé *pur* quyte rente come *apiert per lez acquitances –*
iiii li. x s. iii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur diverses reparaciones faitez per Robert Trenerth*, renter, *sur lez rentes del mercerie*, come *apiert per une bille on une lyvere des parcelles – xvii li. xi s. x d.*

Voydauncez:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce *pur divers voidauncez a le Pye et a le Crowne en Chepe per lour temps*, come *apiert en le liber de dit Robert Trenerth*, renter – lviii s. v d.

Item, *pur petites expences sur lez tenauntz per le dit Robert Trenerthe – iii s. iii d.*

352 In the LH margin against this name and the next two, all three bracketed together, has been written: 'morteiz'.

353 MS: *primtz*.

Item, to Laurence Hampton for a whole year at 18d. per week –	£3 18s.
Item, to Piers Belgrave for a whole year at 14d. per week –	£3 8d.
Item, to John Holland for a whole year at 14d. per week –	£3 8d.
Item, to Robert Trees for a whole year at 16d. per week –	£3 9s. 4d.
Item, to John Elys for three quarters of a year at 2s. per week –	£3 18s. ²²⁰
Item, to Laurence Lynne for three quarters of a year at 14d. per week –	45s. 6d.
Item, to Nicholas Hamme for half a year and 12 weeks at 16d. per week –	50s. 8d.
Total –	£29 18d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid by them:

Firstly, to Dan Geoffrey Bryd, monk and chamberlain of Westminster Abbey, for quit-rent for a whole year up to Easter in the year 8 Henry VI [1430] – 20s.

Item, to the renter of Christchurch for quit-rent for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 8 Henry VI – 19s.

Item, paid to Dame Margaret Stokes, Prioress of St Helen's, for quit-rent for a whole year up to the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist – 18s.

Item, paid to Geoffrey Shirley, Master of St Giles, for quit-rent for a whole year up to the said feast of St John the Baptist in the year 7 Henry VI²²¹ – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to the renter of St Mary Overy for quit-rent for a whole year up to the feast of Christmas in the year 8 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, to Dame Elizabeth, Prioress of Haliwell, for quit-rent for a whole year up to the said feast of Christmas in the year 8 [Henry VI] – 13s. 4d.

Total paid for quit-rents as appears by the acquittances – £4 10s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Trenerth, rent-collector, on the mistery's rental properties, as appears by a list in a record-book of the individual items – £17 11s. 10d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies in the Pye and the Crown in Cheap during their term of office, as appears in the record-book²²² of the said Robert Trenerth, rent-collector – 58s. 5d.

Item, for petty expenses on the tenants by the said Robert Trenerth – 3s. 4d.

²²⁰ The note gives the information that these three men are all dead.

²²¹ The text gives the year 7 Henry VI = 1429, and this may be an error since all other amounts in this section are for 8 Henry VI, but payments may have got into arrears.

²²² This book has not survived, but it is interesting to note its existence, and of those of other rent-collectors referred to in later accounts.

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Dones:

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur une hoppelond et chaperone* de nostre liveree doné a Johan Carpenter, *summa* – xl s. ix d. ob.

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur une chaperone* doné a Sir Johan Neel, meistre de Seint Thomas d'Acres en Loundres, *summa* – x s. vi d.

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur une chaperone* doné a Johan Fray, une des Barouns de l'Eschequer, *summa* – xiii s. iii d.

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur Sir William Cheyne et pur autres divers notables persones esteauntz a nostre maungerie*, *summa* – l s.

Done:

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur une chaperone* doné a Johan Hennore, citezein et potegarie de Loundres, de quel Johan nous avoioims xl s. *pur sone chaperone et entré come apiert en nostre charge avant* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Foreyn Expenses:

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur foreyn expences faitz per eux en lour temps*, c'est assavoyr, en *prim[es]*.³⁵⁴

Païé *pur xvi mynstralles* a le chevaché de William Estfeld, Meyr de Loundres – v li. vi s. viii d. Item, *expend' sur lez ditz mynstralles en une dyner a Stokwelle et en boyre vers Westmenstre et arere et après noone vers Paules et arere* – xvi s. x d.

Item, *païé pur xviii verges de drap motlee vert et blu pur chaperons pur lez ditz mynstralles* a xx d. le verge, *summa* – xxx s. Item, *pur le facione dez ditz chaperons* – iiiii s. iii d.

Summa – vii li. xvii s. ix d.

Item, *païé pur iiiii nouvelles baners de tartarin rouge encountre le chevaché de le dit Meire William Estfeld, vz. pur frenge de soy, bokeram, le facioun et tout* – xxx s. ob.

Item, *païé pur i cofyn pur garder lez baners a le dit mistier pertinaunce* – xiii d.

Item, *pur i qweyer paper* – iii d. Item, *païé pur bothire vers Westm' et arere pur l'anyverserye le Roy Henry quynte* – ii s. viii d. Item, *pur bothire vers Westm' en le temps qe lez embassatours de Fraunce furent en le Parlement*³⁵⁵ – x d. Item, *païé a le wexchaundeler pur ceer pur le chapelle per une ane*, *summa* – iii s. Item, *a Pyryman pur escripre nostre acompte en le grant livere* – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xi s. iii d.

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur divers costes et expences per eux paieiz entour le pursute de une lettre qe fuist mys a le vile de Gaunte de par le Roy et sone councele*, *summa* – viii s. vi d.

Item, ils demaudent alowaunce *pur ceo q'ils ount païé a Richard Lyndsey pur divers lettres qe furent envoiés a Johan Waren et as aultres de nous compaignones outltre le meer a divers foiz en lur temps*³⁵⁶ – *summa* – vi s.

354 MS: *primtz*.

355 The Westminster parliament of 1429, see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, IV, pp. 335–62 (especially pp. 358–61).

356 See Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 158–60, for further elucidation of these costs.

Gifts:

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Item, they ask for allowance for a houppelande and a hood of our livery given to John Carpenter, total – 40s. 9½d.

Item, they ask for allowance for a hood given to Sir John Neel, Master of St Thomas of Acon in London, total – 10s. 6d.

Item, they ask for allowance for a hood given to John Fray, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, total – 14s. 3d.

Item, they ask for allowance for Sir William Cheyne and various other notabilities who were at our feast, total – 50s.

Gift:

Item, they ask for allowance for a hood given to John Hennore, citizen and apothecary of London, and from this John we had 40s. for his hood and for his admission, as appears above in our receipts section – 13s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure incurred by them during their term of office, i.e., firstly:

Paid for 16 musicians in the procession of William Eastfield, Mayor of London – £5 6s. 8d. Item, spent on the said musicians at a dinner in Stockwell, and for drinks on the way to Westminster and back, and in the afternoon on the way to St Paul's and back – 16s. 10d. Item, paid for 18 yards of green and blue motley²²³ for hoods for the said musicians, at 20d. the yard, total – 30s. Item, for the making of the said hoods – 4s. 3d.

Total – £7 17s. 9d.

Item, paid for 4 new banners of red tartarin²²⁴ for the procession of the said mayor, William Eastfield, i.e. for silk fringe, buckram,²²⁵ the making of them, and in all – 30s. ½d.

Item, paid for 1 box in which to keep the banners belonging to the mistery – 14d. Item, for 1 quire of paper – 3d. Item, paid for boat-hire to Westminster and back for the anniversary service for King Henry V – 2s. 8d. Item, for boat-hire to Westminster at the time when the French ambassadors were at the Parliament – 10d. Item, paid to the wax-chandler for wax for the chapel for one year, total – 3s. Item, to Piryman for writing our account in the big record-book – 3s. 4d.

Total – 11s. 3d.

Item, they ask for allowance for various costs and expenses paid out by them for the request and the obtaining of a letter sent to the town of Ghent by the King and his council, total – 8s. 6d.

Item, they ask for allowance in that they have paid Richard Lyndsey for various letters that have been sent to John Wareyn and other of our companions overseas, at various times during their term of office – total – 6s.

²²³ A cloth that was parti-coloured, or of mixed colours.

²²⁴ See above, p. 233, note 101.

²²⁵ At this date this denoted 'a costly and delicate fabric, sometimes of cotton and sometimes of linen' (OED).

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Dettours:

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce pur le dette deliveré a eux *per leur predecessours* gardeins del dit mistier, assavoyr Thomas Gase, une dez tenantz a le Pye, q'ils ne purrount recoverer a cause qe le dite Thomas Gaase ad païé pur divers reparaciones *per* comaundement de Thomas Austyn, adonqes renter del mercerie, *summa* – v li.

Item, lez ditz gardeins demaundent auxi alowaunce pur le mesme Thomas Gase d'une *somme* aderere de sone rente en le temps qe William Piryman estoit renter del dit mistier *et* qe le dit Piryman ne poet recoverer le dit somme a cause de poverté de le dit Thomas Gase, come apiert en le discharge de nous predecessours, *summa* – v li.

Item, ils demaundent alowaunce pur le dette de Piers Kempe, le quele ad esté a Westm' *et* en Normandie *per* toute le temps de leur acompte, *summa* – xl s.

Item, the forseid wardens demaunden alowaunce of a *certein* somme of mony be hem paied unto William Estfeld, Mayr of Londone, for divers costes & expenses be hym done in þe tyme of a *parlement* holden at Westm' the xx day of Septembre anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti}, as for remedy & withstondyng of grete offence done aȝens a statute maad of long tyme passed in takyng of apprentices,³⁵⁷ *summa* – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de leur discharge amounte *net* come piert: –
Cv li. xix s. ii d.

Rest en argent seek al dit mistier, amounte – ii^c xxvi li. vii s. ix d. ob.

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Et fait assavoir qe a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptist et le xviii^{me} jour de le mois de Juny l'ane viii^e de le regne le Roy Henre le sisme depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, a leur mangerie tenue en l'ostelle appellé le Prince Garderobe en la veille Jurye de Loundres, lez avantditz Henre Frowyk, William Hales, Johan Bostone, et William Dautre choiserent gardeins pur l'ane avenir, c'est assavoir Henre Frowyk eslit Robert Large, William Hales eslit Everard Fleete, Johan Bostone eslit Johan Cotford, et William Dautre eslit Johan Seymour, as queux ils ount delyvré l'argent seek qe remaynt en leur mayns vidz. – ii^c xxvi li. vii s. ix d. ob.

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Rest al mistier ou le dette de Thomas Gaase compris deintz la compte devant escript *per* deux parcelles, *summa* – x li.

Item, rest al dit mistier de Piers Kempe devant escript, *summa* – xl s.

Rest al mistier ou lez dettes et argent seek, amounte – ii^c xxxviii li. vii s. ix d. ob.

³⁵⁷ For this see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, IV, p. 354.

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Item, they ask for allowance for the debt handed on to them by their predecessors as wardens of the said mistery, i.e. Thomas Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye, which they have been unable to recover because the said Thomas paid for various repairs on the orders of Thomas Austyn, then rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, total – £5

Item, the said wardens also ask for allowance for the same Thomas Gase for a sum of arrears on his rent during the time when William Piryman was rent-collector of the mistery and the said Piryman could not recover the said sum because of the said Thomas Gase's poverty, as appears in the account²²⁶ of our predecessors, total – £5

Item, they ask for allowance for the debt of Piers Kemp, who has been in Westminster and in Normandy during the whole of their accounting period, total – 40s.

Item, the aforesaid wardens ask for allowance for a certain sum of money paid by them to William Eastfield, Mayor of London, for various costs and expenses incurred by him at the time of a Parliament held at Westminster on 20 September of the year 8 Henry VI [1429], in obtaining remedy for and opposing the great offence done against a statute made a long time ago about the taking on of apprentices, total – £3 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts net as appears to –
£105 19s. 2d.

Balance in ready money to the said mistery amounts to – £226 7s. 9½d.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist and [specifically] on 18 June 8 Henry VI, at their feast held in the building known as the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid Henry Frowyk, William Hales, John Boston, and William Dawtre chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Henry Frowyk elected Robert Large, William Hales elected Everard Fleet, John Boston elected John Cotford, and William Dawtre elected John Seymour, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £226 7s. 9½d.

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There remains [due] to the mistery with the debt of Thomas Gase included in the above account as two separate items, total – £10

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Item, there remains [due] to the mistery from Piers Kemp, as written above, total – 40s.

Balance [due] to the mistery with the debts and the ready money, amounts to – £238 7s. 9½d.

²²⁶ The text says in the 'discharge', the disbursements section of the account.

1430 It is to remembre that in a courte holden at Seint Thomas of Acres the even of Seint Mark *anno viii^o Henrici vi^{ti}* was founde and notably *preved* þat John Berby, somtyme þ^e apprentys of Thomas Fauconer, ayenst good ordinaunce hathe redene and bene in the countre at Coventre, Northhamptone and other places moo, with divers wares of mercerye in fardell & horspakkes, for the whiche offence and trespase he hathe forfeite & lost .x. li. But for as mekil as the said John Berby hathe trewly knowlaged þ^e forsaid trespase be hym done in forme as above it is declared, and þerupon he hathe lowly submitte hym unto the rewle and governaunce of the wardeyns & worthi compaignye, seyng the lowly submyssione of the seid John have pardoned hym the forsaid .x. li. into xx s., the whiche he hathe trewly paid as it shewithe be þ^e acompte of the seid wardeyns he afore.

And moreovere the said John Berby is sworne on a book that he ne schal no more fro þis forthe offende ne trespase in th seid forme up paye .x. li. withoute any redempcion.

1430–31 [C']est³⁵⁸ la compte de Robert Large, Everard Fleete, Johan Cotford, et Johan Seymour fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane ix^{me} del regne le Roy Henry vi^{me} f. 105r après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'ane *proscheine* devaunt passé, en quel ils estoient gardeins de le mistier del *mercerie*, come piert après.

Argent seek:

En primez, ils soy chargent de un *somme deliveré* a eux *per* lez gardeins de l'ane passé, c'est assavoyr – CC xxvi li. vii s. ix d. ob.

Dettours:

Item, lez gardeins de l'ane passé nous chargent *pur* lever de Thomas Gaase, un dez *tenantz* al Pye – x li.

Item, lez ditz gardeins de l'ane passé nous chargent *pur* lever de Piers Kempe, jadyz *aprentis* de Johan Baude, *pur* un fyne – xl s.

Bequest:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une *somme ressu* de William Trymnelle, Johan Seymour, et Johan Borham, *executours* del testament de Richard Somerey (qe dieu assoile) *pur* sone devyse al box del *mercerie* – iii li. vi s. viii d.

358 A space three lines deep is left for the initial.

Memorandum that at a court held at St Thomas of Acon on the eve of St Mark's day 8 Henry VI [24 April 1430], it was found and fully proved that John Barby, formerly apprentice of Thomas Fauconer, had in contravention of our good ordinances ridden out to and stayed in the country²²⁷ at Coventry, Northampton, and other places, with various mercery wares in bundles and horse-packs, for the which offence and transgression he was fined and forfeited £10. But for as much as the said John Barby honestly admitted the said offence to have been committed by him as declared above, and that he then humbly submitted himself to the judgment and governance of the wardens and the worthy company, [and they] seeing this humble submission of the said John, have remitted the aforesaid fine of £10 down to 20s., the which he has truly paid, as shown in the account above of the said wardens.²²⁸

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And furthermore the said John Barby took an oath upon the gospels²²⁹ that he would from henceforth not offend or transgress again in this manner, upon pain of paying a penalty of £10 with no remission.

This is the account of Robert Large, Everard Fleet, John Cotford, and John Seymour, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist 9 Henry VI [24 June 1431], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £226 7s. 9½d.

Debtors:

Item, last year's wardens charge us with collecting from Thomas Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye – £10

Item, the said last year's wardens charge us with collecting from Piers Kemp, formerly apprentice of John Bawde, for a fee – 40s.

Bequest:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from William Trymnelle, John Seymour, and John Boreham, executors of the will of Richard Somery (may God absolve him), for his bequest to the communal funds of the mercers' mistery – £3 6s. 8d.

²²⁷ i.e. outside London.

²²⁸ See above, f. 102v.

²²⁹ Literally 'on a book', the book almost certainly being a copy of the gospels.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une somme ressu de Johan Borham *pur* ceo q'il [a] achate³⁵⁹ encontour la ordinaunce, de George Dentone, apprentys de William Thornhille, al graund damage du dit William³⁶⁰ – xx s.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une somme ressu de Johan Haliat *pur* ceo q'il a envoyé sone apprentys en le pais ovesqe diverses marchaundisez *pur* vendre, encontour la ordinaunce,³⁶¹ c'est assavoir a Bristowe, en Gales, *et* en autre placez, *et pur* ceo il est ordeiné *per* la compaignie *pur* paier al box *pur* la poverez gentz, saunz pardone – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Compaignones de lour ii^{de} ane:

Item, ils soy chargent de lez compaignons *pur* lour ii^{de} an:

En prim[e]z³⁶² de Johan Cantelowe – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Derham – vi s. viii d.

De Oliver Snytalle – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Goodsonne – vi s. viii d.

– xxvi s. viii d.

Rentez:

Item, ils soy chargent de diverses deners levez de la rent del mercerie *pur* une ane entier, *summa* – xlii li. x s.

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Done:

Item, ils soy chargent de xxvi s. viii d. de Robert Large, vicount, al eyde de lez mynstralles – xxvi s. viii d.

Saunz fyne:

Item, *Memorandum* qe Richard Wodevyle,³⁶³ esquier, est ressu *pur* estre frank de nostre compaignie saunz fyn *per* l'assent de toutz le compaignie.

Imposicione:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une somme ressu de William Thornhille d'une ymposicioun – xl s.

359 MS: qil achate.

360 An ordinance specifically forbids apprentices to buy or sell on their own behalf during the terms of their apprenticeship, and it is equally an offence for a mercer to do business with an apprentice. See the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 4r: 'Also that noo persone undir the saide obeysaunce be no maner coloure, geve licence, or suffre his apprentyse, lowes, servaunte, or attorney to bye or selle withynne the tyme of his apprentysehoode or other servyse ony maner of ware to his owne use, nor to the use of ony oþer apprentyse or suche servaunte, but oonly to the use of hys saide maister or to a shoppeholder of þe same ...'.

361 See f. A2r and the ordinance of 1376, and also the similar case of John Barby above, f. 104v.

362 MS: printz.

363 Richard Woodvile (Wodeville, Wydevile) was an important man whose friendship would certainly have been well worth this free entry; he was a knight of the shire of Kent, and at various times commissioner of oyer and terminer, commissioner to take musters, and lieutenant of Calais. See for instance the references to him in *CPR* 1429–36, pp. 273, 356, 358, 388, 424, 425, 476, 536, 619; and *CCR* 1429–35, pp. 271, 317.

Fine:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Boreham because he bought, in contravention of the ordinances, from George Denton, apprentice of William Thornhill, to the great injury of the said William – 20s.

Fine:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from John Algate because he sent his apprentice out into the country²³⁰ with various goods to sell, in contravention of the ordinance, i.e. to Bristol, to Wales, and to other places, and for this he was ordered by the company to pay to the alms funds, without commutation – £6 13s. 4d.

Companions for their second year

Item, they declare from companions for their second year:

Firstly, from John Cantelowe –	6s. 8d.
from John Derham –	6s. 8d.
from Oliver Snyderdale –	6s. 8d.
from John Goodson –	6s. 8d.
–	26s. 8d.

Rents:

Item, they declare various monies raised from the mystery's rental properties for a whole year, total – £42 10s.

Gift:

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Item, they declare 26s. 8d. from Robert Large, sheriff, as help towards [the costs of] the musicians – 26s. 8d.

No fee:

Item, memorandum that Richard Woodvile, esquire, has been admitted to the freedom of our company without any fee, by agreement of all the company.

Imposition:²³¹

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from William Thornhille for an imposition – 40s.

²³⁰ i.e. outside London.

²³¹ This may here simply mean a fine, rather than an impost or tax, but without further details one cannot know.

Trespasours:

Item, ils soy chargent le xv jour de Maii en le Court de Seint Thomas d'Acres per tout la compaignie pur lever de tout sez persones qe achatent lez toil de Holand pur lour disobeisaunce encontour lez ordinauncez fait per la dit compaignie,³⁶⁴ ils ad ordeiné qe chescune d'eux serra paie³⁶⁵ a chescune pakke vi s. viii d. C'est assavoyr Thomas Fauconer ix pakkes, *summa* – iii li. Item, Harry Frowyk vii pakkes, *summa* – xlv s. viii d. Item, William Milrethe vi pakkes, *summa* – xl s. Item, Richard Coventre xi pakkes, *summa* – iii li. xiii s. iii d. Item, Richard Broke i pakke, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis – xi li. vi s. viii d.

Imposiciones:

Item, ils soy chargent d'une somme ressu de diversez ymposiciones, cy come appiert per une quayer, *summa* – xvi s. iii d.

Trespasour:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Nicholas Carre, apprentys de Richard Tasborughe, pur ceo q'il porta une longge et graunt dagge appellé meskyn saunz councé et encountre l'ordinaunce – xii d.

Entrés de lez apprentiszez:

En primez, ressu de Alexandre Baker apprentys de Thomas Freman –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Robert Osbarne apprentys de Thomas Osborn –	ii s.
Item, ressu de William Miles apprentys de Thomas Osborn –	ii s.
Item, ressu de William Halle apprentys de Johan Pydmylle –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Richard Ugbroughe apprentys de Stephen Tychemershe –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Thomas Parker apprentys de Johan Michelle –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Rugewyn apprentys de Thomas Bataile –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Edward Welles apprentys de Johan Welles –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Robert Smythe apprentys de Wautier Huntyngdone –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Stacy apprentys de Saundre Arable –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Richard Heyward apprentys de Robert Reynham –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Mathew Leeke apprentys de Thomas Dountone –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Cherye apprentys de Hughe Wyche –	ii s.
Item, ressu de William Leycestre apprentys de Hughe Wyche –	ii s.
Item, ressu de Thomas Nyche apprentys de Robert Large –	ii s.
– xxx s.	

364 See Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 159–60.

365 The insufficiency of this scribe's command of French is clear and one should surely understand this to be an anglicism, from 'shall pay', where better use would have been 'paiera'.

Offenders:

Item, they declare that on 15 May at a court held in St Thomas of Acon they took responsibility on behalf of the whole company to collect fines from all those people who have bought linen from Holland, for their disobedience against the ordinances made by the said company, and they ruled that each of them should pay 6s. 8d. for each pack. i.e. Thomas Fauconer 9 packs, total – £3. Item, Harry Frowyk 7 packs, total – 46s. 8d. Item, William Meldreth 6 packs, total – 40s. Item, Richard Coventry 11 packs, total – £3 13s. 4d. Item, Richard Brook 1 pack, total – 6s. 8d.

Sum total – £11 6s. 8d.

Impositions:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from various impositions, as appears in a quire,²³² total – 16s. 4d.

Offender:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Nicholas Carre, apprentice of Richard Tasburgh, because he carried a large long dagger called a 'meskyn'²³³ without leave and in contravention of the ordinance²³⁴ – 12d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, received from Alexander Baker apprentice of Thomas Freman – 2s.
 Item, received from Robert Osbarne apprentice of Thomas Osbarne – 2s.
 Item, received from William Miles apprentice of Thomas Osbarne – 2s.
 Item, received from William Halle apprentice of John Pidmylle – 2s.
 Item, received from Richard Ugborough apprentice of
 Stephen Titchmarsh – 2s.
 Item, received from Thomas Parker apprentice of John Michel – 2s.
 Item, received from John Rugewyn apprentice of Thomas Bataille – 2s.
 Item, received from Edward Welles apprentice of John Welles – 2s.
 Item, received from Robert Smythe apprentice of Walter Huntingdon – 2s.
 Item, received from John Stacy apprentice of Alexander Orable – 2s.
 Item, received from Richard Hayward apprentice of Robert Raynham – 2s.
 Item, received from Matthew Leeke apprentice of Thomas Dounton – 2s.
 Item, received from John Cherry apprentice of Hugh Wyche – 2s.
 Item, received from William Leicester apprentice of Hugh Wyche – 2s.
 Item, received from Thomas Nyche apprentice of Robert Large – 2s.
 30s.

²³² This would almost certainly have been a separate quire of paper, listing all the names of those fined, and presented to the auditors for inspection.

²³³ The *DMLBS* and the *MED* list *MESKINUS* and *MESKIN* as meaning a 'little mace' or 'small mace or club'. Each dictionary has only one quotation, neither of which is explicit as to the object referred to, whereas here the weapon is clearly a dagger. The editors of both dictionaries have been informed about this present example of the word.

²³⁴ No ordinance has survived about wearing weapons, but reference is made on f. 33r to an ordinance of 24 May 1350 against drawing a knife 'en malice' and the later *Book of Ordinances* on f. 7r lays down that it is forbidden 'that any persone of our feliship smyte or drawe dagger, knyfe or oþer wepen to any of the same felasshippe in violence nor malice ...' and sets a fine of 40s. or higher.

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Unquore entrés de lez apprentys:

Item, ressu de Richard Bomfaunt apprentys de Robert Large	}	iiii s.
Item, ressu de James Hetone apprentys de dit Robert		
Item, ressu de William Marchyntone apprentys de Johan Derham –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Guy Roos apprentys de Roger Gerebray –		ii s.
Item, ressu de William Brigge apprentys de Richard Coventre –		ii s.
Item, ressu de William Sheltone apprentys de Richard Riche –		ii s.
– xii s.		

Issues dez apprentys:

En primez, ressu de Johan Audeley apprentys		
de Johan Coventre –		ii s.
Item, ressu de luy pur i fyn deins sone terme –		xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, ressu de Richard Vans/Vaus aprentys de Thomas Chaltone		
pur sone issuz –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Stoktone aprentys de Johan Herstone –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Pykyng aprentys de Johan Coventre –		ii s.
Item, ressu de luy pur i fyn deins sone terme –		ii s. ³⁶⁶
Item, ressu de William Pomfreyt aprentys de Thomas Bataille –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Piers Makerelle aprentys de Richard Bures –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Robert Stevenes aprentys de Thomas Osbarne –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Thomas Traynelle aprentys de William Prentys –		ii s.
Item, ressu de Johan Happesford aprentys de Symond Bertelot –		ii s.
– xxxviii s.		

Mercymentez:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme de diverses persones per amercymentz pur ceo qe furent absentz a divers courtez, come piert per une bille – xix s. vii d.

Summa totalis de tout lour charge amount – iii^c xiii li. xiiii s. viii d. ob.

Discharge³⁶⁷

Salaries:

En primez, ils demaudent allewaunce q'ils ount paiés a Sir Rogier Blendone pur sone salarye pur i ane entier – vi li. xiiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, paié a luy pur sone leverey – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, a Sir Thomas Milbroughe pur sone salarye pur iii quarters depuis le feste de Saint Michelle tanqe al feste de Saint Johan, *summa* – v li.
 Item, paié a luy pur alowaunce de sone leverey – x s.
 Item, a Robert Trenerthe pur i ane entier a xviii d. le semailgne – iii li. xviii s.

³⁶⁶ This should almost certainly be correctly 'vi s. viii d.' as this will make the total at the end correct, and this was an extra fee payable. The scribe has clearly gone down the column adding 'ii s.' to each entry.

³⁶⁷ The initial 'D' has elaborate pen-flourishing around including a LH-facing profile face.

Further admissions of apprentices:

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Item, received from Richard Bonefaunt apprentice of Robert Large	}	4s.
Item, received from James Heton apprentice of the said Robert		
Item, received from William Marchynton apprentice of John Derham	–	2s.
Item, received from Guy Roos apprentice of Roger Gerebray	–	2s.
Item, received from William Brigge apprentice of Richard Coventry	–	2s.
Item, received from William Shelton apprentice of Richard Riche	–	2s.
– 12s.		

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, received from John Audeley apprentice of John Coventry	–	2s.
Item, received from him for a fee, within his terms ²³⁵	–	13s. 4d.
Item, received from Richard Vans/Vaus apprentice of Thomas Chalton for his issue	–	2s.
Item, received from John Stockton apprentice of John Herston	–	2s.
Item, received from John Pickering apprentice of John Coventry	–	2s.
Item, received from him for a fee, within his terms	–	[6s. 8d.]
Item, received from William Pomfreyt apprentice of Thomas Bataille	–	2s.
Item, received from Piers Makerelle apprentice of Richard Bures	–	2s.
Item, received from Robert Stevenes apprentice of Thomas Osbarne	–	2s.
Item, received from Thomas Traynelle apprentice of William Prentice	–	2s.
Item, received from John Hapsford apprentice of Simon Bartelot	–	2s.
– 38s.		

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum from various people for fines because they were absent from various courts, as appears by a document – 19s. 7d.

Sum total of all their receipts amounts to – £313 14s. 8½d.

Disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon for his salary for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.
 Item, paid him for his livery – 13s. 4d.
 Item, to Sir Thomas Milbrook for his salary for three quarters, from the feast of Michaelmas until the feast of St John, total – £5
 Item, paid to him as an allowance for his livery – 10s.
 Item, to Robert Trenerth for a whole year at 18d. per week – £3 18s.

²³⁵ This must mean that he was being allowed to issue from his apprenticeship before his terms were fully served. Two of John Coventry's apprentices are being given this permission this year, as John Coventry died on 29 March 1429. A further two of his apprentices, William Newton and William Corby are listed as issuing in 1434–35, see below f. 116r.

Item, païé a luy *pur* allowaunce de sone leverey – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, païé a le dit Robert Trenethe *pur* l'office del renter del mercerie *pur* i ane entier tanqe a Paske³⁶⁸ – xl s.

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Almoignez:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* diverses paymentz *per* eux paiez a lé gentz de almoigne del mercerie, c'est assavoyr:

En primez, a Thomas Sacheford *pur* une ane entier vz.

le semaigne xviii d., *summa* –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, a Robert Treys *pur* i ane entier a xvi d. le semaigne,

summa –

iii li. ix s. iiii d.

Item, a Laurence Hamptone *pur* i ane entier, le semaigne xviii d.,

summa –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, a Johan Holland *pur* i ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d.,

summa –

iii li. viii d.

Item, a Piers Belgrave *pur* i ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d.,

summa –

iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Thymelby *pur* i ane entier, le semaigne xiiii d.,

summa –

iii li. viii d.

Item, a James Bynde *pur* dimi ane, le semaigne xiiii d.,

summa –

xxx s. iiii d.

Summa de ceste parcelle – xxi li. xvii s. viii d.

Reparaciones:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* diverses reparaciones faitz *per* Robert Trenethe, rentier, *sur* les rentz del mercerie, come apiert *per* i bille en une livere de cez parcelles – xiiii li. xxi d.

Voydauncez:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* diverses voydauncez a le Pye *et* a le Crowne en Chepe *pur* lour temps, come apiert en le livere de dit Robert Trenethe, rentier, *summa* – xlvii s. viii d.

Quyt rentez:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* diverses quyt rentz *per* eux paiez.

En primez, a Dawne Geffray Bridde, moigne *et* chamberlain de l'abbé de Westmoustre, *pur* quytrent *pur* i ane entier tanqe a Paske anno ix^o Henrici vi^{ti} – xx s.

Item, a le rentier de Crichcherche *pur* quytrente *pur* i ane entier tanqe al feste de Seynt Johan Baptiste anno ix^o, *summa* – xix s.

Item, païé a dame Margrete Stokes, priouresse de Seint Eleyens, *pur* quytrent *pur* i ane entier tanqe al dit feste, *summa* – xviii s.

Item, païé a Sir Geffray Shirgeley, maistre de Seint Giles, *pur* i ane entier tanqe al feste de Seint Johan, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

368 This entry is interesting, showing that the accounting year for the rents at this date was Easter to Easter, whereas the accounting year for the wardens is Midsummer to Midsummer. When the *Renter Wardens' Account Book* starts, there is some initial variation in the dates of submission of accounts in the early years, but this quickly settles down to an Easter-to-Easter accounting year. See *Introduction*, pp. 17–18.

Item, paid to him as an allowance for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the said Robert Trenerth for the post of rent-collector of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up to Easter – 40s.

Alms:

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Item, they ask for allowance for various payments made by them to the mistery's almsmen, i.e.

Firstly, to Thomas Sedgford for a whole year at

18d. per week, total – £3 18s.

Item, to Robert Trees for a whole year at 16d. per week,

total – £3 9s. 4d.

Item, to Laurence Hampton for a whole year at 18d. per week,

total – £3 18s.

Item, to John Holland for a whole year at 14d. per week,

total – £3 8d.

Item, to Piers Belgrave for whole year at 14d. per week,

total – £3 8d.

Item, to William Thymelby for a whole year at 14d. per week,

total – £3 8d.

Item, to James Bynde for half a year at 14d. per week,

total – 30s. 4d.

Total of this set of items – £21 17s. 8d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Trenerth, rent-collector, on the mistery's rental properties, as appears by a list in a record-book with these individual items – £14 21d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies at the Pye and at the Crown in Cheap during their term of office, as appears in the record-book of the said Robert Trenerth, rent-collector, total – 47s. 8d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid by them.

Firstly, to Dan Geoffrey Bryd, monk and chamberlain of Westminster Abbey, for quit-rent for a whole year up to Easter in the year 9 Henry VI – 20s.

Item, to the renter of Christchurch for quit-rent for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 9 [Henry VI], total – 19s.

Item, paid to Dame Margaret Stokes, Prioress of St Helen's, for quit-rent for a whole year up to the said feastday, total – 18s.

Item, paid to Sir Geoffrey Shirley, Master of St Giles, for a whole year up to the feast of St John, total – 6s. 8d.

Item, païé al rentier de Seint Marye Overey *pur* une ane entier al feste de Nowelle anno ix^o, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a dame Elizabeth, priouresse de Haliwelle, *pur* i ane entier tanqe al feste de Nowelle anno ix^o, *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa de cest parcelle – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Foreyn expencz:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur* foreyn expenses, c'est assavoyr:

Pur vii clariones et trumpettes, *summa* – xlv s. x d.

Item, *pur* vii chaperones et dimi a eux et Thomas, trompere – xviii s. ix d.

Item, en vyn et autres costes sur lez tromperes – ii s. x d.

Item, païé *pur* batillage ovesqe le Mair a Westmoustre *pur* la obite du roy Henry quinte – iii s. ii d.

Item, païé a Richard Lyndesay *pur* escriver lettres et billes a envoyer a Brugges a Johan Waren et sa compaignones – xl d.

Item, païé a Thomas Raftone *pur* escriver un instrucion de duche et *pur* la traier le mesme instrucion en anglois – v s.

– iii li. xviii s. xi d.

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Expencez:

Item, païé a William Pyryman *pur* escriver diverses lettres et copies en cest ane vers Johan Waren, et *pur* i box *pur* lez patentz – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé *pur* i quayer paper et i bagge *pur* money – vi d.

Expencez:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur* costes fait en le chapelle en lour temps. En primez, païé *pur* ii allnes et dimi toil de Holand *pur* towaille *pur* lez auters a vi d. l'ane, *summa* – xv d. Item, païé a Harry Goow, chaundeler, *pur* ii torchez poysaunt xxv lib., a v d., *summa* – x s. v d. Item, *pur* vii lib. seer, le lib. vi d., *summa* – iii s. vi d. *Summa totalis* – xv s. ii d.

Prest:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce d'une prest a Johan Waren a sone alier vers Brugges *per* avys de tout la compaignie, *summa* x li.

Et cest sera païé a le proschein condyt *per* avys del compaignie.

Item, paid to the renter of St Mary Overy for a whole year up to Christmas in the year 9 [Henry VI] [1430], total – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Dame Elizabeth, Prioress of Haliwell, for a whole year up to Christmas in the year 9 [Henry VI], total – 13s. 4d.

Total of this set of items – £4 10s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for extrinsic expenditure, i.e.

For 7 clarioners and trumpeters, total – 45s. 10d.

Item, for 7 hoods and a half [hood] for them and for Thomas the trumpeter²³⁶ – 18s. 9d.

Item, for wine and other costs of the trumpeters – 2s. 10d.

Item, paid for boat-transport with the Mayor to Westminster for the obit of King Henry V – 3s. 2d.

Item, paid to Richard Lyndesey for the writing of letters and documents to be sent to Bruges to John Wareyn and his companions – 40d.

Item, paid to Thomas Rafton for writing out a mandate in Dutch and for translating the same mandate into English – 5s.

– £3 18s. 11d.

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Item, paid to William Piryman for the writing of various letters and copies [of letters] to John Wareyn during this year, and for a box for the letters patent – 7s. 4d.

Item, paid for 1 quire of paper and for 1 bag for money – 6d.

Expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for costs incurred on the chapel during their term of office. Firstly, paid for 2½ ells of Holland cloth for altar-cloths, at 6d. per ell, total – 15d. Item, paid to Harry Gowe, chandler, for 2 torches weighing 25lb. at 5d. [per lb.], total – 10s. 5d. Item, for 7lb. wax at 6d. per lb., total – 3s. 6d. Sum total – 15s. 2d.

Advance:

Item, they ask for allowance for an advance made to John Wareyn when he left for Bruges, in consultation with the whole company, total – £10

And this will be paid at the next conduct levy,²³⁷ by the decision²³⁸ of the company

236 This Thomas is clearly the leader of the musicians, with a larger instrument, as appears again in later years (see the Name Index). The other half of his hood, in this year and others, will have been paid for by the mystery to which the other sheriff belonged, and will have most probably been in a contrasting colour.

237 On these conduct levies, see Introduction, pp. 35–7.

238 The word ‘avys’ is used in the text for what has been translated here first as ‘consultation’ and then as ‘decision’. ‘Avys’ (‘advice’) is used both for taking advice (consultation) and for the results of this (a decision).

Dettours:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* le dette deliveré a eux *per* lour predessessours gardeins del dit mistier, assavoyr Thomas Gase, une dez tenantz a le Pye, q' ils ne *pur*rout recoverer a cause qe le dit Thomas ad païé *pur* diverses reparaciones *per* comaundement de Thomas Austyn, adonqes rentier del mercerie, *summa* – v li.

Item, les ditz gardeins demaudent allowaunce *pur* le mesme Thomas Gase d' une somme aderere de sone rent en le temps qe William Piryman estoit rentier del dit mistier *et* qe le dit William Piryman ne poet recoverer a cause de poverté de le dit Thomas Gase, come apiert en le discharge de nous predessessours, *summa* – v li.

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* le dette de Piers Kempe, le quele ad esté a Westmoustre *et* en Normandie *per* tout le temps de lour acompte – xl s.

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce de ceo qe nous *sumus*³⁶⁹ chargé cy devant de xi li. vi s. viii d. *pur* lever de Thomas Fauconer, Harry Frowyk, William Milrethe, Richard Coventre, *et* Richard Brook, *pur* cause ils achatent xxxiiii pakkes toil de Holand encontour l'ordinaunce, le quel somme nouz ne poet recoverer en nostre temps, *summa* – xi li. vi s. viii d.

Costes:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* la escriver de nostre acompte en le *graunt* livere a William Piryman – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* ceo qe nous *avomus*³⁷⁰ païé a William Thornhille *pur* i bille *pur* le Rovers a le parlement,³⁷¹ *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

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Costez:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce *pur* laver de divers necessaries *pur* le chapelle – viii d.

Item, *pur* paper, ynke, *et* costes *pur* lettres *per* Robert Trenerthe – xvii d.
– ii s. i d.

Summa totalis de le discharge amounte – Ci li. ii s. ix d.

Si rest en argent seek al dit mistier – ii^c xii li. xi s. xi d. ob.

369 The abbreviation used is that resembling a suprascript '9', standing for '-us', although this scribe's French is so imperfect that it would be unwise to take this as normal contemporary usage.

370 Again, 'no⁹ avom⁹'.

371 See *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, IV, pp. 376–7.

Debtors:

Item, they ask for allowance for the debt handed on to them by their predecessors as wardens of the said mistery, i.e. Thomas Gase, one of the tenants in the Pye, which they were unable to recover because the said Thomas has paid for various repairs on the orders of Thomas Austyn, then rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, total – £5

Item, the said wardens ask for allowance for the same Thomas Gase for a sum of arrears on his rent during the time when William Piryman was rent-collector of the said mistery, and which the said William Piryman could not recover because of the said Thomas Gase's poverty, as appears in our predecessors' account, total – £5

Item, they ask for allowance for the debt of Piers Kemp, who has been in Westminster and in Normandy during the whole of their accounting period – 40s.

Item, they ask for allowance in that in their receipts section above there appears the sum of £11 6s. 8d. which was to be collected from Thomas Fauconer, Harry Frowyk, William Meldreth, Richard Coventry, and Richard Brook, because they had bought 34 packs of Holland cloth in contravention of the ordinance, and we have been unable to recover this sum during our term of office, total – £11 6s. 8d.

Costs:

Item, they ask for allowance for the writing up of our account in the big account-book by William Piryman – 3s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance in that they have paid to William Thornhill for a bill in Parliament concerning sea-pirates, total – 3s. 4d.

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Item, they ask for allowance for the washing of various necessary things for the chapel – 8d.

Item, for paper, ink and the costs of letters [written by] Robert Trenerth – 17d.
– 2s. 1d.

Sum total of the disbursements amounts to – £101 2s. 9d.

And thus there remains to the said mistery in ready money –
£212 11s. 11½d.

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Le eleccione de les maistres:

Et fait assavoyr *qe* a l'avantdit feste de Seint Johan Baptist et le xviii^{me} jour de le mois de Juny l'ane ix^{me} de le regne le Roy Henry le sisme depuis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour soupier tenue en l'ostelle de Robert Large, *mercier*, lez avantditz Robert Large, Everard Flete, Johan Cotford, et Johan Seymour choiserent gardeins pur l'ane avenir, c'est assavoyr Robert Large eslit William Milrethe, Everard Flete eslit Johan Wasshbourne, Johan Cotford eslit William Prentys, et Johan Seymour eslit William Cantelowe, as queux ils ount deleveré l'argent seek *qe* remaynt en lour mayns, viz. – ii^c xii li. xi s. xi d. ob.

Rest al mistier en le dette de Thomas Gase compris deinz la compte devant escript per deux parcelles, *summa* – x li.

Item, rest al dit mistier de Piers Kempe devant escript, *summa* – xl s.

Item, rest al dit mistier de Thomas Fauconer, Henry Frowyk, William Milrethe, Richard Coventre, et Richard Brook compris deintz la compte devant escript, *summa* – xi li. vi s. viii d.

Rest al mistier en lez dettes et argent seek, amounte – ii^c xxxv li. xviii s. vii d. ob.

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[C']est³⁷³ la compte de William Milreth, Johan Wasshborne, William Prentys, et William Cantelowe, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptist l'ane x^{me} del regne le Roy Henry vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'ane proscheine devant passé, en quel ils estoient gardeins de le mistier del *mercerie*, come piert après.

Argent sek:

En *primes*, ils soy chargent de une somme deliveré a eux per lez gardeins de l'ane passé, c'est assavoyr – CCxii li. xi s. xi d. ob.

Compaignouns pur lour iii^{ce} an:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de compaignouns pur lour iii^{ce} an:

De Johan Cantelowe – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Derham – vi s. viii d.

De Olyver Snythalle – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Goodsoun – vi s. viii d.³⁷⁴

Compaignouns pur lour primer an:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de compaignouns pur lour primere an:

De Johan Bille – vi s. viii d.

De William Adams – vi s. viii d.

372 The initial introductory paragraph of heading on this page is written in the same hand as that of the preceding pages, as is the first main item of the receipts (the wording preceding the amount handed over by the previous year's wardens), and these will presumably have been written in 'in readiness'. A new hand then takes over and has written the marginal sub-heading 'Argent sek', the large initial 'E' of 'En primes', and the actual amount handed over by last year's wardens, and it then continues forward writing the rest of this year's account. This scribe uses on f. 108r and the top of f. 108v the customary rounded initial 'D' indicating 'De', but then moves into using it as a paragraph mark, putting it at the beginning of every line, very frequently for instance before an 'Item'.

373 A space three lines deep is left for the initial.

374 This scribe does not enter in sub-totals either at the side or below a section.

The election of the wardens:

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Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist and [specifically] on 18 June 9 Henry VI [1431], at their supper held in the house of Robert Large, mercer, the aforesaid Robert Large, Everard Fleet, John Cotford, and John Seymour chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Robert Large elected William Meldreth, Everard Fleet elected John Washbourne, John Cotford elected William Prentice, and John Seymour elected William Cantelowe, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £212 11s. 11½d.

There remains to the mistery as the debt of Thomas Gase included in the above account as two separate items, total – £10

Item, there remains to the said mistery [owed] by the abovesaid Piers Kemp, total – 40s.

Item, there remains to the said mistery [owed] by Thomas Fauconer, Henry Frowyk, William Meldreth, Richard Coventry, and Richard Brook included in the above account, total – £11 6s. 8d.

There remains to the mistery as debts and as ready money, amounting to – £235 18s. 7½d.

This is the account of William Meldreth, John Washbourne, William Prentice, and William Cantelowe, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 10 Henry VI [24 June 1432], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. £212 11s. 11½d.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare receipt from companions for their third year:

from John Cantelowe – 6s. 8d.

from John Derham – 6s. 8d.

from Oliver Snyderdale – 6s. 8d.

from John Goodson – 6s. 8d.

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare receipt from companions for their first year:

from John Bille – 6s. 8d.

from William Adams – 6s. 8d.

De William Holt –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Shirwynd –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Hapeforde –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Oonhand –	vi s. viii d.
De Stephen Stychemer –	vi s. viii d.

Wyltoun, homme de la loy:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de Wyltoun, homme de ley, pur soun entré en la liverey et pur soun fyn pur estre frank etc – vi s. viii d.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargent pur tout la rent de la mercerie q'amount en l'an, come apiert per l'acompte del rentgadere – xlii li. x s.

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Entrés des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu des entrés des apprenticez:

De William Henage apprentice de Everard Flete –	ii s.
De Thomas Oliver apprentice et fitz de William Olyver –	ii s.
De Thomas Brettehille apprentice de Thomas Sybnam –	ii s.
De Johan Drye apprentice de Thomas Middiltoun –	ii s.
De Thomas Beaufo apprentice de William Milrethe –	ii s.

Issues des apprentices:

Item ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu des issues des apprentices:

De Johan Aylmer apprentys de William Brigge –	ii s.
De Johan Brigge apprentys de Richard Coventre –	ii s.
De Johan Stubbys apprentys de William Halys –	ii s.
De Richard Everley apprentis de William Olyver –	ii s.
De Johan Trussebut apprentis de Johan Olney –	ii s.
De Richard Hayward apprentis de Roberd Reyham –	ii s.
De William Kempe apprentis de Richard Coventre –	ii s.
De William Cavyle apprentis de Thomas Middilmore –	ii s.

Amercimentes:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de mercymendis de divers de nos compaignouns qe ne verront a lours somons a Seynt Thomas – v s.

Dautre:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de William Dautre xxiiii septembre anno x^o Regis Henr[i]cy vi^{ti} de ce qe le dit Dautre ad reçu de Johan Rothe de conduyt du temps passé³⁷⁵ – v li.

³⁷⁵ It is very likely that it was in his capacity as warden (1429–30) that Dawtre was in receipt of this money.

from William Holt –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Shirwynd –	6s. 8d.
from John Hapsford –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Onehand –	6s. 8d.
from Stephen Titchmarsh –	6s. 8d.

Wilton, lawyer:

Item, they declare receipt from Wilton, lawyer,²³⁹ for his admission to the livery and for his fee to be be free etc. – 6s. 8d.

Rent:

Item, they declare all the mistery's rent-money, which amounts for the year, as appears by the rent-collector's account – £42 10s.

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Item, they declare receipt from the admission of apprentices:

from William Henage apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from Thomas Olyver apprentice and son of William Olyver –	2s.
from Thomas Brighthille apprentice of Thomas Sibbenham –	2s.
from John Drye apprentice of Thomas Middleton –	2s.
from Thomas Beaufo apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from the issues of apprentices:

from John Aylmere apprentice of William Brigge –	2s.
from John Brigge apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from John Stubbes apprentice of William Hales –	2s.
from Richard Everley apprentice of William Olyver –	2s.
from John Trusbut apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from Richard Hayward apprentice of Robert Raynham –	2s.
from William Kemp apprentice of Richard Coventry –	2s.
from William Cavyle apprentice of Thomas Middlemore –	2s.

Fines:

Item, they declare receipt of fines from various of our companions who did not come when summoned to St Thomas's --5s.

Dawtre:

Item, they declare receipt from William Dawtre on 24 September 10 Henry VI [1431], from what the said Dawtre had received from John Rothe from a conduct-levy of some time ago – £5

²³⁹ Thomas Wilton, who appears frequently in documents; see e.g. the indexes of *CPR 1429–36* and *CPR 1436–41*.

Thomas Stauntoun:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu³⁷⁶ de Thomas Stauntoun, frere et attourné de Roberd Large, de monye q'il ad ressu outre mere, en partie de paiement de les x li. prestés a Johan Waryn per les gardeins de l'an darrein passé – v li. x s. g., qe fount a ix s. ii [d.] g. le noble – Summa – iiiii li.

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Encrese de la compaignie:

Item, ils soy chargent en le noun de deux q'ils ount per lour diligence et labour quylé et gainé del d'argent de la compaignie durant lour temps q'ils ount esté gardeins del mercerie, al fyn qe de lour bone cuer et affeccoun ascun encrese fuist en lour temps a ce noble compaignie qe deux veule garder de male et de perile – xxxvii li. xiiii s. viii d.

Ressuz a la liveré grates:

Memorandum qe Johan Brokele, alderman,³⁷⁷ est ressu en la liveré

Item, Johan Burtoun del resseit³⁷⁸ est ressu en la liveré

Item, Water Grene est ressu en la liveré.

Summa totalis de tout lour charge – CCCvii li. vii s. ob.

La discharge de William Milreth, Johan Waysshebourne, William Prentis, et William Cantelow:

Salaries:

Ils demand[ent] alloaunce q'ils ount païé a Sire Roger Blendoun, prester, pur soun salarie pur i an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Sire Thomas Milborghe pur soun salarie pur i an – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Roberd Trenerthe, nostre bedille, pur soun salarie pur i an entier ad xviii d. le semaigne – iii li. xviii s.

Item, a luy pur soun office del rentier del mercerie – xl s.

Item, allowance a luy pur petit expenses pur quiller le rente – iii s. iiiii d.

Almoigne:

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance pur les gentz del almoigne de mercerie:

En primes, Laurence Hamptoun a xviii d. le semaigne, *summa* – iii li. xviii s.

Item, Roberd Treys a xvi d. le semaigne pur i an entier – iii li. ix s. iiiii d.

Item, a Johan Holond a xiiii d. le semaigne pur i an entier – iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Tynmelby a xiiii d. le semaigne pur i an enti[e]r – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Pers Belgrave a xiiii d. le semaigne pur i an enti[e]r – iii li. viii d.

Item, a James Bynde pur dimi an et iiiii semaignes a xiiii d.

le semaigne –

xxxv s.

³⁷⁶ See below, f. 110r, that they may not in fact have received this money.

³⁷⁷ This is unusual, as he was a member of the Drapers' mistery, but he was an important man, soon to be Mayor (1433–34).

³⁷⁸ One should probably find 'John' an error for 'Robert', as a Robert Burton is known to history, was e.g. an assessor of lands of the duchy of Cornwall in 1434, and it seems likely that this is he. A Robert Burton is also listed below on f. 123v. See CPR 1429–36, p. 347.

Thomas Stanton:

Item, they declare receipt from Thomas Stanton, brother and attorney of Robert Large, in money which he received from overseas as part-payment of the £10 advanced to John Wareyn by last year's wardens – £5 10s. of groats,²⁴⁰ which makes, at [an exchange rate of] 9s. 2d. of groats to the noble,²⁴¹ total – £4.

Increment for the company:

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Item, they declare in the name of God that they have by their diligence and hard work gathered and gained from the monies of the company during the time while they have been wardens of the mercers' mistery, in order that during their term of office there might, out of their good love and affection, be some increment for this noble company, which may God preserve from evil and danger – £37 14s. 8d.

Admitted to the livery *gratis*:

Memorandum that John Brockley, alderman, has been admitted to the livery

Item, [Robert] Burton of the Receipt of the Exchequer has been admittted to the livery

Item, Walter Grene has been admitted to the livery

Sum total of all their receipts – £307 7s. ½d.

The disbursements of William Meldreth, John Washbourne, William Prentice, and William Cantelowe:

Salaries:

They ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon, priest, for his salary for 1 whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Thomas Milbrook for his salary for 1 year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Robert Trennerth, our beadle, for his salary for 1 whole year at 18d. per week – £3 18s.

Item, to him for his post as rent-collector of the mercers' mistery – 40s.

Item, allowance to him for petty expenses on the collection of the rent – 3s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for the mistery's almsmen:

Firstly, Laurence Hampton at 18d. per week, total - £3 18s.

Item, Robert Trees at 16d. per week for 1 whole year – £3 9s. 4d.

Item, to John Holland at 14d. per week for 1 whole year – £3 8d.

Item, to William Thymelby at 14d. per week for 1 whole year – £3 8d.

Item, to Piers Belgrave at 14d. per week for 1 whole year – £3 8d.

Item, to James Bynde for half a year and 4 weeks at 14d.

per week – 35s.

240 Groats are being used as the Flemish money of account. On all such matters see Spufford, *Handbook*, pp. xix–xxvi *et passim*.

241 A noble was equal to 6s. 8d. in England at this date.

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Reparacioun:

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance *pur diverses reparaciouns* faites *per* Roberd Trenerth, come apierte *per* son acompte *anno* [nunc]³⁷⁹ – vii li. iiiii s. vi d. ob.

Voydaunce:

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance *pur diverses voydaunces* en le Pye et a la Crowne et en Seynt Larences Lane *per* lour temps, come apiert *per* l'acompte de Roberd Trenerth – ix li. xv d.

Quyt Rent:³⁸⁰

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance *pur diverses quyt rentis* païés en lour temps: En *primes*, al Meister de Seynt Gylys *per* .i. acquittance *pur* .i. an entier usque in crastinum *Johannis Baptiste* *anno* ix^o *Regis Henrici* vi^{ti} – vi s. viii d.

Item, al Priour del Trinité *per* .i. acquittance *pur* .i. an entier usque crastinum *Johannis Baptiste* *anno* ix^o *regni regis Henrici* vi^{ti} – xix s.

Item, al Abbot de Westm' *per* iiiii acquittance *pur* .i. an entier usque crastinum Pasche *anno* x^o *regis Henrici* vi^{ti} – xx s.

Item, al prioress de Halywelle *per* .i. acquittance *pur* .i. an entier usque crastinum *Natalis domini* *anno* x^o *regni regis Henr[i]ci* vi^{ti} – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, al priour de Seynt Marye Overey *per* .i. acquittance *pur* .i. an entier usque crastinum *Natalis domini* *anno* x^o *regis Henrici* vi^{ti} – xiii s. iiiii d.

Johan Waryn:

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance q'ils ount païé a Tot Makaville *per* .i. *lettre* de paiement de Johan Waryn – xxx li.

Foreyn Expenses:

Item, ils demand[ent] allowance *pur botehire* vers Lambhithe *pur* la *presentacioun* de Maistre Reynolde Pecok³⁸¹ – xix d. Item, *pur paper et cere* – iiiii d. Item, *waisschyng* de ornementes del chapelle – viii d. Item, a *wexchaundeler* *pur* *wex taperis* *pur* le chapelle, *per* .i. bille – iii s. iii d. Item, a boir as *peyntours* – iiiii d. Item, *pur* *escrire lettres* outre mere – vi s. viii d. Item, *escrire nostre acompte* en le *ground livre* – iii s. iiiii d.

– xvi s. ii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – iiiii^{xx} viii li. vi s. vii d. ob.

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Summa totalis de tout lour charge avant escript come bien apiert *per* les parcelles – CCCvii li. vii s. vii d. ob.

Summa totalis de tout lour discharge avant escript come bien apiert *per* les parcelles – iiiii^{xx} viii li. vi s. vii d. ob.

³⁷⁹ MS: nuc.

³⁸⁰ The sum due to St Helen's is not paid this year but next, see below, f. 111v.

³⁸¹ The new Master of Whittington College, 1431–44, who was here presented to the Prior and Chapter of Christchurch, Canterbury, as Rector of St Michael Paternoster Royal; see Imray, *The Charity*, p. 39. Pecock's later career, his writings and his trial and conviction for heresy are examined e.g. in the ODNB article, vol. 43, pp. 382–6, by Wendy Scase.

Repairs:

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Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Trenerth, as appears by his account of the present year – £7 4s. 6½d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies in the Pye and in the Crown and in St Lawrence's Lane²⁴² during their term of office, as appears in the account of Robert Trenerth – £9 15d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid during their term of office: Firstly, to the Master of St Giles by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 9 Henry VI – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Prior of Holy Trinity [Christchurch] by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 9 Henry VI – 19s.

Item, to the Abbot of Westminster by 4 acquittances for 1 whole year up to the day after Easter 10 Henry VI – 20s.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell by 1 acquittance for a whole year up to the day after Christmas 10 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after Christmas 10 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

John Wareyn:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid to Toto Machiavelli²⁴³ on 1 order of payment²⁴⁴ from John Wareyn – £30

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for boat-hire to Lambhithe for the presentation of Master Reginald Pecock – 19d. Item, for paper and wax – 4d. Item, washing of the chapel accoutrements – 8d. Item, to the wax-chandler for wax tapers for the chapel, by a bill – 3s. 4d. Item, for drink for the painters²⁴⁵ – 4d. Item, for the writing of letters overseas – 6s. 8d. Item, for the writing up of our account in the big record-book – 3s. 4d.

– 16s. 2d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £88 6s. 7½d.

Sum total of all their receipts above as appears by the itemised lists – £307 7s. 7½d. f. 110r

Sum total of all their disbursements above as appears by the itemised lists – £88 6s. 7½d.

²⁴² Previously, e.g. on f. 81v, and later, see e.g. 118v, this property is referred to as being in Sevenhode Lane, and these two streets intersect: see Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, Gazetteer, 12 E 1. The property is that left to the company by Robert Guppey, on whom see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 536–7 and Index.

²⁴³ A merchant of Florence, on the staff of the Medici bank; see *CPMR* 1413–37, pp. 145, 177, 178, 208.

²⁴⁴ Literally: 'letter of payment'. One should perhaps translate this as 'bill of exchange', on which see Spufford, *Handbook*, pp. xxx–xlv.

²⁴⁵ Presumably in the course of the repairs noted above.

Et sic rest *net* claro *pur* le compaignie del mercerie, *qe* dieux veul garder de male et de *perile*, et tutdiz convoier a bone aventure – CCxix li. xii d.

Inde caret iiii li. *videlicet* del argent *qe* nous devons³⁸² *resseiver* de Thomas Stauntoun.³⁸³

Et *memorandum* *qe* les gardeins del an passé nous ount chargé *pur* lever de Thomas Gase – x li.

Item, de Piers Kempe – xl s.

Item, de Thomas Faconer – iii li.

Item, de Henry Frowyk – xlv s. viii d.

Item, de William Milrethe – xl s.

Item, de Richard Coventre – iii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, de Johan Broke – vi s. viii d.

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– CCxix li. xii d. Inde caret iiii li. del argent *qe* nous [devons] *resseiver* de Thomas Stauntoun.

1432–33 f. 110v³⁸⁴ [C']est³⁸⁵ l'acompnt de Johan Olney, Johan Abbot, Thomas Chaltoun, et Geffrey Fildyng, fait al fest de Seint Johan Baptist l'an xi^{me} del reigne le Roy Henry vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'an proschein devant passé, en quelle ils estoient gardeins de le mistier del mercerie, come piert après.

La charge

Argent seek:

En *primes*, ils soy chargent del argent seek a eux delivéré *per* les gardeins del an passé, come piert *per* lour accompnt, c'est assavoir – CCxix li. xii d.

Compaignons pur lour deux ans:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu de compaignons *pur* lour ii ans:

De Johan Bille – vi s. viii d.

De William Adams – vi s. viii d.

De William Holt – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Shirwynd – vi s. viii d.

382 The scribe has used the same abbreviation on the two words: *no*° *devo*°.

383 This sentence has been added very slightly later but by the same scribe, in the same ink; cf. below, where this sentence would appear to have been written at the same time as what precedes. The details of this £4 are above, f. 108v, where the money is said to have been received, although there would now appear to have been some problem over this.

384 A new hand starts here, a delicate and ornate one, using a much finer nib than the previous scribe. He writes just this one year's account again. One may note that this scribe's command of French seems better than that of recent writers, he appears to be fluent in the language, although he does break into Latin when giving dates, e.g. on f. 111v.

385 A space three lines deep is left for the initial and a very small 'c' is written in the middle of it.

And thus there remains net for the mercers' company, which may God preserve from evil and from danger, and may He always lead it to good fortune – £219 12d.

From which £4 is missing, i.e. of the money which we should have received from Thomas Stanton

Memorandum that last year's wardens charged us with collecting from Thomas Gase – £10

Item, from Piers Kemp – 40s.

Item, from Thomas Fauconer – £3

Item, from Henry Frowyk – 46s. 8d.

Item, from William Meldreth – 40s.

Item, from Richard Coventry – £3 13s. 4d.

Item, from John Brook – 6s. 8d.

Memorandum that at the accustomed time in the month of June the said wardens chose, i.e. John Abbot, John Olney, Thomas Chalton, and Geoffrey Fielding, as new wardens for the following year, to whom they handed over the ready money remaining in their hands, i.e.

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– £219 12d. – from which is missing £4 of the money which we should have received from Thomas Stanton

This is the account of John Olney, John Abbot, Thomas Chalton, and Geoffrey Fielding, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist 11 Henry VI [24 June 1433], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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The receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by last year's wardens, as appears by their account, i.e. £219 12d.

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare receipt from companions for their second year:

from John Bille – 6s. 8d.

from William Adams – 6s. 8d.

from William Holt – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Shirwynd – 6s. 8d.

De Johan Hapesford –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Oonhond –	vi s. viii d.
De Stephen Stychemere –	vi s. viii d.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargent *pur* tout la rent de la mercerie, q'amont en l'an, come apiert *per* accompt del rentgaderer – xlii li. x s.

Entrees des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu des entrees des apprentices:

De Johan Hayle apprentice de William Townesende –	ii s.
De Johan Frisney apprentice de Johan Burtoun –	ii s.

Issues des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu des issues des apprentices:

De Johan Sayer apprentice de Richard Somery –	ii s.
De Roger Middelmores apprentice de Johan Pydmylle –	ii s.
De Thomas Benet apprentice de William Hales –	ii s.
De Johan Suttoun apprentice de Richard Coventre –	ii s.
De Richard Harpour apprentice de William Maltby –	ii s.
De Edward Blakney apprentice de Johan Bostoun –	ii s.
De Johan Renkyn apprentice de Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
De Johan Wynkeborne apprentice de Johan Burtoun –	ii s.
De William Bernewey apprentice de William Cavendysshe –	ii s.

Doun:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu de Johan Olney, viscount, *pur* les mynstrelx – xl s.

Amerciamentz:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu des amerciamentz de divers de lour compaignons qe ne veignent a lour somons a Seint Thomas – xii s.

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Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount resceu de Richard Coventre *pur* soun fyne d'estre deschargez des somons affaire en temps avenir – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – CCLxviii li. v s.

La Descharge

Salaries:

Ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sir Roger Blendon, prestre, *pur* soun salarie *pur* un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a luy *pur* soun liveré – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a Sir Thomas Milborghe *pur* soun salarie *pur* i an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a luy *pur* soun liveré – xiii s. iiiii d.

from John Hapsford – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Onehand – 6s. 8d.
 from Stephen Titchmarsh – 6s. 8d.

Rent:

Item, they declare all the mistery's rents, which amounts for the year as appears from the rent-collector's account – £42 10s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from the admission of apprentices:

from John Hayle apprentice of William Townsende – 2s.
 from John Frisney apprentice of John Burton – 2s.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from the issues of apprentices:

from John Sayer apprentice of Richard Somery – 2s.
 from Roger Middlemore apprentice of John Pidmylle – 2s.
 from Thomas Benet apprentice of William Hales – 2s.
 from John Sutton apprentice of Richard Coventre – 2s.
 from Richard Harpour apprentice of William Maltby – 2s.
 from Edward Blakeney apprentice of John Boston – 2s.
 from John Rankyn apprentice of John Aleyn – 2s.
 from John Wyngborne apprentice of John Burton – 2s.
 from William Bernewey apprentice of William Cavendish – 2s.

Gift:

Item, they declare receipt from John Olney, sheriff, for the musicians – 40s.

Fines:

Item, they declare receipt from fines from various of their companions who did not come when summoned to St Thomas's – 12s.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt from Richard Coventry as a fee for being exonerated from future summonses – 13s. 4d.

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Sum total of their receipts – £268 5s.

The disbursements

Salaries:

They ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon, priest, for his salary for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid him for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Thomas Milbrook for his salary for 1 whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to him for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, a Robert Trenerthe, nostre bedylle, pur soun salarie pur un an entier a xviii d. la semaigne, *summa* – lxxviii s.

Item, a luy pur soun liveré – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a luy pur soun office del rentier del mercerie pur un an – xl s.

Item, a luy en allowance pur petitz expenses pur coiller le rent – iii s. iiiii d.

Almoigne:

Item, ils demaund[ent] allowance pur les gentz del almoigne del mercerie:

En primes, païé a Laurence Hamptoun pur un an entier

a xviii d. la semaigne – lxxviii s.

Item, a Robert Treys pur un an entier a xvi d. la semaigne – lxxix s. iiiii d.

Item, a Johan Holand pur iii quarters a xiiii d. la semaigne – xlv s. vi d.

Item, a William Thymelby pur i quarter a xiiii d. la semaigne – xv s. ii d.

Item, a Piers Belgrave pur un an entier a xiiii d. la semaigne – lx s. viii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaund[ent] allowance pur divers reparacions faitz per Robert Trenerthe, come apiert per soun accompt de ceste an – xii li. x s. vii d.

Voydances:

Item, ils demaund[ent] allowance pur divers voidances en le Pye et a le Corone et en Seint Laurence Lane per lour temps, come apiert per l'accompt du dit Robert Trenerthe – xii li. x s. v d.

Quiterentz:

Item, ils demaund[ent] allowance pur diverses quiterentz paieez en lour temps:

En primes al Priour del Trinité per un acquittance pur un an entier usque crastinum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno x^{mo} regis Henrici vi^{ti} 386– xix s.

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Unqore quyterentz:

Item, al Abbot de Westm' per iiiii acquittances pur un an entier usque crastinum Pasche anno xi^{mo} regis Henrici sexti – xx s.

Item, al meister de Seint Gyles per i acquittance pur un an entier usque crastinum Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno x^{mo} regis Henrici sexti – vi s. viii d.

Item, al prioresse de Seint Elene per ii acquittances pur ii ans entiers usque crastinum Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno x^{mo} regis Henrici sexti – xxxvi s.

Item, al prioresse de Halywelle per i acquittance pur un an entier usque crastinum Natalis domini anno xi^o regis Henrici sexti – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, al priour de Seint Marie Overey per i acquittance pur un an entier usque crastinum Natalis domini anno xi^{mo} regis Henrici sexti – xiii s. iiiii d.

386 It seems very possible that the scribe moves into Latin here and below when entering up the quit-rents paid because he has the acquittances in front of him and is copying the date as written in Latin on them.

Item, to Robert Trenerth, our beadle, for his salary for a whole year at 18d. per week, total – 78s.

Item, to him for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, to him for his post of rent-collector of the mercers' mystery for a year – 40s.

Item, to him as an allowance for petty expenses on the collection of the rent – 3s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for the almsmen of the mercers' mystery:

Firstly, paid to Laurence Hampton for a whole year

at 18d. per week –	78s.
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Item, to Robert Trees for a whole year at 16d. per week –	69s. 4d.
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Item, to John Holland for three quarters at 14d. per week –	45s. 6d.
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Item, to William Thymelby for one quarter at 14d. per week –	15s. 2d.
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Item, to Piers Belgrave for a whole year at 14d. per week –	60s. 8d.
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Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Trenerth, as appears by his account for this year – £12 10s. 7d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies in the Pye and the Crown and in St Lawrence's Lane during their term of office, as appears in the said Robert Trenerth's account – £12 10s. 5d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid during their term of office:

Firstly, to the Prior of Holy Trinity by an acquittance for a whole year up to the day after the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 10 Henry VI – 19s.

Further quit-rents:

Item, to the Abbot of Westminster by 4 acquittances for a whole year up to the day after Easter 11 Henry VI – 20s.

Item, to the Master of St Giles by 1 acquittance for a whole year up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 10 Henry VI – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Prioress of St Helen's by 2 acquittances for 2 whole years up to the day after the feastday of St John the Baptist 10 Henry VI – 36s.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell by 1 acquittance for a whole year up to the day after Christmas 11 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy by 1 acquittance for a whole year up to the day after Christmas 11 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

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Foreins expenses:

Item, ils demaund[ent] allowance *pur* i coffyne *pur* diverses lettres et charges – vi d. Item, *pur* botehire vers Westm' *pur* l'obite du Roy Henry quinte – viii d. Item, *pur* ix mynstrelx *pur* le temps de Johan Olney, viscount – lxxiii s. iiiii d. Item, *pur* boire a eux vers Westm' et arere *per* Robert Trenerthe – ii s. xi d. Item, *pur* boire a eux *per* Johan Abbot – iiiii d. Item, *pur* wasshyng des ornamentz del chapelle – viii d. Item, *pur* i sergeant *pur* arester toille des gentz de Gaunt – xx d. Item, *pur* paper, inke et escripture – iii s. iiiii d. Item, *pur* cere – iiiii d. Item, *pur* boir as laborers al Pye *per* Johan Abbot – viii d.

Summa totalis de tout lour descharge – lxi li. x s. v d.

Summa totalis de tout lour charge avant escript come bien appiert
per les parcelles
– CClxviii li. v s.

Summa totalis de tout lour discharge avant escript come bien appiert
per les parcelles
– lxi li. x s. v d.

Et sic rest *net* de claro *pur* le compaignie del mercerie *qe* dieux veulle garder de male et de perile et tutditz convoier a bone aventure – Ciiiii^{xx} xviii li. xiii s. vii d.

Et fait a remembrer *qe* y sount en les mains de Robert Trenerthe d'estore *pur* le Pye xlii tounetight de chalk et Mⁱ latthes.

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La eleccion de les maisters:

Et fait assavoir *qe* a l'avantdit fest del Nativité Seint Johan Baptist l'an xi^{me} del reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour soupier tenuz en l'ostielle de Johan Olney, mercer, les avantditz Johan Olney, Johan Abbot, Thomas Chaltoun, et Geoffrey Fildyng choiserent gardeins *pur* l'an avenir, c'est assavoir le dit Johan Olney eslit William Estfeld, Johan Abbot eslit Thomas Bataille, Thomas Chaltoun eslit Richard Riche, et Geoffrey Fildyng eslit Johan Derham, as queux ils ount delivéré l'argent seek *qe* remaynt en lour mains, c'est assavoir – Ciiiii^{xx} xviii li. xiii s. vii d.

Et memorandum *qe* les gardeins del an passé nous ount chargé de lever:

De Thomas Gase – x li.
De Piers Kempe – xl s.
De Thomas Fauconer – lx s.
De Henry Frowyk – xlvi s. viii d.
De William Milrethe – xl s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for 1 box for various letters and receipts – 6d.
 Item, for boat-hire to Westminster for the obit of King Henry V – 8d. Item, for 9 musicians for the procession²⁴⁶ of John Olney, sheriff – 73s. 4d. Item, for drinks for them on the way to Westminster and back, by Robert Trenerth – 2s. 11d.
 Item, for drinks for them, by John Abbot – 4d. Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements – 8d. Item, for a sergeant for the seizure of linen-cloth from the men of Ghent – 20d. Item, for paper, ink and writing – 3s. 4d. Item for wax – 4d.
 Item, for drink for the workmen at the Pye, by John Abbot – 8d.

Sum total of all their disbursements – £69 10s. 5d.

Sum total of all their receipts written above as appears
 by the itemised lists
 – £268 5s.

Sum total of all their disbursements written above as appears
 by the itemised lists
 – £69 10s. 5d.

And thus there remains net to the mercers' company, which may God preserve from evil and from danger and may He always lead it to good fortune – £198 14s. 7d.

Memorandum that Robert Trenerth holds in store for the Pye 42 tons tight²⁴⁷ of chalk and 1000 laths of wood.

The election of the wardens:

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 11 Henry VI, at their supper held in the house of John Olney, mercer, the aforesaid John Olney, John Abbot, Thomas Chalton, and Geoffrey Fielding chose wardens for the following year, i.e. the said John Olney elected William Eastfield, John Abbot elected Thomas Bataille, Thomas Chalton elected Richard Riche, and Geoffrey Fielding elected John Derham, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £198 14s. 7d.

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Memorandum that last year's wardens charged us with collecting:

from Thomas Gase –	£10
from Piers Kemp –	40s.
from Thomas Fauconer –	60s.
from Henry Frowyk –	46s. 8d.
from William Meldreth –	40s.

²⁴⁶ Literally, the text says for his 'time'.

²⁴⁷ See *OED* sub TIGHT: 'Formerly (14th–17th c.) appended to *ton*, *pipe*, *hogshead*, *dolium*, as measures of capacity, originally and especially stating the number of tons burden (*i.e.* the tonnage) of a ship; also as an equivalent weight of stones, gravel, salt, etc.'

De Richard Coventre – lxxiii s. iiii d.
 De Johan Broke – vi s. viii d.
 – xxiii li. vi s. viii d.

Rest al mercerie ové les dettes *et* argent seek, amount – CCxxii li. xv d.

1433–34 [C']est³⁸⁸ la compte de William Estfeld, Thomas Bataylle, Richard Riche, et John
 f. 112v³⁸⁷ Derham, fait al feste de Seint Johan Baptest l'an xii^{me} del reigne le Roy Henry
 vi^{me} après le conquest d'Engleterre, pur l'aun proscheine devaunt passé en quel ils
 estoient gardeins de le mistere del mercerie, come piert après.

Primerement lour charge

Argent seke:

En primez, ils soy chargent del argent sek deliveré a eux per les gardeins del an
 darrein passé, come apiert per lour acounte – Ciii^{xx} xviii li. xiiii s. vii d.

Compaignouns pur lour iii ans:

Item, ils soy chargent de lé compaignouns pur lour iii ans:

De Johan Bille – vi s. viii d.
 De William Adams – vi s. viii d.
 De William Holt – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Shirwind – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Hapsford – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Onhand – vi s. viii d.
 De Stephen Stychemer – vi s. viii d.
 – xlvi s. viii d.

Compaignons pur lour primer an:

Item, ils soy chargent de lé compaignouns pur lour primer an:

De Johan Penne – vi s. viii d.
 De William Irlam – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Style – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Blenkynsop – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Pikyng – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Pouter – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Cok – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Gosse – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Kyrkeby – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Froste – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Botumselle – vi s. viii d.
 De Austyn Strattoun – vi s. viii d.
 – iiii li.

387 A new hand starts here and writes this year's account.

388 A space three lines deep is left for the initial.

from Richard Coventry – 73s. 4d.
 from John Brook – 6s. 8d.
 – £23 6s. 8d.

There remains to the mercers' mistery with debts and ready money,
 amounting to – £222 15d.

This is the account of William Eastfield, Thomas Bataille, Richard Riche, and John Derham, made up to the feastday of St John the Baptist in the year 12 Henry VI [24 June 1434], for the immediately preceding year during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below. 1433–34 f. 112v

Firstly, their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by last year's wardens, as appears in their account – £198 14s. 7d.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare from companions for their third year:

from John Bille – 6s. 8d.
 from William Adams – 6s. 8d.
 from William Holt – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Shirwynd – 6s. 8d.
 from John Hapsford – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Onehand – 6s. 8d.
 from Stephen Titchmarsh – 6s. 8d.
 – 46s. 8d.

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare from companions for their first year:

from John Penne – 6s. 8d.
 from William Irwilliam – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Steele – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Blenkinsop – 6s. 8d.
 from John Pickering – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Pouter – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Cokke – 6s. 8d.
 from Thomas Gosse – 6s. 8d.
 from John Kirkeby – 6s. 8d.
 from John Frost – 6s. 8d.
 from John Bothumselle – 6s. 8d.
 from Austin Stratton – 6s. 8d.
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Compaignons pur lour primer an:

De Nicholaus Draytoun –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Traynelle –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Damian –	vi s. viii d.
De Pers Alfold –	vi s. viii d.
De William Keyver –	vi s. viii d.
De Saundys Orable –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Middiltoun –	vi s. viii d.
De William Gladman –	vi s. viii d.
– liii s. iiiii d.	

Rente:

Item, ils soy chargent pur tout le rent de la mercery q'amount en l'an, come apiert
per acount del rentgadere – xlii li. x s.

Entrés des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu des entrés des apprentisis:

De Richard Andrew	} apprentisis de Thomas Cok –	iiii s.
De Christofur Parcomialle ³⁸⁹		
De Johan Beret apprentis de Johan Sturjoun –		ii s.
De Robert Baroun	} apprentisis de Richard Lovelas –	iiii s.
De Johan Petit		
De William Ludlowe apprentis de Raff Lovelle –		ii s.
De Nicholaus Bungey apprentis de Johan Burton –		ii s.
De Robert Aylemer apprentis de Johan Derham –		ii s.
De Gylbert Newtoun apprentis de Johan Pikyng –		ii s.
De Thomas Resoun apprentis de Johan Kyrkeby –		ii s.
De Richard Burghe apprentis de Saundys Orable –		ii s.
De Watkyn Burghehulle apprentis de Stephen Stichemer –		ii s.
De Nicholaus Hudelle apprentis de William Collyng –		ii s.
De Johan Schort	} apprentisis de Thomas Shirwind –	iiii s.
De Watkyn Durward		
De Johan Cappeland apprentis de Thomas Traynelle –		ii s.
De Reynold Haybat apprentis de Richard Foliat –		ii s.
De William Mortimer apprentis de William Pomfret –		ii s.
– xxxvi s.		

Issuez des apprenticez:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu des issues des apprenticez:

De Johan Roo apprentis de Johan Abbot –	ii s.
De William Raynham apprentis de William Cantelowe –	ii s.
De William Bullok apprentis de Johan Langham per Lyndewik –	ii s.
De William Tankyrsley apprentis de William Thornhille –	ii s.
– viii s.	

³⁸⁹ This is almost certainly a scribal copying error for Parcivalle or Percivalle.

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from Nicholas Drayton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Traynelle –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Damian –	6s. 8d.
from Piers Alfold –	6s. 8d.
from William Kerver –	6s. 8d.
from Alexander Orable –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from William Gladman –	6s. 8d.
– 53s. 4d.	

Rent:

Item, they declare the whole of the mistery's rent which amounts in the year, as appears in the rent-collector's account – £42 10s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from the admission of apprentices:

from Richard Andrew	} apprentices of Thomas Cokke –	4s.
from Christopher Percyvale		
from John Barret apprentice of John Sturgeon –		2s.
from Robert Baron	} apprentices of Richard Lovelace –	4s.
from John Petit		
from William Ludlow apprentice of Ralph Lovelle –		2s.
from Nicholas Bungey apprentice of John Burton –		2s.
from Robert Aylmere apprentice of John Derham –		2s.
from Gilbert Newton apprentice of John Pickering –		2s.
from Thomas Rayson apprentice of John Kirkeby –		2s.
from Richard Burgh apprentice of Alexander Orable –		2s.
from Watkyn Burghehulle apprentice of Stephen Titchmarsh –		2s.
from Nicholas Hudelle apprentice of William Cullyng –		2s.
from John Short	} apprentices of Thomas Shirwynd –	4s.
from Watkyn Durward		
from John Cappeland apprentice of Thomas Traynelle –		2s.
from Reynold Haybat apprentice of Richard Foliot –		2s.
from William Mortimer apprentice of William Pomfreyt –		2s.
– 36s.		

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt from the issues of apprentices:

from John Roo apprentice of John Abbot –	2s.
from William Raynham apprentice of William Cantelowe –	2s.
from William Bullok apprentice of John Langham, by Lyndewik ²⁴⁸ –	2s.
from William Tankersley apprentice of William Thornhill –	2s.
– 8s.	

²⁴⁸ This is unclear, except that for some reason the money has been paid *via* this third party and it has been felt necessary to record this, as it has also been for Piers Atherton below.

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Issues des apprenticez:

De Pers Althertoun apprentys de J[ames]³⁹⁰ Bynde per Somerey – ii s.
 De William Collyng apprentys de Johan Halyat – ii s.
 De Thomas Fownteyns apprentys de Adam Foster – ii s.
 De Johan Chesteyne apprentys de Johan Wassheborne – ii s.
 De Robert Baroun apprentys de Richard Lovelas – ii s.
 De Roger Blenkynsoppe apprentys de Mathew Fowcher – ii s.
 De William Ludlowe apprentys de Raffe Lovelle – ii s.
 De William Kervere – ii s.
 Pers Alfolde – ii s.
 – xviii s.

Amerciamentz:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu des amerciamentz de divers de lour compaignons qe ne veignent a lour somons a Seint Thomas – xi s. vi d.

Done:

Item, ils soy chargent de Thomas Chaltoun, viscount, pur lez mynstrellys – xxvi s. viii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Pers Alfold estre frank de nostre compaignie – xl s.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de William Kervere pur estre franke de nostre compaignie – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Elys Davy pur soun fyne pur divers temps – vi s. viiii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu de Richard Coventre – vi s. viiii d.

Bequest de Johan Bostoun:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de William Estfeld, Thomas Onhand, Hughe Wyche, Thomas Pouter, Richard Lyndesey, executours del testament de Johan Bostoun (qe dieux assoyle), per soun divyse a le box – x li.

Done:

Item, ils soy chargent de une somme ressu de Thomas Roos per soun maynez a le box – xl s.

³⁹⁰ MS: Johan. This is almost certainly an error for James: see Name Index.

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from Piers Atherton apprentice of James Bynde, by Somery –	2s.
from William Cullyng apprentice of John Algate –	2s.
from Thomas Fownteyns apprentice of Adam Forster –	2s.
from John Chesteyne apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from Robert Baron apprentice of Richard Lovelace –	2s.
from Roger Blenkinsop apprentice of Matthew Foucher –	2s.
from William Ludlow apprentice of Ralph Lovell –	2s.
from William Kerver –	2s.
Piers Alfold –	2s.
– 18s.	

Fines:

Item, they declare receipt from fines of various of their companions who did not come when summoned to St Thomas's – 11s. 6d.

Gift:

Item, they declare from Thomas Chalton, sheriff, for the musicians – 26s. 8d.

Fee:

Item, they declare a sum received from Piers Alfold to be free of our company – 40s.

Fee:

Item, they declare a sum received from William Kerver to be free of our company – £6 13s. 4d.

Fine:

Item, they declare a sum received from Ellis Davy for his fine for various occasions²⁴⁹ – 6s. 8d.

Fine:

Item, they declare that they have received from Richard Coventry – 6s. 8d.

John Boston's bequest:

Item, they declare a sum received from William Eastfield, Thomas Onehand, Hugh Wyche, Thomas Pouter, Richard Lyndesey, executors of the will of John Boston (may God absolve him) for his legacy to the communal funds – £10

Gift:

Item, they declare a sum received in person²⁵⁰ from Thomas Roos for the communal funds – 40s.

²⁴⁹ In subsequent years this man regularly pays an amount that is more clearly defined as a set agreed amount to be excused from turning up to summoned assemblies.

²⁵⁰ Literally: 'by his [own] hands. This is the last time he appears in these records and he made his will (if this is he and not another of the same name) shortly thereafter in 1434; see Wood, 'A fourteenth-century London owner', pp. 85–6.

Item, ils soy chargent q'ils ount ressu per restez de diverses condites – iii li. vi s. iii d.

La encrés de la leveré:

Item, resçux de la encrés de *nostre leveré* a le feste de Paske darrein passé, *summa* – vi li. xi s. viii d.

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La Discharge

Salaries:

En *primez*, ils demaudent allowans q'ils ount *païé* a Sere Roger Blendon, prester, pur soun selarie pur un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, a Sere Thomas Milborghe *pur* soun selarie pur un [an] entier – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, a Trenerthe, *nostre bedelle*, pur soun selarie pur un an entier a xviii d. le semaigne – iii li. xviii s.

Item, a luy *pur* soun offyce del rentier del *mercerie* pur un an – xl s.

Item, a luy allowans pur *petit expences* pur coiller le rente – iii s. iii d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demandent allowans pur lez gentz del almoigne³⁹¹ del *mercerie*.

En *primez*, Lorens Hamtoun a xviii d. le semaigne *pur* i an entier – iii li. xviii s.

Item, a Robert Treys a xvi d. le semaigne pur un an entier – iii li. ix s. iii d.

Item, a Pers Belgrave pur xxix semaigne a xiii d. – xxxiii s. x d.

Quiterentez:

Item, ils demandent allowans *pur* diverses quiterentez paiez en le tenz:

En *primez*, al preour del Trenité *per* i aquitance *per* i an entier usque a[d]³⁹² crastinum Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno xii^{mo} regis Henrici sexti – xix s.

Item, al abbot del Westm' *per* iiii aquitances *pur* un an entier usque a[d] crastinum Pas[che]³⁹³ anno xii^{mo} regis Henrici vi^{ti} – xx s.

Item, al prioresse de Seint Elinez *pur* i an p[er]³⁹⁴ i aquitance usque a[d] crastinum Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno xii^{mo} regis Henrici vi^{ti} – xviii s.

Item, al prioresse de Haliwelle *per* i aquitance *pur* i an entier usque a[d] crastinum Natalis domini anno xii^{mo} regis Henrici vi^{ti} – xiii s. iii d.

Item, al prior de Seint Mari Overey *per* i aquitance *pur* i an entier usque a[d] crastinum Natalis domini anno xii^{mo} regis Henrici vi^{ti} – xiii s. iii d.

Item, al meister de Seint Gyles *per* i aquitance *pur* i an entier³⁹⁵ – vi s. viii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaudent allowans *pur* diverses reparacions fait *per* Robert Trenerthe, come *apiert* *per* soun account anno nunc – v li. iii d.

391 MS: del almoigne.

392 MS (here and below each time): a.

393 MS: passe.

394 MS: *pur*.

395 This line is squashed in and clearly added as an afterthought. After the word 'entier', 'usque ad C' has been written and then scored through, and it is possible that the sum of money was also intended to be scored out.

Item, they declare receipts from the balances of various conduct-levies – £4 6s. 3d.

Profit on the livery:

Item, received from the profit on our last Easter's livery, total – £6 11s. 8d.

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon, priest, for his salary for one whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Thomas Milbrook for his salary for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Trenerth, our beadle, for his salary for a whole year at 18d. per week – £3 18s.

Item, to him for his post of rent-collector of the mercers' mistery for one year – 40s.

Item, to him as an allowance for petty expenses on the collection of the rent – 3s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for the mistery's almsmen:

Firstly, Laurence Hampton at 18d. per week for one whole year – £3 18s.

Item, to Robert Trees at 16d. per week for one whole year – £3 9s. 4d.

Item, to Piers Belgrave for 29 weeks at 14d. – 33s. 10d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid during their term of office:

Firstly, to the Prior of the Holy Trinity by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 12 Henry VI – 19s.

Item, to the Abbot of Westminster by 4 acquittances for 1 whole year up to the day after Easter 12 Henry VI – 20s.

Item, to the Prioress of St Helen's for 1 year by 1 acquittance up to the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 12 Henry VI – 18s.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after Christmas 12 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year up to the day after Christmas 12 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Master of St Giles by 1 acquittance for 1 whole year – 6s. 8d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by Robert Trenerth, as appears by his account of this year – £5 4d.

Voydances:

Item, ils demandent allowans *pur diverses voydances* in le Pye *et* a le Corone *et* in Saint Lorens Lane *per* lour temps, come *apiert* per la compte de Robert Trenerthe – xiiii li. xxviii s. iii d.

Foreins expences:

Item, ils demandent allowans *pur ix mynstrellys pur le temps* de Thomas Chaltoun, viscount – lxxiii s. iiiii d. Item, payé for a man for to ride on to my master Estfeld *pur* John Wareyn – ii s. Item, a Richard Lyndesey for writyng of *diverses suertez* for John Wareyn – ii s. Item, *pur corettyng* de le masboke and amending – v s. Item, *pur wasshing* de auter clothez – x d. Item, *pur amending* de vestementes – vi d. Item, *pur paper, inke, et escripture* – iii s. iiiii d. –
– iiiii li. vii s.

f. 114v Item, ils demandent allowans *qe nous [avons païé]*³⁹⁶ a Johan Carpenter *pur un purchas pur tut le compagne*, al *summa* – Clxvi li. xiii s. iiiii d.³⁹⁷

Item, ils demandent allowans *pur cere* a le chapelle de deux ans, come *apiert* per un bille – vi s. vi d.

Summa totalis de tout lour discharge – ii^c xxiiii li. iiiii s. xi d.

Summa totalis de tout lour charge av[a]nt escript, come bien *apiert* per lez parcelles – ii^c iiiii^{xx} li. xiii s. viii d.

Summa totalis de tout lour discha[r]ge av[a]nt escript, come bien *apiert* per les parcelles – ii^c xxiiii li. iiiii s. xi d.

Et sic rest de claro *pur le compaigne del mercerie qe duex veulle garder de male et de perile et tutditz convoier a bon aventure* –
lxiii li. v s. v d.

Dettours de le box:

Item, Johan Abbot, *mercier*, doit a le box *pur un imposicioun*, per Johan Wareyn – xxx s.

Item, Johan Wode doit a le box *pur un imposicioun*, per Johan Wareyn – v s.

³⁹⁶ MS: *nous appaie*.

³⁹⁷ This may relate to all the various and somewhat complicated property conveyances relating to the Whittington Charity, and in particular to the letters patent and other legal arrangements ensuring the endowment of the Whittington foundation: see Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 16–23, 29–30, 37.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies in the Pye and the Crown and in St Laurence's Lane during their term of office, as appears in the account of Robert Trenerth – £14 28s. 3d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for 9 musicians for the procession²⁵¹ of Thomas Chalton, sheriff – 73s. 4d. Item, paid for a man to ride to my Master Eastfield for John Wareyn – 2s. Item, to Richard Lyndesey for writing various sureties²⁵² for John Wareyn – 2s. Item, for correcting the missal and repairing it – 5s. Item, for the washing of the altar-cloths – 10d. Item, for repair of the vestments – 6d. Item, for paper, ink, and writing – 3s. 4d.

– £4 7s.

Item, they ask for allowance that we have paid John Carpenter for a purchase for the whole company, total – £166 13s. 4d. f. 114v

Item, they ask for allowance for wax for the chapel for 2 years, as appears by a document – 6s. 6d.

Sum total of all their disbursements – £224 4s. 11d.

Sum total of all their receipts as written above, as appears
by the itemised lists – £280 13s. 8d.

Sum total of all their disbursements written above, as appears
by the itemised lists – £224 4s. 11d.

And thus there remains net to the mercers' company, which may God preserve from evil and from danger and may He always lead it to good fortune – £63 5s. 5d.

Debtors to the communal funds:

Item, John Abbot, mercer, owes to the communal funds for a levy, by²⁵³ John Wareyn – 30s.

Item, John Wood owes to the communal funds for a levy, by John Wareyn – 5s.

²⁵¹ The text says 'for the time of'.

²⁵² i.e. documents embodying agreements or pledges.

²⁵³ The sense, here and below, of this 'per' = 'by', 'through', 'via', is unclear, and may refer to one of the complex ways in which bonds could be passed from one person to another, or to one man standing surety for another.

1434 Et fait assavoir *qe* a l'avantdit fest del nativité Seint Johan Baptist l'an xii^e del reigne le roy Henri sisme puis le conquest d'Engleterre, a lour mangerie fait le xviii jour de le mois de Juny tenu en l'ostelle appellé le Prince Garderobe en la veille Jurie de Loundrez, lez av[a]n[t]ditz³⁹⁸ William Estfeld, Thomas Batayle, Richard Riche, et Johan Derham choiserent gardeins pur l'an aveiner, c'est assavoir William Estfeld eslit Herry Frowik, Thomas Batayle eslit Hughe Dike, Richard Riche eslit Thomas Osberne, Johan Derham eslit Johan Sturgeoun, as queux ils ount delyvré l'argent seek *qe* remaynt en lour mayns, vidz. – lxxv li. v d.

f. 115r Et memorandum *qe* lez gardeinez del an passé nous ount chargé de lever:
 De Pers Kempe – xl s.
 De Thomas Fauconer – lx s.
 De Herry Frowik – xlvi s. viii d.
 De William Milrethe – xl s.
 De Richard Coventre – lxxiii s. iiiii d.
 De Johan Broke – vi s. viii d.
 – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Et memorandum *qe* lez gardeinez del an passé nous ount chargé de lever *qe* est pardoné per tot le compaigne le iii jour de septembre anno xii^o
 De Thomas Gase – x li.

Rest al mercerie ové les dettes *et* argent seek, amoute –
 lxxviii li. vii s. i d.

1434–35 C'est l'acompte de Henry Frowyk, Hewghe Dyke, Thomas Osberne, et Johan
 f. 115v³⁹⁹ Sturcion, fait a la fest de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xiii du Roie Henry vi^{ti} après la conquest d'Englitter, pur l'an *prochein* devant passé, en quele ils estoient gardeins del mister del mercery, come *piert* après.

Primerement lour charge

Argent sek:

En *primes*, ils soy chargiount de l'argent seke a eux deliveré per les gardeins de l'an darren passé, come *apiert* per lour acompte – lxxiii li. v s. v d.

Compaignons pur *lour* ii ans:

Item, ils soy chargeont de les compaignouns pur *lour* ii auns:

De Johan Penne – vi s. viii d.
 De William Irwilam – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Stele – vi s. viii d.
 De Richard Blencansop – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Pykyngye – vi s. viii d.
 De Thomas Cokke – vi s. viii d.

398 MS: annditz/aunditz.

399 A new hand starts here.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 12 Henry VI, at their feast held on 18 June in the building called the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid William Eastfield, Thomas Bataille, Richard Riche, and John Derham chose wardens for the following year, i.e. William Eastfield elected Henry Frowyk, Thomas Bataille elected Hugh Dyke, Richard Riche elected Thomas Osbarne, John Derham elected John Sturgeon, to whom they handed over the ready money²⁵⁴ which remained in their hands, i.e. £65 5d. 1434

Memorandum that last year's wardens charged us with collecting: f. 115r

from Piers Kemp –	40s.
from Thomas Fauconer –	60s.
from Henry Frowyk –	46s. 8d.
from William Meldreth –	40s.
from Richard Coventry –	73s. 4d.
from John Brook –	6s. 8d.
– £13 6s. 8d.	

Memorandum that last year's wardens charged us with collecting [a debt] which was written off²⁵⁵ by the whole company on 3 September of the year 12 [Henry VI] [1433]:
from Thomas Gase – £10

There remains to the mercers' mistery with the debts and the ready money, amounting to – £78 7s. 1d.

This is the account of Henry Frowyk, Hugh Dyke, Thomas Osbarne, and John Sturgeon, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist 13 Henry VI [24 June 1435] for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below. 1434–35 f. 115v

Firstly their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by last year's wardens, as appears by their account – £63 5s. 5d.

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare from companions for their second year:

from John Penne –	6s. 8d.
from William Irwilliam –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Steele –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Blenkinsop –	6s. 8d.
from John Pickering –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Cokke –	6s. 8d.

²⁵⁴ The text says 'argent seek' but the following sum includes two debts listed above, and these are not included at the beginning of next year's account.

²⁵⁵ Literally: 'pardoned, forgiven'.

	De Thomas Gosse –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Kyrkby –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Froste –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Bothomselle –	vi s. viii d.
	De Augustyn Stratton –	vi s. viii d.
	De Nicolas Drayton –	vi s. viii d.
	De Thomas Traynelle –	vi s. viii d.
	De Robert Damyon –	vi s. viii d.
	De William Kerver –	vi s. viii d.
f. 116r	De Alexandre Orable –	vi s. viii d.
	De William Gladman –	vi s. viii d.
	De Piers Alfold –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Middilton –	vi s. viii d.
	summa – vi li. vi s. viii d.	

Rente:

Item, ils soy chargeont pur tout le rent del mercery *qe* amount *par* l'an, come appiert *per* la compte del colectour des rentes – xlii li. x s.

Entrés:

Item, ils soy chargeont de les ressaits de les entrees d'apprentices:

De Marmaduke Marshallle l'apprentis de Everard Fleete –	ii s. ⁴⁰⁰
De Johan Wood l'apprentis de Thomas Osberne –	ii s.
De Johan Galganet l'apprentis de David Galganet –	ii s. ⁴⁰¹
De Henry Strangways l'apprentis de Johan Strangways –	ii s.
De Thomas Beleter l'apprentis de Johan Strangways –	ii s.
De William Newman l'apprentis de Johan Sturgion –	ii s.
De Richard Thorpe l'apprentis de Thomas Fawconer –	ii s.
De Richard Musley l'apprentis de Thomas Bataile –	ii s.
De Richard Aperley l'apprentis de Thomas Bataile –	ii s.
De Thomas Pecke l'apprentis de William Harte –	ii s.
– xx s. ⁴⁰²	

Issues:

Item, ils soy chargeont *qe* ils ount resceu de les issues d'apprentices:

De Johan Baynard l'apprentis de Olyver Snytale –	ii s.
De Edmond Wynster l'apprentis de Thomas Middeldmore –	ii s.
De William Newton l'apprentis de Johan Coventre –	ii s.
De Thomas Kirkeby l'apprentis de Johan Burton –	ii s.
De Marmaduke Marshallle l'apprentis de Everard Fleete –	ii s.

400 This first entry has been scored through and a note in different ink at the LH side reads: 'M^d *qe* este issue', while a note at the RH side reads 'escripte en les issues'. The name does indeed appear among the issues, and at the bottom of the column of these on this page the same notating hand has written in the entry once again. The 2s. was first reckoned in the total for the admissions and since the name has not appeared before, it would appear that he could have been paying both admission and issue this year.

401 At the LH side of this entry the same notating hand has written 'M^d cest', and has then scored the 'cest', and at the RH side is written 'require fo'.

402 This total has been scored through by the same notating hand and amended to 'xviii s.'.

from Thomas Gosse –	6s. 8d.
from John Kirkeby –	6s. 8d.
from John Frost –	6s. 8d.
from John Bothumselle –	6s. 8d.
from Austin Stratton –	6s. 8d.
from Nicholas Drayton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Traynelle –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Damian –	6s. 8d.
from William Kerver –	6s. 8d.

from Alexander Orable –	6s. 8d.
from William Gladman –	6s. 8d.
from Piers Alfold –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
total –	£6 6s. 8d.

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Rent:

Item, they declare all the rent-monies of the mercers' mistery, which amounts per year, as appears by the rent-collector's account – £42 10s.

Admissions:

Item, they declare the receipts from the admission of apprentices:

from Marmaduke Marshalle the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s. ²⁵⁶
from John Wood the apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from John Galganet the apprentice of David Galganet –	2s. ²⁵⁷
from Henry Strangeways the apprentice of John Strangeways –	2s.
from Thomas Beleter the apprentice of John Strangeways –	2s.
from William Newman the apprentice of John Sturgeon –	2s.
from Richard Thorpe the apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
from Richard Musley the apprentice of Thomas Bataille –	2s.
from Richard Aperley the apprentice of Thomas Bataille –	2s.
from Thomas Pecke the apprentice of William Harte –	2s.
–	20s. / 18s.

Issues:

Item, they declare that they have received from the issues of apprentices:

from John Baynard the apprentice of Oliver Snydale –	2s.
from Edmond Wynster the apprentice of Thomas Middlemore –	2s.
from William Newton the apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from Thomas Kirkeby the apprentice of John Burton –	2s.
from Marmaduke Marshalle the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.

²⁵⁶ The notes against this name read 'Memorandum that he has issued', or alternatively 'Memorandum that this is an issue'; and 'written in the issues'.

²⁵⁷ The notes read 'Memorandum this' and 'look at folio'. He also is listed among the issues below, and one may note also that, when David Galganet was admitted, this was only as a broker, with no mention of his being allowed to take on apprentices (see f. 89r).

De William Corby l'apprentis de Johan Coventre –	ii s.
De William Dounton l'apprentis de William Rumbolde –	ii s.
De John Boton l'apprentis de Johan Wassheborne –	ii s.
De Henry Seintcler l'apprentis de John Sturgion –	ii s.
Item, ressu de luy pur un fyn deins la fin de son terme –	xx s.
De Johan Galganet l'apprentis de David Galganet –	ii s.
De Henry Strangways l'apprentis de Johan Strangways –	ii s.
De Marmaduke Marshale jadis l'apprentice de Everarde Fleete –	ii s. ⁴⁰³

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Issues:

De Rogger Rosse l'apprentis de Richard Someray –	ii s.
De William Halywelle l'apprentis de Thomas Turnour –	ii s.
De Thomas Beleter l'apprentis de Johan Strangways –	ii s.
De William Bridlyngton l'apprentis de Thomas Osberne –	ii s.
De Thomas Norman l'apprentis de Thomas Gosse –	ii s.
De Richard Thorpe l'apprentis de Thomas Facowner –	ii s.
– lvi s. ⁴⁰⁴	

Bequest:

Item, ils soy chargeont de un summe resceu de William Irwilam *et* Thomas Est, executoures del testament de Johan Pidmylle,⁴⁰⁵ mercer (*qe* dieu assoile soun alme *par* sa mercy) – xl s.

Bequest:

Item, ils soy chargeount d'un summe resseux de Thomas Osberne, Johan Welles, *et* William Towland, les executoures del testament de Johan Borham, mercer (*qe* dieu assoile s'alme *par* sa mercy): – xl s.

Amercement:

Item, [ils] soy chargeont *qe* ils ount resceu des amercementes de diverse de lour compaignouns pur ceo *qe* ils ne veignont a lour soumons a *Saint Thomas* – xi s. iii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargeont *qe* ils ount resseu de Elys Davy pur soun fin pur estre absent a divers sumouns del compaignie – vi s. viii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargeont *qe* ils ount resseu de Richard Coventre pur un fin pur estre absent al court a *Saint Thomas* – vi s. viii d.

403 This entry has been written in later by the same annotating hand which is that of the same scribe but at a different time, using different ink.

404 This total replaces a scored through sum of 'liiii s.'. Note that once again this is the total for this whole item, the issues, not just the entries for those on this page (a method chosen by other scribes).

405 His will was proved in 1433; see PCC prob. 11.3. These Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills are now all consultable online at the website of the Public Record Office, Kew, London.

from William Corby the apprentice of John Coventry –	2s.
from William Dounton the apprentice of William Rumbold –	2s.
from John Boton the apprentice of John Washbourne –	2s.
from Henry Seyntclere the apprentice of John Sturgeon –	2s.
Item, received from him as a fee for this being before the end of his terms –	20s.
from John Galganet the apprentice of David Galganet –	2s.
from Henry Strangeways the apprentice of John Strangeways –	2s.
from Marmaduke Marshalle formerly the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.

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from Roger Roos the apprentice of Richard Somery –	2s.
from William Haliwell the apprentice of Thomas Turnour –	2s.
from Thomas Beleter the apprentice of John Strangeways –	2s.
from William Bridlynton the apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from Thomas Norman the apprentice of Thomas Gosse –	2s.
from Richard Thorpe the apprentice of Thomas Fauconer –	2s.
– 56s.	

Bequest:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from William Irwilliam and Thomas East, executors of the will of John Pidmylle, mercer (may God in his mercy absolve his soul) – 40s.

Bequest:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Thomas Osbarne, John Welles, and William Townland, the executors of the will of John Boreham, mercer (may God in his mercy absolve his soul) – 40s.

Fines:

Item, they declare that they have received from the fines of various of their companions for not coming when summoned to St Thomas's – 11s. 3d.

Fine:

Item, they declare that they have received from Ellis Davy as his fine for being absent from several of the company's summoned assemblies – 6s. 8d.

Fine:

Item, they declare that they have received from Richard Coventry for a fine for being absent from the court at St Thomas's – 6s. 8d.

Fyne:

Item, ils soy chargeount *qe* ils ount resseu de Richard Foliatte pur ceo *qe* il ne schevacha ovek la Maire Robert Otteley – vi s. viii d.

Pleges:

Item, ils soy chargeount *qe* ils ount resseu en pleges pur rente de veil de Robert Traynethe, en coulieres d'argent – xxii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – C xxii li. ix s. viii d.

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Lour discharge

Salaries:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce pur ceo *qe* ils ount païé a Sir Roger Blendon, prestre, pur soun salary pur un an entier – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a luy pur soun liveré – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Sir Thomas Milburghe pur soun salary pur un an – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a luy pur soun liveré – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a William Rumbold, nostre bedelle, pur xlv semaynes – *summa* – iii li. vii s. vi d.

Item, a luy pur soun liveré – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a luy pur soun office del rent del mercery pur un an – *summa* – xl s.

Item, a luy pur en allouaunce pur petitiz expenses pur colier del rent – *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xx li. xvii s. vi d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce pur les gentz d'almoigne del mercery:

En *primes*, païé a Laurence Hampton pur xlvii semaynes,
le semayn chescune xviii d., *summa* – iii li. x s. vi d.

Item, a Stephen Causton pur xlv semaynes,
le semayn xiiii d. – *summa* – lii s. vi d.

Item, a Roger Russelle pur xlv semaynes,
le semayn xiiii d. – *summa* – lii s. vi d.

Summa – viii li. xv s. vi d.

Quitrentes:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce pur divers quitrentes païés en lour temps.

En *primes*, al priour del Trinité de Crichirche p[er]⁴⁰⁶ une acquittance pur un an entier tanc al demayne de Seint Johan Baptist l'an xii de Roy Henry vi^{ti},⁴⁰⁷ *summa* – xix s.

⁴⁰⁶ MS: pur.

⁴⁰⁷ Last year also recorded this payment for 12 Henry VI and next year records it as for 13 Henry VI.

Fine:

Item, they declare that they have received from Richard Foliot for not riding in procession with the Mayor, Robert Otley – 6s. 8d.

Pledges:

Item, they declare that they have received in pledges for old rent from Robert Traynelle, in silver spoons²⁵⁸ – 22s. 4d.

Sum total of their receipts – £122 9s. 8d.

Their disbursements

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Salaries:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Roger Blendon, priest, for his salary for a whole year – total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to him for his livery – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to Sir Thomas Milbrook for his salary for a year – total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to him for his livery – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to William Rumbold, our beadle, for 45 weeks – total – £3 7s. 6d.

Item, to him for his livery – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, to him for his post as rent-collector of the mercers' mistery for a year – total – 40s.

Item, to him as an allowance for petty expenses in collecting the rent – total – 3s. 4d.

Total – £20 17s. 6d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for the mistery's almsmen:

Firstly, paid to Laurence Hampton for 47 weeks

at 18d. per week, total – £3 10s. 6d.

Item, to Stephen Causton for 45 weeks at 14d. per week, total – 52s. 6d.

Item, to Roger Russell for 45 weeks at 14d. per week, total – 52s. 6d.

Total – £8 15s. 6d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for various quit-rents paid during their term of office:

Firstly, to the Prior of Holy Trinity, Christchurch, by one acquittance for a whole year up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 12 Henry VI, total – 19s.

²⁵⁸ It is just possible that these were silver strainers, but spoons seems more likely.

Item, al Abbot de Westmynstre p[er]⁴⁰⁸ iiii acquitaunce pur i an entier tanc al demayne de Paske l'an xiii^o de Roie Henry vi^{ti}, *summa* – xx s.

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Quitrentes:

Item, a le Maistre de Saint Giles *per* un acquitance pur un an entier tanc al demain de Saint Johan Baptist l'an xii de Roy Henry vi^{ti}, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Item, al Prioress de Saint Elens pur un an *per* i acquitance tanc al demain de Saint Johan Baptist l'an xii de Roy Henry vi^{ti},⁴⁰⁹ *summa* – xviii s.

Item, al Prioress de Halywelle pur un an *per* acquitance tanc al demain de Nowelle l'an xiii de Roy Henry vi^{ti}, *summa* – xiii s. iii d.

Item, al Priour de Saint Marie Overey *per* un acquitance pur un an entier [tanc] al dema[i]n de Nouelle l'an xiii de Roy Henry vi^{ti}, *summa* – xiii s. iii d.

Summa – iiii li. x s. iii d.

Reparaciouns:

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce pur divers reparacions faites *per* William Rumbold, come appert *per* soun accompt de cest an, *summa* – xvi li. xiii s. x d.

Voidances:

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce pur divers voidaunce en le Pie *et* a le Crowne et en Saint Laurence Lane pur lour temps, come appert *per* la accompt de dit William Rumbold, *summa* – xiii li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce pur repaier du portas – xii d. Item, pur bothir a Westm' al obit du Roy Henry le v^{ti} – ii s. v d. Item, pur faire beale la sale a Saint Thomas – ii d. Item, pur laver les autre clothes – x d. Item, paie a Robert Growte pur i *lettre* de moun *seignur* le Chaunceler d'Englitter d'escrefant⁴¹⁰ – vi s. viii d. Item, a le fant de Johan Carpenter pur boier – xii d. Item, a Richard Lyndesey come appert *per* i bille – viii s. Item, pur paper, ynke *et* sc[ri]pture⁴¹¹ – iii s. iii d. Item, paie a Henry Gowe pur cere *pur* i an – iii s. v d.

– *Summa* – xxvi s. x d.

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Summa totalis lour charge – Cxxii li. ix s. viii d.

Summa totalis lour discharge – lxvi li. xvi s. iii d.

Rest *net* pur la compaignie – lv li. xiii s. iii d.⁴¹³

Item, Johan Abbot doit pur un imposicion – xxx s.

Item, Johan Wood doit al buiste – v s.

408 MS: pur.

409 Here also, last year recorded the payment as for 12 Henry VI and next year as for 13 Henry VI.

410 This word is very odd and may be a scribal error in copying while daydreaming and looking towards the 'fant' in the next phrase. It might be 'destrefant' or 'destrefaut', but neither would seem to aid comprehension.

411 MS: scupture.

412 A very large script is used on this page for the lines of sum totals, spacing them out both to stand out and to fill the space.

413 This figure now includes John Abbot's debt, which is noted below in next year's account as having been paid.

Item, to the Abbot of Westminster by 4 acquittances for a whole year up until the day after Easter 13 Henry VI, total – 20s.

Quit-rents:

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Item, to the Master of St Giles by 1 acquittance for a whole year up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 12 Henry VI, total – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Prioress of St Helen's for a year by 1 acquittance up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 12 Henry VI, total – 18s.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell for a year by acquittance up until the day after Christmas 13 Henry VI, total – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy by 1 acquittance for a whole year up until the day after Christmas 13 Henry VI, total – 13s. 4d.

total – £4 10s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out by William Rumbold, as appears by his account for this year, total – £16 13s. 10d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for various vacancies in the Pye and the Crown and in St Laurence's Lane during their term of office, as appears by the account of the said William Rumbold, total – £14 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for the repair of the portable breviary – 12d. Item, for boat-hire to Westminster for the obit of King Henry V – 2s. 5d. Item, for decorating²⁵⁹ the hall at St Thomas's – 2d. Item, for washing of the altar-cloths – 10d. Item, paid to Robert Growte for a letter from the Lord Chancellor of England²⁶⁰ – 6s. 8d. Item, to John Carpenter's lad, for drinks²⁶¹ – 12d. Item, to Richard Lyndesey, as appears by a document – 8s. Item, for paper, ink and for writing – 3s. 4d. Item, paid to Henry Gowe for wax for 1 year – 3s. 5d.
– total – 26s. 10d.

Sum total of their receipts – £122 9s. 8d.

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Sum total of their disbursements – £66 16s. 4d.

Net balance for the company – £55 13s. 4d.

Item, John Abbot owes for an imposition – 30s.

Item, John Wood owes to the communal funds – 5s.

²⁵⁹ Literally: 'for making it beautiful'.

²⁶⁰ John Stafford, later Archbishop of Canterbury 1443–52; Lord Chancellor from February 1432. See *ODNB*, vol. 52, pp. 55–7. It has been suggested that 'Estrefant' could be a form of 'Stafford' but this does not seem valid, and the odd word could perhaps be understood as intended to be 'escribein' = 'scribe', 'writer' and refer to Robert Growte, or else be some corruption of 'escriver' and refer to the writing of this letter.

²⁶¹ Or 'as a tip'.

1435 ⁴¹⁴Et fait assavoir *qe* a l'avant dite feste del Nativité de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xiii del regne le roy Henry sisme puis la conquest d'Engliture, a lour souper faite en l'ostelle de Henry Frowyke, les avant ditz gardeynes Henry Frowyke, Heugh Dyke, Thomas Osberne, *et* Johan Sturgion choiserent gardeynes pur l'an avenier, c'est assavoir Henry Frowyk eslite Robert Large, Heughe Dyk eslite William Hales, Thomas Osberne eslite William Dautre, *et* Johan Sturgion eslite William Olyver, as queux ils ount delivéré l'argent sek *qe* remaynt en lour maynes, viz. *summa* – lvii li. iii s. iiiii d.

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f. 118v C'est [l']acompte des dites Robert Large, William Hales, William Dauntre, *et* William Olyver, faite a le feste de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an du Roy Henry viⁱⁱ puis le conquest d'Englitter xiii^o, pur l'an proshene devaunt passez, en quel ils estoient gardeynes del mister de mercery, come appert après ensuaunt:

Lour charge

Argent seke:

En *primes*, ils sont chargés de un some a eux deliverez per les gardeynes del an devant passés, c'est assavoir en argent seke – lv li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils sont chargés en argent resseux de Johan Abbot *qe* fuiste a eux suisdoné pur un detoure per les suisdites veiles gardeynes – xxx s.

– *summa* – lvii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Rente:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe le rente pertenaunt a le mercery, viz. a le Crowne in Chepe, en Sevenhode Lane, *et* a le Pye en le parishe de Saint Martyn Otirwiche, pur un entier an, *qe* amount come appert per un rentale escripte en le fyne de cest lyver:⁴¹⁵ – xxxix li. ii s. iiiii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés de un some resseux de Geffray Boleyne, jadis hatter, pur estre de nostre compaignie *et* lyverey, per l'avise⁴¹⁶ *et* consent de toutes les bones gentes del mercerie,⁴¹⁷ *et* *qe* toutes sounes apprentices *qe* serrount après cel temps a luy obligés serrount entre nous resseu *et* entrés si come ascun aultre apprentices de nostre dite mistere, les ordinances d'apprentices en tiel cases toutdis salvez – v li. xiii s. iiiii d.

⁴¹⁴ A new hand starts here and continues through the next two years' accounts.

⁴¹⁵ This 'rental' is no longer at the end of this book, but the individual amounts for each property are set out more fully in subsequent years' accounts, e.g. on f. 124v (although the sum is slightly different). Note, as always, that the sum quoted here is the total that might have been obtained this year, the actual sum received being less due to vacancies etc. listed below. Note also that the total amount stated here as due is less than in previous years (see e.g. f. 116r above), which will no doubt have been the reason for writing up the 'rental'. A later rental appears at the beginning of the *Renter Wardens' Account Book*, see below p. 578 and see Appendix 1, pp. 1017–24.

⁴¹⁶ MS: la vise – (thus also in the paragraph below).

⁴¹⁷ The matter also came before the Mayor and Aldermen, see *CLB*, 'K', p. 201.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 13 Henry VI, at their supper held in the house of Henry Frowyk, the aforesaid wardens Henry Frowyk, Hugh Dyke, Thomas Osbarne, and John Sturgeon chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Henry Frowyk elected Robert Large, Hugh Dyke elected William Hales, Thomas Osbarne elected William Dawtre, and John Sturgeon elected William Olyver, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. in total – £57 3s. 4d.

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This is the account of the said Robert Large, William Hales, William Dawtre, and William Olyver, made up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 14 Henry VI [24 June 1436], for the immediately preceding year, during which they were wardens of the mercers' mistery, as appears below.

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Their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare a sum handed over to them by last year's wardens, i.e. in ready money – £55 13s. 4d.

Item, they declare receipt of money from John Abbot which was handed over to them as a debt by the aforesaid previous wardens – 30s.

– total – £57 3s. 4d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the mercers' mistery, i.e. from the Crown in Cheap, Sevenhode Lane, and the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, for a whole year, which, as appears in a rental written into the back of this record-book, amounts to – £39 2s. 4d.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Geoffrey Boleyn, formerly a hatter, in order for him to be [admitted to] our company and our livery, by the advice and the consent of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery, and that all his apprentices who shall be bound to him after this date shall be admitted and entered by us, as is done for all other apprentices of our said mistery, without prejudice however to the ordinances for apprentices in such cases – £5 13s. 4d.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés de un some resseux de James Kilham, jadis fitz a Martyn Kilham, citizen *et* mercer de Loundres, pur estre de *nostre* compaignie *et* lyverey, *per* l'avise *et* consent de toutes les bones gentes del *mercery*, le quel some amount pur l'entré de cest troies ans – xx s.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés pur un fyne resseux de Elys Davy pur estre excusé *et* dischargé de comenx somones a Saint Thomas *pur* cest an – vi s. viii d.

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Bequest:

Item, ils sont chargés de un some resseux de Richard Lyndesay *et* Johan Asshe, les executores de Johan Admonde, jadis citizen *et* mercer de Loundres (*qe* dieux assoile), a le box del *mercery* *per* soun testament devisé, *summa* – x li.

Compaignons *pur* lour tiers an:

Item, ils sont chargés de ceo *qe* ils avount resseux de divers gentz del *mercery* pour tiers an:

En <i>primes</i> , de Johan Penne pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William IrWilliam pour soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Stile pour soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richard Blencansope pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Pykyngge pour soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Cokke pour soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Gosse pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Kirkeby pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Froste pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Bothomselle pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Austyn Stratton pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Nicolas Drayton pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Traynelle pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Robert Damyon pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Kerver pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Alexandre Orable pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Middilton pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Gladman pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Piers Alfold pur soun tiers an –	vi s. viii d.
– <i>summa</i> pur le tiers an – vi li. vi s. viii d.	

Compaignons *pur* lour primer an:

Item, ils sont chargés pur ceo *qe* ils ont resseux de divers gentz del *mercery* pur lour primeres ans:

En <i>primes</i> , de William Kirton pur soun primer an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Johan Andrewe pur soun primer an –	vi s. viii d.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a sum from James Kelom, son of the late Martin Kelom,²⁶² citizen and mercer of London, for [him to be admitted] to our company and our livery, by the advice and consent of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery, which sum amounts to his admission fee for three years – 20s.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a fee from Ellis Davy to be excused and released from common summonses to St Thomas's for this year – 6s. 8d.

Bequest:

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Item, they declare receipt of a sum from Richard Lyndesey and John Asshe, executors of John Admond, formerly citizen and mercer of London (may God absolve him), bequeathed by his will to the communal funds of the mercers' mistery, total – £10

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare that they have received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their third year:

Firstly, from John Penne for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Irwilliam for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Steele for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Blenkinsop for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickering for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Cokke for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Gosse for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Kirkeby for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Frost for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Bothumselle for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Austin Stratton for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Drayton for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Traynelle for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Damian for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Kerver for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Alexander Orable for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Middleton for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Gladman for his third year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Piers Alfold for his third year –	6s. 8d.
– total for the third year –	£6 6s. 8d.

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare that they have received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their first year:

Firstly, from William Kirton for his first year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Andrew for his first year –	6s. 8d.

²⁶² Literally, the text says 'formerly the son of ...'. James Kelom was a lawyer and in 1449 was given certain exemptions 'for good service in Chancery for twenty-eight years without reward'. See *CPR 1446–52*, p. 301.

	Item, de Johan Reyner pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Thomas Cowlard pour soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Johan Stokton pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Thomas Barard pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item – après in cest mesme foile.		
f. 119v	Item, de Johan Asshe pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Johan Roo pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Johan Barby pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	Item, de Thomas Staunton pur soun <i>primer an</i> –	vi s. viii d.	
	– <i>summa</i> pur le <i>primer an</i> – iii li. vi s. viii d.		
Issues d'apprentices: ⁴¹⁸			
Item, ils sont chargés qe ils ount resseux de les issues d'apprentices en leur temps.			
	En <i>primes</i> , de Roger Gerebray qe fuist l'apprentece de Robert Trees –	ii s.	
	Item, de Mathu Foucher qe fuiste l'apprentice de William Foucher –	ii s.	
	Item, de William Kirton qe fuist l'apprentice de Robert Coventre –	ii s.	
	Item, de William Leche qe fuist l'apprentice de William Malteby –	ii s.	
	Item, de Robert Quenburghe qe fuist l'apprentice de Mathu Foucher –	ii s.	
	Item, de Johan Salmon qe fuist l'apprentice de Reynold Strete –	ii s.	
	Item, de Richard Love qe fuist l'apprentice de Johan Haliat <i>et</i> J. at Wode –	ii s.	
	Item, de Johan Cooke qe fuist l'apprentice de Richard Riche –	ii s.	
	Item, de Robert Cokesale qe fuist l'apprentice de Thomas Osbarne –	ii s.	
	Item, de Henry Whityngdon qe fuist l'apprentice de R Aylemer et J. Dorham –	ii s.	
	Item, de Richard Wyse qe fuist l'apprentice de Thomas Humbirston –	ii s.	
	Item, de Johan Loke qe fuist l'apprentice de Johan Michelle –	ii s.	
	Item, de Aleyne Martyn qe fuist l'apprentice de Richard Riche –	ii s.	
	Item, de William Tiler qe fuist l'apprentice de Johan Chirche –	ii s.	
	Item, de Robert Halome qe fuist l'apprentice de Johan Pydemelle –	ii s.	
	Item, de Thomas Staunton qe fuist l'apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.	
	Item, de Nicolas Wolvey qe fuist l'apprentice de Roger Gerebray –	ii s.	
	Item, de Rauffe Verney	} qe furount l'apprentices de Thomas Faconer –	iiii s.
	Item, de Robert Strangways		
	Item, de Johan Chery qe fuist l'apprentice de Heugh Wiche –		ii s.
	Item, de Thomas Filer	} qe furount l'apprentices de William Estefeld –	vi s.
	Item, de Richard Box		
	Item, de Thomas Dukmanton		
	– <i>summa</i> – xlvi s.		

⁴¹⁸ The first two names in this list, Roger Gerebray and Matthew Foucher, are of men who have already been admitted and have paid their three years' fees. It would seem that someone has done some checking of records and realised that their issues had never been paid for, a matter which needed to be rectified.

Item, from John Reyner for his first year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Colard for his first year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Stockton for his first year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Berard for his first year –	6s. 8d.
Item – on the verso of this same folio ²⁶³	

Item, from John Asshe for his first year –	6s. 8d.	f. 119v
Item, from John Roo for his first year –	6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Barby for his first year –	6s. 8d.	
Item, from Thomas Stanton for his first year –	6s. 8d.	
– total for the first year – £3 6s. 8d.		

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare that they have received from the issues of apprentices during their term of office:

Firstly, from Roger Gerebray who was the apprentice of Robert Trees –	2s.	
Item, from Matthew Foucher who was the apprentice of William Foucher –	2s.	
Item, from William Kirton who was the apprentice of Robert Coventry –	2s.	
Item, from William Leche who was the apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.	
Item, from Robert Queenborough who was the apprentice of Matthew Foucher –	2s.	
Item, from John Salman who was the apprentice of Reynold Street –	2s.	
Item, from Richard Love who was the apprentice of John Algate and J. Wood –	2s.	
Item, from John Cook who was the apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.	
Item, from Robert Cogsale who was the apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.	
Item, from Henry Whittington who was the apprentice of R. Aylmere and J. Derham –	2s.	
Item, from Richard Wise who was the apprentice of Thomas Humberstone –	2s.	
Item, from John Locke who was the apprentice of John Michel –	2s.	
Item, from Alan Martyn who was the apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.	
Item, from William Tiler who was the apprentice of John Chirch –	2s.	
Item, from Robert Hallom who was the apprentice of John Pydmille –	2s.	
Item, from Thomas Stanton who was the apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.	
Item, from Nicholas Wolvey who was the apprentice of Roger Gerebray –	2s.	
Item, from Ralph Verney	} who were the apprentices of Thomas Fauconer –	4s.
Item, from Robert Strangeways		
Item, from John Cherry who was the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –		2s.
Item, from Thomas Fyler	} who were the apprentices of William Eastfield –	6s.
Item, from Richard Box		
Item, from Thomas Duckmanton		
– total –	46s.	

²⁶³ Literally: ‘afterwards in this same folio’.

Entrés d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés qe ils ont resseux pur les enterés d'apprentices pur leur temps:

En primes, de Richard Beaufitz l'apprentice de William Dautre –	ii s.	
Item, de Richard Olyver l'apprentice	} de Richard Lovelace –	iiii s.
Item, de Johan Pykesmer l'apprentice		
Item, de Richard Hoke l'apprentice de William Olyver –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Harward	} l'apprentices de Mathu Foucher –	iiii s.
Item, de Thomas Fynchampe		
– xii s.		

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Entrés d'apprentices:

Item, de Robert Maslyne l'apprentice de Robert Damyon –		ii s.
Item, de Thomas Shawe l'apprentice de Johan Sturgion –		ii s.
Item, de Rauffe Kempe l'apprentice de Johan Burton –		ii s.
Item, de William Hatter l'apprentice de Thomas Barard –		ii s.
Item, de Philipe Spire l'apprentice de Johan Trusbute –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Baker	} l'apprentices de Johan Dorham –	vi s.
Item, de Robert Horne		
Item, de Robert Elmeham		
Item, de William Gayton l'apprentice de Johan Penne –		ii s.
Item, de Robert Nevile l'apprentice de Thomas Gosse –		ii s.
Item, de Roger Hide	} l'apprentices de Johan Olney –	iiii s.
Item, de William Spire		
Item, de William Skidmore l'apprentice de William Gladman –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Norlonge	} l'apprentices de Johan Bothumselle –	iiii s.
Item, de William Hayton		
Item, de Johan Lynes l'apprentice de Johan Andrewe –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Newport l'apprentice de Thomas Dounton –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Lambard	} l'apprentices de Thomas Onehand –	iiii s.
Item, de Philipe Howelle		
Item, de Robert Forster l'apprentice de Johan Saymour –		ii s.
Item, de William Hawkedon l'apprentice de Johan Cotteford –		ii s.
Item, de Robert Barley l'apprentice de Symond Lawnde –		ii s.
Item, de Robert Ledys le apprentice de William Malteby –		ii s.
Item, de Rauffe Verney	} l'apprentices de Thomas Faconere –	iiii s.
Item, de Thomas ⁴¹⁹ Strangways		
Item, de Johan Colete	} l'apprentices de William Kirton –	iiii s.
Item, de Adam Coventre		
Item, de Edmond Blakeney le apprentice de Geffray Feldynge –		ii s.
Item, de Henry Dukmanton le apprentice de Robert Large –		ii s.
Item, de Lowys Wynter	} l'apprentices de Johan Abbot –	iiii s.
Item, de Nicolas Waller		
Item, de Johan Browne l'apprentice de Thomas Stile –		ii s.
Item, de Richard Wychyngham l'apprentice de Johan Michelle –		ii s.

419 This name is very possibly an error for 'Robert': see list of issues above and see Name Index.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare that they have received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office:

Firstly, from Richard Beaufitz the apprentice of William Dawtre –	2s.
Item, from Richard Olyver the apprentice	} of Richard Lovelace – 4s.
Item, from John Pickmere the apprentice	
Item, from Richard Hake the apprentice of William Olyver –	2s.
Item, from John Harward	} the apprentices of Matthew Foucher – 4s.
Item, from Thomas Fynchampe	
– 12s.	

Admission of apprentices:

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Item, from Robert Maslyne the apprentice of Robert Damian –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Shawe the apprentice of John Sturgeon –	2s.
Item, from Ralph Kemp the apprentice of John Burton –	2s.
Item, from William Hatter the apprentice of Thomas Berard –	2s.
Item, from Philip Spire the apprentice of John Trusbut –	2s.
Item, from John Baker	} the apprentices of John Derham – 6s.
Item, from Robert Horne	
Item, from Robert Elmeham	
Item, from William Gayton the apprentice of John Penne –	2s.
Item, from Robert Neville the apprentice of Thomas Gosse –	2s.
Item, from Roger Hyde	} the apprentices of John Olney – 4s.
Item, from William Spire	
Item, from William Skidmore the apprentice of William Gladman –	2s.
Item, from John Norlong	} the apprentices of John Bothumselle – 4s.
Item, from William Hayton	
Item, from John Lynes the apprentice of John Andrew –	2s.
Item, from John Newport the apprentice of Thomas Dounton –	2s.
Item, from John Lambard	} the apprentices of Thomas Onehand – 4s.
Item, from Philip Howelle	
Item, from Robert Forster the apprentice of John Seymour –	2s.
Item, from William Hawkedon the apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.
Item, from Robert Barley the apprentice of Simon Launde –	2s.
Item, from Robert Leeds the apprentice of William Maltby –	2s.
Item, from Ralph Verney	} the apprentices of Thomas Fauconer – 4s.
Item, from Thomas Strangeways	
Item, from John Colet	} the apprentices of William Kirton – 4s.
Item, from Adam Coventry	
Item, from Edmund Blakeney the apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
Item, from Henry Duckmanton the apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
Item, from Lewis Wynter	} the apprentices of John Abbot – 4s.
Item, from Nicholas Waller	
Item, from John Browne the apprentice of Thomas Steele –	2s.
Item, from Richard Witchingham the apprentice of John Michel –	2s.

Item, de Nicolas Ebmed	} l'apprentices de Thomas Osbarne –	iiii s.
Item, de Thomas Joly		
Item, de William Baker l'apprentice de William Hardewyke – – iii li. xii s.		ii s.

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Entrés d'apprentices:

Item, de Robert Helder l'apprentice de Thomas Wellis –	ii s.
Item, de Johan Chelley l'apprentice de Heughe Wiche –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Gayton l'apprentice de Henry Messyngham –	ii s.
Item, de Johan Aleyne le apprentice de Johan Aleyne –	ii s.
Item, de William Asshe l'apprentice de Johan Aleyne –	ii s.
Item, de Johan Camvile l'apprentice de Johan Aleyne –	ii s.
Item, de Edward Haryngton l'apprentice de William Thornhulle –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas White l'apprentice de Alexandir Orable –	ii s.
Item, de Robert Hastynges l'apprentice de Geffray Boleyne –	ii s.
Item, de William Brampton l'apprentice de Geffray Boleyne – – xx s.	ii s.

Entrés *per redempcion*:Item, de Geffray Boleyne pur soun entré *per redempcion* – ii s.Item, de Johan Brodesworthe pur soun entré *per redempcion*, non pas resseux en
leur temps – ⁴²⁰

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargés de un some resseux de Nicolas Volvey pur ceo qe encountre la ordynaunces del mercery il envoia *et* chevachia oveqe divers pakkes de mercery a Brystowe pur vendre as divers foith, *et* quant la dite offence *et* trespas per la dite Nicolas faite fuist avant tout la compaignie a Saint Thomas d'Acres notablement [trouvé]⁴²¹ *et* prové, il disobeia *et* refusa la dite compaignie del mercery *et* la gouvernaunce del cel, *et* puis ceo par un quarter d'an il ce submitta a le gouvernaunce de Robert Large, Thomas Bataile *et* Geffray Feldyng, *et* la dite Nicolas fuist misse au fyn pur paier a le box del mercery – *Summa* – xiii s. iiii d.

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargés de un some resseux de William Coolyng pur ceo qe il fuist aidaunt *et* consilaunt *et* ovesqe luy en le peies chevauchaunt en les dites offences *et* trespaces, *et* puis ceo il disobeia *et* refusa la dite compaigni del mercery en forme *et* maner come la suisdite Nicolas, *et* fuist par les dites Robert Large, Thomas Bataile *et* Geffray Feldyng misse au fyn pur paier a le box del mercery – *summa* – vi s. viii d.

⁴²⁰ His fee is paid next year, see below, f. 124r.

⁴²¹ MS: couve/conve (which seems to make no sense and must be a copying error, initial 'c' for 't' and a missing 'r').

Item, from Nicholas Ebmede	}	the apprentices of Thomas Osbarne –	4s.
Item, from Thomas Joly			
Item, from William Baker the apprentice of William Hardwick –			2s.
– £3 12s.			

Admission of apprentices:

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Item, from Robert Helder the apprentice of Thomas Welles –	2s.
Item, from John Shelley the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Gayton the apprentice of Henry Massingham –	2s.
Item, from John Aleyn the apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
Item, from William Asshe the apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
Item, from John Camvyle the apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
Item, from Edward Haryngton the apprentice of William Thornhill–	2s.
Item, from Thomas White the apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
Item, from Robert Hastynges the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	2s.
Item, from William Brampston the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn–	2s.
– 20s.	

Admission by redemption:

Item, from Geoffrey Boleyn for his admission by redemption – 2s.
 Item, from John Brodsworth for his admission by redemption, not received during their term of office –

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum received from Nicholas Wolvey for the reason that, in contravention of the mistery's ordinances, he on several occasions sent out and rode with various baggage packs of mercery goods for sale to Bristol, and when the said Nicholas's said offence and transgression was clearly proven and he found guilty before the whole company at St Thomas of Acon, he refused to obey and rejected the said company of the mercers' mistery and its governance, and then, a quarter of a year later, he submitted himself to the governance of Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, and Geoffrey Fielding, and the said Nicholas was fined to pay to the mistery's communal funds, a total of – 13s. 4d.

Fines:

Item, they declare a sum received from William Cullyng for the reason that he helped, advised and went with him, riding out with him into the country, taking part in the said offences and transgressions, and he then refused to obey and rejected the said company of the mercers' mistery in the same manner and way as did the aforesaid Nicholas, and he was fined by the said Robert Large, Thomas Bataille, and Geoffrey Fielding to pay to the mistery's communal funds a total of – 6s. 8d.

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Et ultre ceo faite a remembrance *qe* les suisdites Nicolas *et* William furount *et* sount obligés *par* lour ceverelle seal *et* obligacion a Robert Large, William Hales, William Dautre *et* William Olyver, dunqes maistres del mercery, c'est assavoir la dite Nicolas en x li. *et* la suisdite William en v li., pur estre l | paiés suer divers condicions suer les dites obligacions specifiés, c'est assavoir q'ils disore en avant sarrount obesautes a les dites maisteres *et* a lour successoures suer le peyne escripte en lour dites obligacions ceverelle.

Fynes:

Item, ils sount chargés pur ceo *qe* ils ount resseu de divers personnes pur estre excusés de chevaucher ovesqe le maire Henry Frowyke en le chevauchiaunt lyverey, c'est assavoir en premes:

Resseu pur fyn de Johan Wode –	xii d.
Item, resseu pur le fyn de Thomas Eston –	iii s. iiij d.
Item, resseu pur le fyn de Piers Athirton –	xii d.
Item, resseu pur le fyn de William Dounton –	ii s.
Item, resseu pur le fyn de Richard Heyward –	xx d.
– ix s.	

Amercymentes:

Item, ils sount chargés pur ceo *qe* ils ount resseu divers amercymentes de diverses personnes del compaignie pur ceo q'ils ne veignount a lour somones a Saint Thomas.

En primes, resseu de Riche –	vi d.
Item, de Johan Sayer –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Bataile –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Gosse –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Welles –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Dounton –	vi d.
Item, de Mathu Foucher –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Welles –	vi d.
Item, de William Thornhille –	vi d.
Item, de William Bridlyngton –	vi d.
Item, de Roger Gerebray –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Shirwynd –	vi d.
Item, de Johan Aleyne –	vi d.
Item, de Johan Penne –	vi d.
Item, de Richard Lovelace –	vi d.
Item, de Heugh Wiche –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Armorer –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Barard –	viii d.
Item, de William Neuton –	vi d.

And besides, it is to be noted that the aforesaid Nicholas and William were and are bound by their individual seal and bond to Robert Large, William Hales, William Dawtre, and William Olyver, then wardens of the mercers' mistery, i.e. the said Nicholas in the sum of £10 and the said William in the sum of £5, to be || paid under various conditions specified in the said bonds, i.e. that they should from henceforth be obedient to the said wardens and to their successors on penalty of the amount written in their said individual bonds obligatory. f. 121r

Fines:

Item, they declare that they have received from various persons to be excused from riding with the Mayor Henry Frowyk wearing the procession livery, i.e. firstly

Received as a fine from John Wood –	12d.
Item, received as the fine from Thomas Easton –	3s. 4d.
Item, received as the fine from Piers Atherton –	12d.
Item, received as the fine from William Dounton –	2s.
Item, received as the fine from Richard Hayward –	20d.
– 9s.	

Fines:

Item, they declare that they have received various fines from various members of the company for not coming when summoned to St Thomas's.

Firstly, received from [Richard] Riche – 6d.

Item, from John Sayer –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Bataille –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Gosse –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Welles –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Dounton –	6d.
Item, from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Welles –	6d.
Item, from William Thornhill –	6d.
Item, from William Bridlyngton –	6d.
Item, from Roger Gerebray –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Shirwynd –	6d.
Item, from John Aleyn –	6d.
Item, from John Penne –	6d.
Item, from Richard Lovelace –	6d.
Item, from Hugh Wyche –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Armorer –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Berard –	8d.
Item, from William Newton –	6d.

Item, pur amercimentes resseux de eux qe fautont loures chaperons a divers somones:

De William Thornhille –	iiii d.
Item, de Mathu Foucher –	iiii d.
Item, de Robert Arnewey –	iiii d.

Summa de les amercimentes – x s. viii d.

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Gaynes:

Item, ils sount chargés de un some q'ils ount resseu del gayne en le chevauchiaunt liveriey ovesqe le meire Henry Frowyke, en rebatement de divers costes faites en le mesme temps, come appert après en lour discharge, *ultra* les deux robes donés a William Rumbold *et* a William Haxay – vi li. viii s. vii d. ob.

Summa totalis lour charge – C xxxviii li. xix s. iii d. ob.

Discharge de les dites gardeynes

Salaries:

Comence la discharge de les dites maistres accomptauns. En *primes*, ils demaundout allouaunces pur ceo q'ils ount païé a Sir Roger Blendon, prest del mercery, pur un quarter de l'an, c'est assavoir perentre le fest de la Nativité de Saint Johan Baptiste *et* la fest de Saint Michelle *proschen* ensuaunt, *summa* – xxxiii s. iiiii d. Item, a Sir Thomas Milburgh, prest del mercery, pur soun salary pur un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, a William Rumbold pur le colect del rente pur un *dimi* an tanqe a le veile de Saint Michelle l'arcangelle anno xiiii^o, *summa* – xx s. Item, allouaunce pur soun petites expences del colect de dite rent pur la *dimi* an avantdite, *summa* – xx d. Item, païé a la dite Rumbold pur l'office delle bedelle pur un an entier, c'est assavoir xviii d. chescun semayne – iii li. xviii s.

– *summa* – xiiii li. vi s. iiiii d.

Salaries:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce païé a William Haxay, servant a le mercery pur la temps, c'est assavoir de la fest de Saint Bartholomeu juquex a le fest de la Nativité de Saint Johan Baptiste, *et* pur colect del rente pur un *dimi* an *et* pur soun petites expences pur mesme colect del dite rent quelle dite *dimi* an, *et* pur soun lyverey – *summa* – vi li. xv s.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur ceo q'ils ount païé a divers gentz del almoigne del mercery.

En *primes*, a Stephen Causton pur un an entier tanqe a le jour de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xiiii^o, c'est assavoir chescun semayn xiiii d. – iii li. viii d.

Item, païé a Roger Russelle pur un an entier, xiiii d. chescun semayn – *summa* – iii li. viii d.

Item, for fines received from those who were lacking their hoods at various summoned assemblies:

from William Thornhill – 4d.

Item, from Matthew Foucher – 4d.

Item, from Robert Arneway – 4d.

Total from fines – 10s. 8d.

Profits:

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Item, they declare a sum which they received from the profit on the livery for the procession with the Mayor Henry Frowyk, having deducted various costs incurred at the same time, as appears below in their disbursements section, and excluding the two gowns given to William Rumbold and William Haxay – £6 8s. 7½d.

Sum total of their receipts – £138 19s. 3½d.

Disbursements of the said wardens

Salaries:

Here begins the list of disbursements of the said wardens rendering their account. Firstly, they ask for allowances for having paid Sir Roger Blendon, priest of the mercers' mistery, for one quarter of the year, i.e. between the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist and the next following feast of Michaelmas, total – 33s. 4d. Item, to Sir Thomas Milbook, priest of the mercers' mistery, for his salary for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d. Item, to William Rumbold for collecting the rent for half a year up until the day before the feast of St Michael the Archangel 14 [Henry VI] [28 September 1435], total – 20s. Item, allowance for his petty expenses in collecting the said rent for the half year aforesaid, total – 20d. Item, paid to the said Rumbold for his post as beadle for a whole year, i.e. 18d. each week – £3 18s.

– total – £14 6s. 4d.

Salaries:

Item, they ask for allowance for having paid William Haxay, beadle of the mercers' mistery at the time, i.e. from the feast of St Bartholomew [24 August] until the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist [24 June], and for collecting the rent for half a year and for his petty expenses on the same collection of the rent during the said half year, and for his livery, total – £6 15s.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance for having paid to various almsmen of the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, to Stephen Causton for a whole year up until St John the Baptist's day 14 Henry VI [24 June 1436], i.e. 14d. each week – £3 8d.

Item, paid to Roger Russell for a whole year, 14d. each week, total – £3 8d.

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A Roie:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur ceo q'ils [ount] païé a nostre seigniour le Roie *per* les maynez de Johan Carpenter *et per* l'ordynaunce del Parleme[n]te pur l'extent des teres *et* tenementes *pertenautes* a nostre compaignie del mistere del mercery a le value de xxv li. x s. *par an*, c'est assavoir pur chescun li. vi d. *Summa* – xii s. ix d.⁴²²

Quitrentes:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur ceo q'ils ount païé a divers *persones* pur quitrente en lour temps.

En *primes*, païé a le Priour del Trynité de Crychirche *per* Sir Johan Sevenoke, chanon, *per* un acquitance pur un an entier juquex a le demayn de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an de nostre seigniour le Roie xiii – *summa* – xix s.

Item, païé all'abot de Westm' pur quitrent *per* iii^{er} acquitaunces pur un an entier tanqe a le demayne⁴²³ de Pasche l'an xiii[i]⁴²⁴ de nostre seigniour le Roie Henry vith – xx s.

Item, païé a le Prioress de Saint Elenes pur quitrent p[ur]⁴²⁵ un an entier *per* acquitance tanqe a le demayne de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xiii de nostre seigniour le Roie Henry vith – xviii s.

Item, païé a le maistre de Saint Giles *per* un acquitance pur quitrent pur un an entier tanqe a le demayne de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an suisdite de nostre seigniour – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé a le Priour de Saint Mary Overey *per* un acquitance pur un an entier tanqe a le demayne de Nouvelle l'an xiii^o de nostre seigniour le Roie Henry vith – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a le Prioress de Halywelle pur quitrent *per* un acquitance pur un an entier tanqe a le demayne de Nouvelle l'an xiii^o de nostre seigniour le Roie Henry vith – xiii s. iiiii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur ceo q'ils ount païé pur divers *reparacions* faites en lour temps, c'est assavoir: en *primes*, païé pur xv lood grauntes pedres pur un novelle pavement faite *per* tout le rente de le Haute Rewe a le Pye, a ii s. viii d. le lood, *summa* – xl s. Item, pur lvi lood gravelle pur le dite pavement a iiiii d. le lood, *summa* – xviii s. viii d. Item, païé a Robert Pampe, paviour del dite pavement, conteynaunte lxviii tayas a viii d. le tayas, *summa* – xlv s. iiiii d.

– v li. iiiii s.

422 On this subsidy, voted by Parliament on 10 October 1435, see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, IV, pp. 486–7; and see Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 189.

423 MS: demamayne.

424 The payment must have been for 14 Henry VI; see the previous and subsequent years' accounts.

425 MS: *per*.

To the King:

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Item, they ask for allowance for having paid to our lord the King, through the hands of John Carpenter, and according to the ordinance of Parliament for the amount of the lands and tenements belonging to our company of the mercers' mistery to the value of £25 10s. per year, i.e. 6d. for every pound, total – 12s. 9d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for having paid to various persons as quit-rent during their term of office.

Firstly, paid to the Prior of Holy Trinity, Christchurch, through Sir John Sevenoke, canon, by one acquittance for a whole year up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 13 Henry VI, total – 19s.

Item, paid to the Abbot of Westminster for quit-rent by 4 acquittances for a whole year up until the day after Easter 14 Henry VI – 20s.

Item, paid to the Prioress of St Helen's for quit-rent for a whole year by acquittance up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist 13 Henry VI – 18s.

Item, paid to the Master of St Giles by an acquittance for quit-rent for a whole year up until the day after the feast of St John the Baptist in the abovesaid year – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to the Prior of St Mary Overy by an acquittance for a whole year up until the day after Christmas 14 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the Prioress of Haliwell for quit-rent by an acquittance for a whole year up until the day after Christmas 14 Henry VI – 13s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for having paid for various repairs carried out during their term of office, i.e. firstly, paid for 15 loads of large stones for a new pavement made along the whole rental property from the high street to the Pye, at 2s. 8d. per load, total – 40s. Item, for 56 loads of gravel for the said pavement at 4d. per load, total – 18s. 8d. Item, paid to Robert Pampe, paviour of the said pavement, which measures 68 toises²⁶⁴ at 8d. the toise, total – 45s. 4d.

– £5 4s.

²⁶⁴ The *OED* defines the toise as 'A French lineal measure of 6 French feet, roughly equal to 1.949 metres, or $6\frac{2}{5}$ English feet. Chiefly in military use. Square toise, a measure = about $4\frac{1}{2}$ square yards.' However, Salzman, *Building in England*, p. 147, gives it as equal to $7\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft. From Salzman we also learn that the mercers paid Robert Pampe at a higher rate than that paid to paviours working elsewhere in London at this date, who were paid only 7d. per toise.

Reparacions:

f. 122v Item, païé pur un pentise nouvelle faite pur tout le mesme rente del Pye *per* la Haute Rewe *qe* conteyne *per* longeure C xx pees. En primes, pur un lood tymbre pur quarters del mesme pentise, *pris* – viii s. viii d. Item, pur cariage del mesme a le sawpite – iiiii d. Item, pur le sawyng de ii C lxxv pees en quarters – iii s. iiiii d. Item, pur cariage de les mesmes quarteres – iiiii d. Item, pur viii C et *dimi*⁴²⁶ pees quarterbord pur la dite pentise a iiiii s. vi d. le C, *summa* – xxxviii s. viii d. Item, pur cariage des mesmes quarterbord – viii d. Item, païé a divers carpenteres pur loures journeys, *per* xxv joures pernaunt le jour viii d. ob, *summa* – xvii s. viii d. Item, a le smyth pur xxii hokes de ferre grauntes pur le mesme pentise poisauntes || en toutes xliiii ll. a i d. ob. chescun ll., dount rebatés pur les veiles hokes, *summa* – vi d., *summa* de les nouvelles hokes – v s. Item, païé a le plommer pur iiiii^{xx} xv ll. et *dimi* de nouvelle plumbe pur les filettes del mesme pentise a vii s. vi d. le C, *summa* – vi s. iii d. ob. Item, pur l'exchaunge de un C et xlviii ll. de veile plumbe a xvi d. le C, *summa* – xxii d. Item, pur ii C leed naile, *pris* – vi d. Item, pur nailes de iiiii d., v d. et vi d. le C pur le dite pentise, *summa* – iii s. xi d. Item, pur divers costes faites in reparacions *per* William Rumbold en le meson de Thomas Worthynge a le Pye, come appert *per* les parcelles en le papir des remembraunces, *summa* – xxx s. xi d. Item, pur autres divers petites costes faites *per* le dite William Rumbold as divers foiez, come appert *per* soun accompte en le dite papir de remembraunces, *summa* – xxxi s. viii d. Item, doné et païé a William Croffton, carpenter, pur soun labour de suerveynge des dites laboures, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.
– vii li. xiii s. i d. ob.

Voldaunces:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce de xxvi s. viii d. pur le voidaunce de un shope en le Crowne, quel Richard Denton jadis tenoite. Item, de xxvi s. viii d. de un shope en le Crowne quel Emond Goldyngton jadis tenoite. Item, de xv s. pur le voidaunce de un shope en le Crowne quel William Neuton jadis tenoite a xl s. *per* an, [q']jade⁴²⁷ est voide *per* un quarter de l'an et *dimi* quarter –
– iii li. viii s. iiiii d.

426 MS: et *dimi* et.

427 MS: gade (and below each time also). This is odd, and one wonders about aural interference and also about interference from another language. It may be also that one should edit to 'q'ad esté' (?) The sense in context is clear, the only alternative (if one discounts 'ade' as not here 3rd. pers. sing. of AVER) to a meaning for 'ade/ad' of 'now' being 'subsequently', for which the AN word 'adés' is attested.

Repairs:

Item, paid for a new pentice²⁶⁵ made for the whole rental property of the Pye along the High Street, measuring in length 120 feet. Firstly, for a load of wood for 'quarters'²⁶⁶ for the same pentice, price – 8s. 8d. Item, for carriage of the same to the saw-pit – 4d. Item, for the sawing of 265 feet into 'quarters' – 3s. 4d. Item, for carriage of the same 'quarters' – 4d. Item, for 850 feet of quarter-board for the said pentice at 4s. 6d. per 100, total – 38s. 8d. Item, for carriage of the same quarter-boards – 8d. Item, paid to various carpenters for their day's work, 25 days at 8½d. per day, total – 17s. 8d. Item, to the smith for 22 large iron hooks for the same pentice weighing || in all 44 lb, at 1½d. per lb., from which is deducted for old hooks a total of 6d., total for the new hooks – 5s. Item, paid to the plumber for 95½ lb. of new lead for the fillets²⁶⁷ of the same pentise at 7s. 6d. per 100, total – 6s. 3½d. Item, for the exchange of 148 lb. of old lead at 16d. per 100, total – 22d. Item, for 200 lead nails, price – 6d. Item, for nails at 4d., 5d, and 6d. per 100 for the said pentice, total – 3s. 11d. Item, for various costs incurred on repairs by William Rumbold at Thomas Worthyng's house in the Pye, as appears by the individual items set out in the paper memorandum record, total – 30s. 11d. Item, for various other petty expenses incurred by the said William Rumbold at various times, as appears by his account in the said memorandum paper, total – 31s. 8d. Item, given and paid to William Crofton, carpenter, for his work in supervising the said works, total – 3s. 4d.

– £7 13s. 1½d.

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Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance of 26s. 8d. for the vacancy of a shop in the Crown, which Richard Denton formerly held. Item, for 26s. 8d. for a shop in the Crown which Edmund Goldyngton formerly held. Item, for 15s. for the vacancy at a shop in the Crown which William Newton formerly held at 40s. per year, which has now been vacant for a quarter of a year and half a quarter –

– £3 8s. 4d.

265 'A subsidiary structure attached to the wall of a main building and serving as a shelter, a porch, a shed, an outhouse, etc. – Such a structure having a sloping roof, formerly sometimes forming a covered way between two buildings, or a covered walk, arcade, or colonnade, in front of a row of buildings; a sloping roof or ledge placed against the wall of a building, or over a door or window, for shelter from the weather; sometimes also applied to the eaves of a roof when projecting considerably' (*OED*).

266 These will have been for the upright posts; see Salzman, *Building in England*, pp. 197, 206, 220.

267 These will have been moulded fittings, of a flat narrow strip with parallel sides. See Salzman, *Building in England*, p. 111.

Voldaunces:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur voidaunce a le Pye. En primes, pur le meson quel Thomas Worthynge jadis tenoite *et* quel ore tient William Baynard a xiii s. iiii d. *per* an, *qe* fuist voide *per* dimi quarter de l'an, *summa* – xx d. Item, pur un mesoun *qe* Johan Plais tenoit quel fuist voide *per* un an entier, *summa* – xx s. Item, pur le seler *qe* Thomasyn tenoite [q']ade est voide *per* un an, *summa* – vii s. Item, pur un chambre *qe* Emote Giles tenoite [q']ade est voide *per* un an entier, *summa* – iiii s. Item,⁴²⁸ pur un shope *per* la Haute Rewe *qe* jadis Anneis Fauseby la juven tenoite, [q']ad est voide *per* la dimi an, *summa* – v s. Item, pur un meson *qe* Thomas Pekerelle tenoit en le Aly *qe* vault *per* an xvi s. [q']ade est voide *per* dimi an *et* dimi⁴²⁹ quarter de l'an, *summa* – x s. Item, pur un mesoun *qe* Johan Wedue⁴³⁰ tenoite d'entre le Aly *qe* fuist voide *per* un an entier, *summa* – x s. *etc.*

– lvii s. viii d.

Foreyn Exspences:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur divers costes *et* exspences *per* eux faites pur le chevauché de Henry Frowike, la maier de Loundrez. En primes, païé pur xvii mynstralles – v li. xi s. viii d. Item, pur xvii chaperouns pur les dites mynstralles, *summa* – xxviii s. iiii d. Item, pur l'exspences suer les dites mynstralles en lour dyner *et* boier a Westm' *et* arere *et* après dyner vers Saint Poules *et* arere a l'ostelle del dite Henry Frowyke, maier, *summa* – xi s.

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Foreyn exspences:

Item, païé pur un verge *et* iii quarter tarteren rouge pur iiii^{er} nouvelles baners encontre la chevauché del maier suisdite a ii s. x d. la verge, *summa* – iiii s. xi d. ob. Item, pur bokeram *et* frenges de soy *et* la facion des dites baners – ii s. vi d. Item, pur le steynyng des dites iiii baners, *summa* – xii s. Item, pur xiii penselles pur launces vers Caley's de bokeram faites *et* batues ovesqe les bagies del mercery, *summa* – xix s. v d. ob.

428 MS: Item Item.

429 MS: *et* dimi *et* dimi.

430 He later appears as Thomas not John, f. 126r.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for vacancies at the Pye. Firstly, for the house which Thomas Worthynge formerly held and which William Baynard now holds at 13s. 4d. per year, which was vacant for half a quarter of the year, total – 20d. Item, for a house which John Plays held, which was vacant for a whole year, total – 20s. Item, for the cellar (store-room) which Thomasyn held, which has now been vacant for a year, total – 7s. Item, for a room which Emmot Giles held which has now been vacant for a whole year, total – 4s. Item, for a shop on the High Street which Agnes Fauseby the younger formerly held, which has now been vacant for half the year, total – 5s. Item, for a house which Thomas Pikerelle held in the Alley which is worth 16s. per year, which has now been empty for half a year and half a quarter of the year, total – 10s. Item, for a house which John Wedue held along the Alley, which was vacant for a whole year, total – 10s. etc. – 57s. 8d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for various costs and expenses incurred by them on the procession of Henry Frowyk, Mayor of London. Firstly, paid for 17 musicians – £5 11s. 8d. Item, for 17 hoods for the said musicians, total – 28s. 4d. Item, for the expenses on the said musicians for their dinner and for drinks on the way to Westminster and back, and after dinner to St Paul's and back, to the house of the said Henry Frowyk, Mayor, total – 11s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, paid for 1¾ yards of red tartarin for 4 new banners for the aforesaid mayor's procession, at 2s. 10d. the yard, total – 4s. 11½d. Item, for buckram and silk fringes and the making of the said banners – 2s. 6d. Item, for the staining of the said 4 banners, total – 12s. Item, for 13 pencels²⁶⁸ for the lances sent out to Calais,²⁶⁹ made of buckram and stamped with the badges of the mercers' mistery,²⁷⁰ total – 19s. 5½d.

268 'A small pennon or streamer' (*OED*).

269 See above, f. 122r, for the subsidy paid out for this same cause. See also the Goldsmiths' accounting for the costs of two spearmen and 12 bowmen sent to Calais at this time: Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. 480–87.

270 If only they had illustrated these here! Almost certainly however these will have shown a maidenhead, as by 1425 the Mercers' first seal, one impression of which survives, portrays a maiden's head. See Sutton, *I Sing of a Maiden*, pp. 4, 8 *et passim*, but see also the sensible discussion in Bromley, *Armorial Bearings*, pp. 170–72. Since the plural 'les bagies' is used, one wonders if other cognizances were used, perhaps the merchant's marks used by many mercers? See Girling, *English Merchants' Marks*, pp. 75, 76, 97, 98.

Item, ils demaundout allouance pur autrez divers foreyn exspences *per* eux faites *et* paiés. En primes, pur batilage vers Westm' pur le Roie Henry V^{ti}, *summa* – iii s. Item, pur batilage vers Westm' ovesqe les vicountes de Loundres, Thomas Catteworth *et* Johan Clopton, *summa* – iiiii s. iiiii d. Item, pur batilage vers Westm' *et* arere pur l'obite du Reigne de Fraunce, *summa* – iii s. viii d. Item, pur batilage pur l'obite de Johan, Duke de Bedford,⁴³¹ vers Westm' *et* arere, *summa* – iiiii s.

– xv s.

Foreyn exspences:

Item, paié pur le mendement del deske a Saint Thomas en *nostre* chapelle, *summa* – iiiii s. Item, pur un pane de ostriche bord oveqe un petite retourne, *summa* – iiiii s. viii d. Item, pur la mendement de un fenestre en *nostre* dite chapelle a Saint Thomas, *summa* – ii s. iiiii d. Item, pur la gildyng de un chaleis *et* pur le dedicacion del mesme en *nostre* dite chapelle, *summa* – vi s. vi d. Item, pur vi ll. cere pur le mesme chapelle a vi d. le lb., *summa* – iii s. Item, pur lavoir des aubes *et* amites *et* la mendement des vestimentes – v d. Item, paié a William Rumbold pur un table subte la peedes de la preste *et* pur la pavement faite avant le altare, *summa* – xvii d. *etc.*

– xxii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur un liver pur les remembraunces a Saint Thomas, *pris* – x d. Item, a divers foiez pur iii quayoures de papir sribable – ix d. Item, pur parchemyn pur le comen rolle, *pris* – iii d. Item, pur mattes pur la chapelle a Saint Thomas d'Acres, *summa* – viii d.

– ii s. vi d.

Foreyn exspences:

Item, paié a un sargiaunt del maier pur somoner Nicolas Wolvey *et* William Cullynge⁴³² – viii d. Item, pur la facture de ii obligaciones ovesqe les condicions des mesmes obligaciones des dites William *et* Nicolas, *summa* – viii d. Item, a Richard Lyndesay pur un acquittance faite a les excecutoures de Johan Admond – ii d. Item, pur autres divers billes, notes *et* supplicaciones faites a moun seignour la Chaunceler pur avoir un brieff sub pena pur Johan Chyntyng *et* William Tikille pur un arrestement *per* eux faite en Flaundres suer les bones *et* marchandis de divers bones gentz del mister de mercery – xii d.

– ii s. vi d.

⁴³¹ He died on 14 September 1435.

⁴³² See above f. 120v.

Item, they ask for allowance for various other extrinsic expenditure incurred and paid by them. Firstly, for boat transport to Westminster for [the obit of] King Henry V, total – 3s. Item, for boat transport to Westminster with the sheriffs of London, Thomas Catteworth and [Robert] Clopton,²⁷¹ total – 4s. Item, for boat transport to Westminster and back for the obit of the Queen of France,²⁷² total – 3s. 8d. Item, for boat transport for the obit of John, Duke of Bedford, to Westminster and back, total – 4s.

– 15s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid for the repair of the desk²⁷³ in our chapel at St Thomas's, total – 4s. Item, for a panel of estrich board²⁷⁴ with a small return²⁷⁵, total – 4s. 8d. Item, for the repair of a window in our said chapel at St Thomas's, total – 2s. 4d. Item, for the gilding of a chalice and for the dedication of the same in our said chapel, total – 6s. 6d. Item, for 6 lb. of wax for the same chapel at 6d. per lb., total – 3s. Item, for the washing of the albs and amices and the repair of the vestments – 5d. Item, paid to William Rumbold for a table to go under the priest's feet, and for the pavement made in front of the altar, total – 17d. etc.

– 22s. 4d.

Item, for a remembrance book²⁷⁶ at St Thomas's, price – 10d. Item, on several occasions for 3 quires of writing paper – 9d. Item, for parchment for the common roll, price – 3d. Item, for mats for the chapel at St Thomas of Acon, total – 8d.

– 2s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, paid to a sergeant of the Mayor for summoning Nicholas Wolvey and William Cullyng – 8d. Item, for the drawing up of 2 bonds obligatory with the conditions of these same bonds for the said William and Nicholas, total – 8d. Item, to Richard Lyndesay for an acquittance made for John Admond's executors – 2d. Item, for various other documents, memoranda and pleas made to my Lord Chancellor to obtain a writ of sub poena for John Chyntyng and William Tickhill for a confiscation they made in Flanders of the goods and merchandise of various goodmen of the mercers' mistery – 12d.

– 2s. 6d.

271 The text has J. Clopton, but he appears elsewhere as Robert; see Beaven, *Aldermen*, II, 8 and index; Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, p. 341.

272 Isabella of Bavaria, widow of Charles VI of France, grandmother of Henry VI of England, d. 24 September 1435.

273 See *OED* for the probable form and purpose of this: 'In a church or chapel: In the general sense of 1, a sloping board on which books used in the service are laid, as the book-board in a pulpit. Hence formerly (and still in U.S.) applied to the seat, stall, or pulpit of the minister, or, (as still in Scotland) to that of the clerk or precentor; in England, to the stalls or choir-seats, and to the reading-desk in the now obsolescent arrangement of pulpit, reading-desk, and clerk's desk, one above another; where this has been abolished, and a special stall is provided for the reading of the prayers, the latter is sometimes called the "prayer-desk"'.
 274 Timber coming from Norway or the Baltic (*OED*).
 275 Either a side-piece or a decorative shaping to the sides.
 276 Since this is kept at the chapel, it will probably have been to record the obits due for deceased mercers, as well perhaps as other dates to remember and celebrate.

Detoures pur le feste:

Henry Frowkye – x s.
 William Estefeld – x s.
 Johan Middilton – v s. viii d.
 William Adames – v s. viii d.
 – xxxi s. iiiii d.

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Detoures pur le lyverey:

Johan Brokeley pur soun chaperoun – xii s.
 Walter Grene pur soun chaperoun – xiii s. iiiii d.
 William Fleet, wolman, pur soun chaperoun – xv s. vi d.
 Robert⁴³³ Burton del Resait pur chaperoun – xiii s. vi d.
 – liiii s.

Summa totalis lour discharge ovesqe les detoures avaunt dites,
summa – lxxv li. vii s. vi d.

Rest en argent seke, *summa* – lxxiii li. xi s. ix d. ob.

Memorandum de Johan Brodisworthe quia ponitur *extra* computum ubi prius scribitur.⁴³⁴

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Et fait assavoir qe a l'evant d'ite feste del Nativité de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xiiii^o du reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis la conquest d'Englitere, a lour fest tenu en l'[o]stelle⁴³⁵ appellé le Prynce Garderobe en le veile Jury de Loundrez, les avant d'ites gardeynes Robert Large, William Hales, William Dautre, et William Olyver choiserent gardeynes pur l'an avenier, c'est assavoir Robert Large eslite Thomas Wansford, William Hales eslite Everard Fleete, William Dautre eslite Richard Lovelace, et William Olyver eslite Johan Cotteford, as queux ils ount delivré l'argent sek qe remaynt en lour maynes, viz. – lxxiii li. xi s. ix d. ob.

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C'est [l']acompte de Thomas Wansford, Everard Fleete, Johan Cotteford, et Richard Lovelace, gardeynes del mister de mercery, pur l'an devant passé, c'est assavoir del fest de Saynt Johan Baptiste l'an xv du Roy Henry sisme.

Charge

Argent sek:

En primes, ils soy chargeount en argent sek a eux delivré per loures predecessoures qe furount gardeynes del mister de mercery pur l'an procheine devant passé, c'est assavoir – lxxiii li. xi s. ix d. ob.

433 A space was left for the first name of this man and 'Robert' filled in later, in the same hand but in slightly different ink.

434 See above, f. 120v, and below f. 124r for the fee being paid and reckoned in next year's account.

435 MS: lastell'.

Debtors for the feast:

Henry Frowyk –	10s.
William Eastfield –	10s.
John Middleton –	5s. 8d.
William Adams –	5s. 8d.
–	31s. 4d.

Debtors for the livery:

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John Brockley for his hood –	12s.
Walter Grene for his hood –	13s. 4d.
William Fleet, wool-merchant, for his hood –	15s. 6d.
Robert Burton of the Receipt for [his] hood –	13s. 6d.
–	54s.

Sum total of their disbursements, including the aforesaid debts,
total – £65 7s. 6d.

Balance in ready money, total – £73 11s. 9½d.

Memorandum about John Brodsworth since [his fee] was excluded from the account where it was written in above.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 14 Henry VI, at their feast held in the building called the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid wardens Robert Large, William Hales, William Dawtre, and William Olyver chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Robert Large elected Thomas Wandesford, William Hales elected Everard Fleet, William Dawtre elected Richard Lovelace, and William Olyver elected John Cotford, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. – £73 11s. 9½d.

1436

This is the account of Thomas Wandesford, Everard Fleet, John Cotford, and Richard Lovelace, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for the preceding year, i.e. up to the feast of St John the Baptist 15 Henry VI [24 June 1437]

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery last year, i.e. £73 11s. 9½d.

Dette:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent q'ils ount resseux des divers detourz a eux delivérés *per* les dites gardeynes predecessoures, c'est assavoir de William Estefeld – vi s. viii d. Item, de Henry Frowyke – vi s. viii d. Item, de Johan Burton – xiii s. vi d. Item, de William Fleet, wolman, – xv s. vi d. Item, de Walter Grene – xiii s. vi d. Item, de William Adames – v s. viii d.

– iii li. xviii d.

Redempcion:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resseux de Thomas Bataylle *et* de William Olyver pur le redempcion de Johan Brodysworthe pur estre de nostre lyverey *et* mistere *per* assent *et* consent des nous dites gardeynes *et* des toutes bones gentes del mistere de mercery – iii li.

Compaignons pur lour seconde an:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resseux des divers gentes del mercery pur loures secounde an, c'est assavoir de Johan Asshe – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Johan Andrewe – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Johan Stokton – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Thomas Berard – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Johan Roo – vi s. viii d.

Item, de William Kirketon – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Johan Reyner – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Johan Barby – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Thomas Cowlard – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Thomas Staunton – vi s. viii d.

– iii li. vi s. viii d.

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Issues:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resseux pur issues des apprentices en lour temps.

En primes, de Lambert Brigge *qe* fuist l'apprentice jadis

en temps passé de Everard Fleete –

ii s.

Item, de Thomas Hethe *qe* fuiste l'apprentice de Johan Admond –

ii s.

Item, de Robert Gladman *qe* fuiste l'apprentice de Edmond Hide –

ii s.

Item, de Johan Tate *qe* fuiste l'apprentice de William Holte –

ii s.

Item, de Johan Dodnale } *qe* furount apprentices

iiii s.

Item, de Johan Middilton } de William Estefeld –

Item, de Johan Brodisworthe *per* redempcion –

ii s.

Item, de Thomas⁴³⁶ Hurste *qe* fuiste l'apprentice de Johan Brodisworth,

c'est assavoir pur l'entré *et* issue de le mesme Thomas⁴³⁷ Hurste –

iiii s.

Item, de Thomas Silver *qe* fuiste l'apprentice de Johan Borham –

ii s.

– xx s.

⁴³⁶ This name is written above a scored through 'Johan'.

⁴³⁷ This again replaces a scored 'Johan'. Both corrections would appear to be in another but contemporary hand.

Debt:

Item, they declare money which they have received from various debtors, [responsibility for which was] handed on to them by the said previous wardens, i.e. from William Eastfield – 6s. 8d. Item, from Henry Frowyk – 6s. 8d. Item, from John Burton – 13s. 6d. Item, from William Fleet, wool merchant – 15s. 6d. Item, from Walter Grene – 13s. 6d. Item, from William Adams – 5s. 8d.

– £3 18d.

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received from Thomas Bataille and William Olyver for the redemption of John Brodsworth, for him to be of our livery and our mistery, with the agreement and consent of us, the said wardens, and of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery – £4

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their second year, i.e. from John Asshe – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Andrew – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Stockton – 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Berard – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Roo – 6s. 8d.

Item, from William Kirton – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Reyner – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Barby – 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Colard – 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Stanton – 6s. 8d.

– £3 6s. 8d.

Issues:

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Item, they declare money received for the issues of apprentices during their term of office.

Firstly, from Lambert Brigge who was formerly in time past

the apprentice of Everard Fleet – 2s.

Item, from Thomas Hethe who was the apprentice of John Admond – 2s.

Item, from Robert Gladman who was the apprentice of Edmund Hyde – 2s.

Item, from John Tate who was the apprentice of William Holt – 2s.

Item, from John Dodenhale } who were apprentices 4s.

Item, from John Middleton } of William Eastfield – 4s.

Item, from John Brodsworth by redemption – 2s.

Item, from Thomas Hurst who was the apprentice of John Brodsworth,

i.e. for the entry and the issue of the same Thomas Hurst – 4s.

Item, from Thomas Silver who was the apprentice of John Boreham – 2s.

– 20s.

Entrés:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resseux pur l'entrés des apprentices:

En <i>primes</i> , de William Chirche	} apprentices de Johan Pykyngne –	iiii s.
Item, de Garard Reede		
Item, de Robert Andirton l'apprentice de Thomas Tikylle –		ii s.
Item, de Nicolas Ward l'apprentice de Johan Goodson –		ii s.
Item, de Thomas Stokton l'apprentice de Thomas Wanseford –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Hardyng l'apprentice de Robert Damyon –		ii s.
Item, de N ⁴³⁸ Bowelle l'apprentice de William Holte –		ii s.
Item, de William Skele apprentice de Johan Brodiseworth –		ii s.
Item, de Symonde Philipe apprentice de Johan Brodiseworth –		ii s.
Item, de Johan Chapete apprentice de William Bridlyngton –		ii s.
– xx s.		

Rente:

Item, ils soy chargeount oveqe le rente perteynant a le mercery pur un entier an, c'est assavoir pur le rente del Crowne en Weste Chepe qe amount per an, come appert per un rentale, *summa* – xix li.

Item, ils soy chargeount oveqe tenement en Sevenhode Lane qe amount per an, come appert per le mesme rentale, *summa* – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils soy chargeount oveqe le rente del Pye en le parisshe de Saint Martyn Otirwiche qe amount per an, come appert per le rentale – xiiii li. xviii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis del rente – xxxix li. v s.

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Mercymentes:

Item, ils soy chargeount q'ils ount resseux per William Rumbold, bedelle del mercery, pur *mercymentes* en lour an, c'est assavoir de Thomas Benet – iiiii d.

Item, de Richard Heyward – vi d. Item, de Thomas Stile – vi d. Item, de Johan Stokton – iiiii d. Item, de Rauffe Verney – iiiii d. Item de Thomas Muschampe – iiiii d. Item, de William Bridlyngton – vi d., *summa* – ii s. x d.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés q'ils ount resseux de Elys Davy pur un fyn pur estre excusé de toutes communes somones *et* de chevaucherex pur lour temps – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – C xxv li. xiiii s. v d. ob.

Le comensement de lour discharge

Salaries:

En *primes*, ils demaundount allouaunce q'ils ount païé a Sir Thomas Milbroke, chapelan del mercery, pur un entier an devant le fest de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xv^{me} de Roy Henry sisme – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé a le dite Sir Thomas pur soun lyverey de mesme an – xiii s. iiiii d.

438 A small space is left after this initial, but not sufficient for instance to write the name Nicolas. A Richard Bowelle makes an appearance in the records about 20 years later, and this might be the same man. See Name Index.

Admissions:

Item, they declare money received for the admission of apprentices:

Firstly, from William Chirche	} apprentices of John Pickering –	4s.
Item, from Gerard Reed		
Item, from Robert Andirton the apprentice of Thomas Tickhill –		2s.
Item, from Nicholas Ward the apprentice of John Goodson –		2s.
Item, from Thomas Stockton the apprentice of Thomas Wandesford –		2s.
Item, from John Hardyng the apprentice of Robert Damian –		2s.
Item, from N. Bowelle the apprentice of William Holt –		2s.
Item, from William Skele apprentice of John Brodsworth –		2s.
Item, from Simon Philip apprentice of John Brodsworth –		2s.
Item, from John Chapete apprentice of William Bridlyngton –		2s.
– 20s.		

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the mercers' mistery for one whole year, i.e. for the rent from the Crown in West Cheap which amounts per year, as appears by a rental, total – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] the tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year, as appears by the same rental, total – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, which amounts per year, as appears by the rental – £14 18s. 4d.

Sum total of rent – £39 5s.

Fines:

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Item, they declare that they have received from William Rumbold, beadle of the mercers' mistery, for fines during their year of office, i.e. from Thomas Benet – 4d. Item, from Richard Hayward – 6d. Item, from Thomas Steele – 6d. Item, from John Stockton – 4d. Item from Ralph Verney – 4d. Item, from Thomas Muschamp – 4d. Item, from William Bridlyngton – 6d. Total – 2s. 10d.

Fee:

Item, they declare that they have received from Ellis Davy as a fee to be exempted from all general summons [to assemblies] and from processions during their term of office – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts – £125 14s. 5½d.

Here begin their disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the feast of St John the Baptist 15 Henry VI – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, that they have paid the said Sir Thomas for his livery the same year – 13s. 4d.

Item, q' ils ount païé a William Rumbold, bedelle, pur soun salary pur un entier an devant le dite feste de Saint Johan Baptiste – iii li. xviii s.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le dite William pur soun lyverey de mesme an – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, q' ils ount païé a William Haxay pur l'office del coleitte del rente perteynant a le dite mercery pur un entier an – xl s.

Item, a luy mesme William en allouaunce pur petites exspences pur colier de rente – iii s. iiii d.

Item, q' ils ount païé a mesme William Haxay pur l'office del clerke del mercery pur un entier an, lour temps – vi li.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le mesme William Haxay pur soun lyverey en lour an – xiii s. iiii d.

Summa totalis des salaries – xx li. xiiii s. viii d.

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Almoigne:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q' ils ount païé en almoignes en lour temps, c'est assavoir a Stephen Causton pur un an – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Roger Russelle pur le mesme entier an – iii li. viii d.

Quitrente:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q' ils ount païé pur quitrente en lour temps.

En primes, a le colectour del Abbey de Westm' pur un entier an devant Pasque anno xv^o, per un acquittance – xx s.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le colectour de Saint Giles extra London pur un an entier devant Missomer anno xiiii^o, per un acquittance – vi s. viii d.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le colectour de Saint Elenes pur un entier an devant Missomer anno xiiii^o, per un acquittance – xviii s.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le colectour de Crychirche pur un entier an devant le dite feste de Missomer, per acquittance – xix s.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le colectour de Saint Mary Overey pur un entier an devant Nouvelle anno xv^o, per un acquittance – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, q' ils ount païé a le colectour de Halywelle pur un entier an devant le dite feste de Nouvelle anno xv^o, per acquittance – xiii s. iiii d.

Exspences – torches:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q' ils ount païé en le moise de Janyver anno xv^o du Roy Henry le sisme pur viii torches de seree pur le sepulture du Reigne Kateryne, quels torches furont poisautes vi^{xx} vi ll. d.⁴³⁹, le pris en toute – lii s.

Voidaunce:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce et discharge pur les voidaunces en lour an, c'est assavoir pur ii schoppes en le Crowne en quele jadis Richard Denton et Edmonde Goldyngton demorreient, c'est assavoir checun shope per an – xxvi s. viii d. – *Summa* – liii s. iiii d.

⁴³⁹ The 'd' has a circular twiddle line through it.

Item, that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle, for his salary for a whole year up until the said feast of St John the Baptist – £3 18s.

Item, that they have paid the said William for his livery the same year – 13s. 4d.

Item, that they have paid William Haxay for the post of collector of the rents pertaining to the said mistery for one whole year – 40s.

Item, to the same William as allowance for his petty expenses on collecting the rent – 3s. 4d.

Item, that they have paid the same William Haxay for the post of clerk of the mercers' mistery for one whole year, their term of office – £6

Item, that they have paid the same William Haxay for his livery in their year – 13s. 4d.

Sum total of salaries – £20 14s. 8d.

Alms:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms during their term of office, i.e. to Stephen Causton for one year – £3 8d.

Item, to Roger Russell for the same whole year – £3 8d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents during their term of office:

Firstly, to the collector of Westminster Abbey for one whole year up until Easter 15 [Henry VI], by an acquittance – 20s.

Item, that they have paid the collector of St Giles [in the Fields]²⁷⁷ for one whole year up until Midsummer 14 [Henry VI], by an acquittance – 6s. 8d.

Item, that they have paid the collector of St Helen's for one whole year up until Midsummer 14 [Henry VI], by an acquittance – 18s.

Item, that they have paid the collector of Christchurch for one whole year up until the said feast of Midsummer, by acquittance – 19s.

Item, that they have paid the collector of St Mary Overy for one whole year up until Christmas 15 [Henry VI], by an acquittance – 13s. 4d.

Item, that they have paid the collector of Haliwell for one whole year up until the said feast of Christmas 15 [Henry VI], by acquittance – 13s. 4d.

Expenditure – torches:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in the month of January 15 Henry VI [1437 n.s.] for 8 wax torches for the burial of Queen Katharine,²⁷⁸ the which torches weighed 126 lb.,²⁷⁹ price in all – 52s.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance and clearance for the vacancies during their term of office, i.e. for 2 shops in the Crown formerly held by Richard Denton and Edmund Goldyngton, i.e. each shop at 26s. 8d. per year, total – 53s. 4d.

²⁷⁷ The text says 'extra London', i.e. outside the City of London.

²⁷⁸ Catherine de Valois, widow of Henry V, mother of Henry VI, married later to Owen Tudor, died 3 January 1437, and buried in Westminster Abbey.

²⁷⁹ The 'd' is most likely to be used to indicate weight by pennyweight.

Voidaunce:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur les voidaunces de un tenement en Sevenhode Lan qe amount *pur le dimi an, summa* – liii s. iiiii d.

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Voidaunces:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur divers tenementes a le Pye, c'est assavoir pur le voidaunce de *dimi an* de un seler la quel Richard Wymarke ore tient, *summa* – iii s. vi d. Item, pur le voidaunce de un tenement de *dimi an*, le quel Elizabeth Newman tenoit, *summa* – v s. Item, pur le voidaunce de un meson le quel Thomas Pikerelle jadis tenoit pur un entier an, *summa* – vi s. viii d. Item, pur le voidaunce de un chambre pur un entier an le quel Richard Kent tenoit, *summa* – iiiii s. Item,⁴⁴⁰ pur le voidaunce de un chambre pur iii quarters de l'an quel Thomas Faireheed tenoit, *summa* – iii s. Item, pur le voidaunce de un chambre pur iii quarter de l'an le quelle Thomas Colyn jadis tenoit, *summa* – iii s. Item, pur le voidaunce de un chambre pur un enter an le quel Emot Giles jadis tenoit, *summa* – iiiii s. Item, *pur* le voidaunce a un mesoun pur un entier an le quel Thomas Wedue jadis tenoit, *summa* – x s. Item, pur le voidaunce de un mesoun le quel Johan Plays tenoit pur iii quarters de l'an, *summa* – xv s.

Summa totalis de les voidaunces a le Pye – liiii s. ii d.

Barghire:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce *et* discharge pur ceo qe William Haxay aiet païé le darent jour d'Auguste anno xv^o du Roy Henry le sisme, pur barge hire a Westm' pur le obite du Roy Henry V^o, *summa* – vii s. Item, le mesme William aiet païé pur bargehire a Westm' oveqe les vicountes de Loundrez, Thomas Morsteede *et* William Gregory, *summa* – iii s. vi d.

Summa – x s. vi d.

Costes de le lyver:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur ceo qe le mesme William Haxay aiet païé pur xii quayers de parchemyn pur le liever del mercery de les ordynaunces en lour sale a Saint Thomas d'Acres,⁴⁴¹ *summa* – v s. vi d. Item, pur le nouvelle facture del mesme lyver a un stacioner, *summa* – ii s. ix d. ob.

– viii s. iii d. ob.

⁴⁴⁰ MS: Item Item.

⁴⁴¹ The surviving *Book of Ordinances* has been edited by J.M. Parker as his M.Phil. dissertation, and it includes a full introduction. The phrasing here suggests that a book had already been kept at St Thomas's and that these are now additional quires which the stationer is professionally adding in. This is borne out by examination of the book, where 12 quires totalling 96 leaves can be identified as all of one set, but further quires precede and follow. The List of Contents (in the same hand as that of the main scribe) is on the last two folios of a separate quire, and the main section of ordinances starts on the first folio of the 'new' quires. The scribe cannot be identified as the same as any of those writing in the Wardens' Accounts book, but the decorated initials, with faces, are very similar to those done by William Pryman on ff. 91 ff. Parker, p. 11, has identified the hand as very similar to that writing one of the copies of the Ordinances for Whittington's alms houses. The oaths that now precede the ordinances in the *Book of Ordinances* have clearly been written at a much later date, many changes have been made to the text of the ordinances in the book, the binding is modern, and it is no longer possible to know exactly what might have been contained in this book in 1436.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies in a tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts for half a year to a total of – 53s. 4d.

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Item, they ask for allowance for various tenements at the Pye, i.e. for the vacancy of half a year in a cellar (store-room) which Richard Wymarke now holds, total – 3s. 6d. Item, for the vacancy for half a year of a tenement which Elizabeth Newman held, total – 5s. Item, for the vacancy for a whole year of a house which Thomas Pikerelle formerly held, total – 6s. 8d. Item, for the vacancy for a whole year of a room which Richard Kent held, total – 4s. Item, for the vacancy for three quarters of the year of a room which Thomas Faireheed held, total – 3s. Item, for the vacancy for three quarters of the year of a room which Thomas Colyn formerly held, total – 3s. Item, for the vacancy for a whole year of a room which Emmot Giles formerly held, total – 4s. Item, for the vacancy for a whole year of a house which Thomas Wedue²⁸⁰ formerly held, total – 10s. Item, for the vacancy for three quarters of a year of a house which John Plays held, total – 15s.

Sum total of the vacancies at the Pye – 54s. 2d.

Barge-hire:

Item, they ask for allowance and clearance in that William Haxay paid on the last day of August 15 Henry VI [31 August 1437] for the hire of a barge to Westminster for the obit of King Henry V, total – 7s. Item, the same William paid for the hire of a barge to Westminster with the sheriffs of London, Thomas Morestead and William Gregory, total – 3s. 6d.

total – 10s. 6d.

Costs of the book:

Item, they ask for allowance in that the same William Haxay paid for 12 quires of parchment for the mistery's ordinance book at their hall in St Thomas of Acon, total – 5s. 6d. Item, for the making up²⁸¹ of the same book by a stationer, total – 2s. 9½d.

– 8s. 3½d.

²⁸⁰ He is called John above on f. 122v, assuming this is the same man.

²⁸¹ Literally: 'new making'. This might mean 'remaking' or else that this is the first time. See Middleton, *History of English Craft Bookbinding Technique*, pp. 139–41 on sewing and the type of covers used at this period for account books and similar. A book this size will probably have been given stiff or semi-stiff vellum, rather than limp vellum as a cover, and boards were possibly used.

Foreynes exspence:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur divers petites costes en reparaciones faites *per* le avantdite William Haxay en lour an, c'est assavoir pur un henge pur le goter doore a le Crowne – iii d. Item, pur nailes – ob. Item, pur un laborer a divers foies pur voider lé goters a le mesme Crowne – xii d. ob. Item, pur ii platis pur le doore de William Fleetes shoppe – ii d. Item, pur un key *et* pur le mendement de un loke pur le stoor house doore a le Pye – v d. Item, pur un quaier de paper a les maisters – ii d. ob. Item, pur le mende[me]nt de un loke a le Crowne – ii d. Item, pur voider le snowe suer le sale del mercery a Saint Thomas d'Acres a divers foies – vi d.

– ii s. ix d.

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Foreynes exspences:

Item, pur un key pur mesme loke *qe* fuiste amendé a le Crowne – iii d. Item, voider del snowe a divers foyes d'entre les goters al Crowne – v d. Item, pur le mendement de le rerdose en le shope de William Towland – ii d. Item, pur rebatement del rente de un seler a le Pye, quel ore Richard Wymarke tient, la quel jadis fuist *per* an vii s. *et* ore pur vi s. viii d., rebaté pur un *dimi* an – ii d. Item, pur parchemyn a le comen rolle – ii d.

– xiiii d.

Foreynes exspences:

Item, demaundout allouaunce *et* discharge pur divers foreignes exspences faites *per* William Rumbold, bedelle, en lour temps, c'est assavoir pur carbones, candelle *et* boke a le fue en le sale a Saint Thomas d'Acres – x d. ob. Item, pur le mendement de un candeller en le chapelle del mercery – ii d. Item, pur servioies exspendeu suer les torchebereres a le sepulture du Reigne Kateryn – vii d. Item, pur ynke – i d. Item, pur paper *per* Everard Fleete – iiii d. Item, pur lavoire des vestimentes en le chapelle del mercery a Saint Thomas d'Acres – iiii d. Item, pur un senture a un vestimente en le mesme chapelle – iii d. Item, pur le mendement de les balaunces del mercery – viii d. Item, pur iiii chapeletes de rose pur les gardianes – iiii d.

– iii s. vii d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xliii li. v s. vi d. ob.

Rest en lour maynes en argent seke deu a le mister de le mercery –
iiii^{xx} ii li. viii s. xi d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for various small expenses on repairs carried out by the aforesaid William Haxay during their term of office, i.e. for a hinge for the gutter door²⁸² at the Crown – 3d. Item, for nails – ½d. Item, for a labourer at various times to empty the gutters at the Crown – 12½d. Item, for 2 ‘plates’²⁸³ for the door of William Fleet’s shop – 2d. Item, for a key and the repair of a lock for the store-house door at the Pye – 5d. Item, for a quire of paper for the wardens – 2½d. Item, for the repair of a lock at the Crown – 2d. Item, for clearing the snow from above the mercers’ hall at St Thomas of Acon on various occasions – 6d.

– 2s. 9d.

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Item, for a key for the same lock that was repaired at the Crown – 3d. Item, clearing the snow on various occasions from the gutters at the Crown – 5d. Item, for the repair of the ‘reredos’²⁸⁴ in William Townland’s shop – 2d. Item, for the reduction in rent of a cellar (store-room) at the Pye now held by Richard Wymarke, which was formerly 7s. per year and is now 6s. 8d., reduction for half a year – 2d. Item, for parchment for the common roll – 2d.

– 14d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, [they] ask for allowance and clearance for various extrinsic expenditure incurred by William Rumbold, beadle, during their term of office, i.e. for coals, candles²⁸⁵ and firewood for the fire in the hall at St Thomas of Acon – 10½d. Item, for the repair of a chandelier (or candle-holder) in the mercers’ chapel – 2d. Item, for ale paid for for the torch-bearers at the burial of Queen Katharine – 7d. Item, for ink – 1d. Item, for paper (from Everard Fleet) – 4d. Item, for the washing of the vestments in the mercers’ chapel at St Thomas of Acon – 4d. Item, for a girdle for a vestment in the same chapel – 3d. Item, for the repair of the mystery’s scales – 8d. Item, for 4 garlands of roses for the wardens – 4d.

– 3s. 7½d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £43 5s. 6½d.

There remains in their hands in ready money due to the mercers’
mystery – £82 8s. 11d.

282 Presumably, the door opening out beside the gutter?

283 Probably thin, flat metal pieces for some purpose.

284 This word was used at the time not just in the ecclesiastical sense but also for a variety of parts of a building or room at the back of or behind something else. Here, it might have been a wooden panel, perhaps behind his counter, or a stone or brick back-piece of a fireplace.

285 To be used as tapers to light the fire?

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Eleccion:

Et faite assavoir *qe* a levaunt dite feste de Missomer a un souper tenux en l'ostelle de Thomas Wanseford le primer jour de Juylle anno xv^o du Roie Henry sisme, les avaunt esdites gardeynes choiserent gardeynes pur l'an prochen suaunt, c'est assavoir Thomas Wanseford eslite Johan Olney, Everard Fleete eslite Thomas Onhande, Johan Cotteford eslite William Towland, et Richard Lovelace eslite Mathu Fowcher, as queles ils ount delivré l'argent *qe* remaynet en lour maynes, viz. – iiiii^{xx} ii li. viii s. xi d.

Memorandum de veiles torches⁴⁴² queles non sount mise in lour discharge
Item de Brokeley, draper, et de Johan Middilton, veiles detoures⁴⁴³

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Cest [l']acompte de Johan Olney, Thomas Onhande, Mathu Fowcher et William Towlande, gardeynes del misteer del mercery pur l'an devant passé, c'est assavoir del fest de Saynt Johan Baptiste l'an xvi^o du Roy Henry sisme puis la conquete.

Charge

En primes, ils sount chargés en argent seke a eux delyverés *per* lourex predecessoures *qe* furount gardeynes del mercery pur l'an prochen avant passé – *summa* – iiiii^{xx} ii li. viii s. x[i] d.]

Redempcion:

Item, ils sount chargés en argent resseu pur le redempcion de Johan Sparham pur estre de nostre misteer et lyverey, *per* assent des nous predecessourz et gardeynes et *per* le consent des toutz les bones gentez del mercery – *summa* – v li.

Redempcion:

Item, ils sount chargés pur argent resseux pur le redempcion de William Stephens, en tiel manere come de Johan Sparham avant dite – *summa* – v li.

Redempcion:

Item, ils sount chargés pur argent resseux pur le redempcion de Johan Notbroune en tiel manere come esté des persones avantesdites – *summa* – v li.

Bequest:

Item, ils sount chargés du un *summa* resseu de les excecutoires de Thomas Aleyne, mercer de Loundres (*qe* dieux assoile), a le box del mercery devisé *per* soun testament⁴⁴⁵ – *summa* – iiiii li. [xiii s. viii d.]

442 The number eight may have been deleted here: MS: de viii veiles torches, with 'viii' then scored through (it might have been an error for 'veiles').

443 These two notes are in the scribe's own hand but have been added perhaps slightly later, and are more casually and quickly written than the formal layout above.

444 A new hand starts here, that of William Rumbold (see below, f. 133v). There has been considerable cropping of the RH side of this page, visible also to the LH side of the verso but with less significant results. Here several sums are affected and the bequest of Thomas Aleyne is deduced from the sum total of receipts.

445 See Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, pp. 514–15, for his will of 8 July 1437. This calendar entry however makes no mention of a bequest to the company.

Election:

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Memorandum that at the aforesaid Midsummer feast, at a supper held in the house of Thomas Wandesford on 1 July 15 Henry VI, the aforesaid wardens chose wardens for the following year, i.e. Thomas Wandesford elected John Olney, Everard Fleet elected Thomas Onehand, John Cotford elected William Townland, and Richard Lovelace elected Matthew Foucher, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. £82 8s. 11d.

Memorandum about old torches, not included in their disbursements –
Item, from Brockley, draper, and from John Middleton, debtors of old –

This is the account of John Olney, Thomas Onehand, Matthew Foucher, and William Townland, wardens of the mercers' mistery for the previous year, i.e. up to the feast of St John the Baptist 16 Henry VI [24 June 1438].

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, total – £82 8s. 11d.

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received for the redemption of John Sparham, to be of our mistery and livery, with the agreement of our predecessors as wardens and by consent of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery, total – £5

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received for the redemption of William Stephens, in the same manner as for the aforesaid John Sparham, total – £5

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received for the redemption of John Nutbroun, in the same manner as it was for the aforesaid persons, total – £5

Bequest:

Item, they declare a sum received from the executors of Thomas Aleyn, mercer of London (may God absolve him), bequeathed to the communal funds of the mercers' mistery by his will, total – £4 [13s. 8d.]

Allouaunce:

Item, ils sont chargés du un some resseu de William Hales, viscounte de Loundres, pur allouaunce des mynst[r]ales – *summa* – xl s.

Gayn del imposicion:

Item, ils sont chargés du un some resseu *per* leur maynes pure un imposicion faite *per* tout l'assent des toutes bones gentes del *mercery*, chescun *person* xvi d. pur les mynstrales a le shevaucher de William Estefeld, Maire – *summa* – vii li.

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Compaignions pur leur tiers an:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent resseux de divers gentz del *mercery* pur leur tiers an, c'est assavoir, en *primes*:

De Johan Asshe –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Andrewe –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Stokton –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Barard –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Roo –	vi s. viii d.
De William Kirton –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Reynere –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Barby –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Cowlard –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Staunton –	vi s. viii d.
– <i>summa</i> – iii li. vi s. viii d.	

Compaignions pur leur primer an:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent resseux de divers gentz del *mercery* pur leur primer an, c'est assavoir, en *primes*

De Thomas Muschampe –	vi s. viii d.
De Bartholomeu Stratton –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Strangwais –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Barete –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton –	vi s. viii d.
De Rauffe Verney –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Trusbutte –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Baron –	vi s. viii d.
De William Dounton –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Dodenale –	vi s. viii d.
De William Lighthalders –	vi s. viii d.
– <i>summa</i> – iii li.	

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Compaignions *pur* leur primer an:

De William Bernewey –	vi s. viii d.
De Costantyn Willowby –	vi s. viii d.
De William Halle –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langeley –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Middilton –	vi s. viii d.

Contribution:

Item, they declare a sum received from William Hales, sheriff of London, as a contribution for the musicians, total – 40s.

Profit on the levy:

Item, they declare a sum received by them²⁸⁶ for a levy made with the full agreement of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery, 16d. per person for the musicians in the procession of William Eastfield, Mayor, total – £7

Companions for their third year:

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Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their third year, i.e. firstly:

from John Asshe –	6s. 8d.
from John Andrew –	6s. 8d.
from John Stockton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Berard –	6s. 8d.
from John Roo –	6s. 8d.
from William Kirton –	6s. 8d.
from John Reyner –	6s. 8d.
from John Barby –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Colard –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Stanton –	6s. 8d.
– total –	£3 6s. 8d.

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their first year, i.e. firstly:

from Thomas Muschamp –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Stratton –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from John Barret –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Verney –	6s. 8d.
from John Trusbut –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Baron –	6s. 8d.
from William Downton –	6s. 8d.
from John Dodenhale –	6s. 8d.
from William Lightholders –	6s. 8d.
– total –	£4

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from William Bernewey –	6s. 8d.
from Constantine Willowby –	6s. 8d.
from William Halle –	6s. 8d.
from John Langley –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.

²⁸⁶ Literally: 'through (or by) their hands'.

De Johan Rankyn – vi s. viii d.
 De Johan Sparham – vi s. viii d.
 De William Stephens – vi s. viii d.
 – *summa* – liii s. iii d.

Issues des apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent resseux des apprentices pur issues en leur temps, c'est assavoir, en primes:

De Johan Barard qe fuist l'apprentice de Thomas Shirwynd – ii s.
 De Mathu Leeke qe fuist l'apprentice de Thomas Dounton – ii s.
 De Richard Clavire qe fuist l'apprentice de Gefferey Feldyng – ii s.
 De Johan Martyn qe fuist l'apprentice de Everard Fleet – ii s.
 De William Wydowson l'apprentice de Thomas Chalton – ii s.
 De James Walsyngham l'apprentice de Richard Coventre – ii s.
 De Randolffe Streete l'apprentice de Robert Large – ii s.
 De William Barker l'apprentice de William Herdwyke⁴⁴⁶ – ii s.
 – *summa* – xvi s.

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Entrés des apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés en argent resseux pur les entrés des apprentices en leur temps, c'est assavoir, en premes:

De Johan Strete l'apprentice de Johan Froste – ii s.
 De Johan William Bygyns l'apprentice de Gefferey Feldyng – ii s.
 De Johan Coste l'apprentice de Stephen Stychemersshe – ii s.
 De Richard Turpyl l'apprentice de Alexandre Orable – ii s.
 De Everard Brige l'apprentice de Thomas Onhande – ii s.
 De Johan Doon l'apprentice de Thomas Cowlarde – ii s.
 De Johan Arderne l'apprentice de Edward Blakeney – ii s.
 De Johan Large } les apprentices de Robert Large –
 De William Caxton⁴⁴⁷ } iii s.
 De Robert Gregory l'apprentice de William YrWilliam – ii s.
 De William Reve l'apprentice de Thomas Humbirston – ii s.
 De Johan Dockette l'apprentice de Thomas Muschampe – ii s.
 De William Roddoke l'apprentice de Thomas Stile – ii s.
 De Robert Frankysse l'apprentice de William Thornhulle – ii s.
 De Thomas Philippe l'apprentice de Johan Brodisworth – ii s.
 De Johan Robert l'apprentice de Johan Barby – ii s.
 De Thomas Combes l'apprentice de Johan Olney – ii s.
 De Richard Rugewyn l'apprentice de Thomas Kirkeby – ii s.
 De William Otys l'apprentice de Heughe Wyche – ii s.
 De Robert Skrengheam l'apprentice de William Halle – ii s.
 De Thomas Acreman l'apprentice de Johan Boton – ii s.
 De William Pratte l'apprentice de Johan Abbot – ii s.

⁴⁴⁶ This master's name has been added by another contemporary hand into a space left after 'de'.

⁴⁴⁷ William Caxton makes his earliest appearance in history here. For the conclusions that can and cannot be drawn from this entry see Blake, *Caxton and his World*, pp. 22–4.

from John Rankyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Sparham –	6s. 8d.
from William Stephens –	6s. 8d.
– total –	53s. 4d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received from apprentices for their issue during their term of office, i.e. firstly:

from John Berard who was the apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.
from Matthew Leek who was the apprentice of Thomas Dounton –	2s.
from Richard Claver who was the apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
from John Martyn who was the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from William Widowson the apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.
from James Walsyngham the apprentice of Richard Coventry ²⁸⁷ –	2s.
from Randolf Street the apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
from William Barker the apprentice of William Hardwick –	2s.
– total –	16s.

Admission of apprentices:

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Item, they declare money received for the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e. firstly:

from John Street the apprentice of John Frost –	2s.
from John William Bygyns the apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
from John Cost the apprentice of Stephen Titchmarsh –	2s.
from Richard Turpyrn the apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
from Everard Brigge the apprentice of Thomas Onehand –	2s.
from John Doon the apprentice of Thomas Colard –	2s.
from John Arderne the apprentice of Edward Blakeney –	2s.
from John Large	} the apprentices of Robert Large – 4s.
from William Caxton	
from Robert Gregory the apprentice of William Irwilliam –	2s.
from William Reve the apprentice of Thomas Humberstone –	2s.
from John Dockette the apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
from William Ruddock the apprentice of Thomas Steele –	2s.
from Robert Frankysse the apprentice of William Thornhill –	2s.
from Thomas Philip the apprentice of John Brodsworth –	2s.
from John Robert the apprentice of John Barby –	2s.
from Thomas Combes the apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from Richard Rugewyn the apprentice of Thomas Kirkeby –	2s.
from William Otes the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.
from Robert Scrayingham the apprentice of William Halle –	2s.
from Thomas Acreman the apprentice of John Boton –	2s.
from William Pratte the apprentice of John Abbot –	2s.

²⁸⁷ He died this year; for his will see Fitch, *Commissary Court*, I, p. 53 (1438: Register 3, f. 509v).

De Johan Cooke	}	les apprentices de Johan Sturgion –	iiii s.
De Johan Randolffe			
De Johan Davy l'apprentice de Nicolas Wolvey –			ii s.
– <i>summa</i> –			L s.

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Rente:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe le rente pertenaunt a le dite mister del mercery pur un entier an, c'est assavoir pur le rente del Crowne in Weste Chepe qe amounte per an, come apperte per le rentale del dite mercery – *summa* – xix li.

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe un tenement in Sevenhode Lan qe amounte per l'an, come appert per la dite rentale del mercery – *summa* – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe le rente del Pye en le parysshe de Saint Martyn Otirwiche qe amounte per an, come apperte – *summa* – xiiii li. xviii s. iiiii d.

Summa de tout le rente – xxxix li. iiiii s. iiiii d.

Mercymentes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent resseux des mercymentes des divers persones gentes del mercery pur fautes de leur sommones, c'est assavoir:

De Johan Sayer –	vi d.
De Thomas Cooke –	vi d.
De William Brydlyngton –	xii d.
De Johan Brodisworth –	vi d.
De Johan Forth –	vi d.
De Johan Barby –	vi d.
De Richard Riche –	vi d.
De Thomas Muschampe –	vi d.
De Richard Heywarde –	vi d.
De Gefferey Boleyn –	vi d.
De Edward Blakeney –	vi d.
– <i>summa</i> –	vi s.

Veiles torches:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent resseux de ii veiles torches de seer poisauntes xxvii lb. les dites deux, a iii d. ob. le lb. – *summa* – viii s.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés pur un fyn de Johan Barard resseux – *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de leur charge – Clxiiii li. xiii s. vii d.

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Le comensement de leur discharge come appert:

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ont païé a Sir Thomas Milbroke, capellan, pur un entier an devant le fest de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xvi^o du Roie Henry sisme – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

from John Cooke	}	the apprentices of John Sturgeon –	4s.
from John Randolph			
from John Davy the apprentice of Nicholas Wolvey –			2s.
– total – 50s.			

Rent:

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Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the said mercers' mistery for one whole year, i.e. for the rent of the Crown in West Cheap, which amounts per year, as appears by the said mistery's rental, to a total of – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] a tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year, as appears by the said mistery's rental, to a total of – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, which amounts per year, as appears, to a total of – £14 18s. 4d.

Total of all the rent-monies – £39 4s. 4d.

Fines:

Item, they declare money received from fines from various men of the mercers' mistery who defaulted on summons, i.e.

from John Sayer –	6d.
from Thomas Cooke –	6d.
from William Bridlyngton –	12d.
from John Brodsworth –	6d.
from John Forth –	6d.
from John Barby –	6d.
from Richard Riche –	6d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	6d.
from Richard Hayward –	6d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	6d.
from Edward Blakeney –	6d.
– total – 6s.	

Old torches:

Item, they declare money received from 2 old wax torches weighing 27 lb. for the two, at 3½d. per lb., total – 8s.

Fine:

Item, they declare a fine received from John Berard, total – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts – £164 13s. 7d.

Here begin their disbursements, as appears:

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist 16 Henry VI, total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a Sir Walter Muschampe⁴⁴⁸ pur soun salary pur un entier an, en tiel manere avantdit come a dite Sir Thomas – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Salary:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé William Rumbold, bedelle del mercery, pur soun salary pur un entier an avant passé le feste⁴⁴⁹ de Saint Johan Baptiste – *summa* – iii li. xviii s.

Salary:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a William Haxay pur soun salary pur un an entier passé avant le dite feste de Saint Johan Baptiste – *summa* – vi li. x s.

Item, q'ils ount païé a dite William Haxay pur soun lyverey, c'est assavoir pur le dimi an per soun primer covenant – *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé a dite William pur les petites expences pur le colier del rente del mercery per tout la dit an – *summa* – iii s. iiii d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle pur un entier an avant dite le fest de Saint Johan – *summa* – iii li. viii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Stephen Causton pur un dimi an mayne un semayne avant passé le dite feste de Saint Johan – *summa* – iii li. viii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé a Johan Olney en almoigne pur xiiii semaynes a William Roos, chescun semayne viii d. en l'an avant passé – *summa* – ix s. iiii d.

Quitrente:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé in quitrentes en cest an:

En primes, a le colectour del Abbey de Westmoustier, *summa* – xx s. Item, a le colectour de Saint Giles dehors Loundrez pur un entier an passé, *summa* – vi s. viii d. Item, a le colectour de Saint Eleynes pur un entier an passé, *summa* – xviii s.

Item, a le colectour de Crychirche pur un entier an passé, *summa* – xix s. Item, a le colectour de Saint Marye Overey pur un entier an passé, *summa* – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, a le colectour del Pryoresse de Halywelle pur un entier an passé, *summa* – xiii s. iiii d.

– *summa* – iiii li. x s. iiii d.

448 He later became rector of St Margaret Pattens, from 1453 to 1476, when he died; see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 287.

449 MS: le feste le feste.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Walter Muschamp for his salary for a whole year, in the same manner as for the said Sir Thomas, total – £6 13s. 4d.

Salary:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle of the mercers' mistery, for his salary for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist, total – £3 18s.

Salary:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Haxay for his salary for a whole year up to the said feast of St John the Baptist, total – £6 10s.

Item, that they have paid the said William Haxay for his livery, i.e. for the half year of his first contract,²⁸⁸ total – 6s. 8d.

Item, that they have paid the said William for petty expenses on collecting the mistery's rent, for the whole of the said year, total – 3s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for a whole year up to the aforesaid feast of St John, total – £3 8d.

Item, that they have paid in alms to Stephen Causton for a half year less one week up to the said feast of St John, total – £3 8d.²⁸⁹

Item, that they have paid to John Olney as alms for 14 weeks for William Roos, at 8d. per week in the previous year, total – 9s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in quit-rents this year:

Firstly, to the collector of Westminster Abbey – 20s. Item, to the collector of St Giles [in the Fields] for one whole past year – 6s. 8d. Item, to the collector of St Helen's for one whole past year – 18s. Item, to the collector of Christchurch for one whole past year – 19s. Item, to the collector of St Mary Overy for one whole past year – 13s. 4d. Item to the collector of the Prioress of Haliwell for one whole past year – 13s. 4d.

– total – £4 10s. 4d.

²⁸⁸ This word is perhaps rather too modern, implying perhaps a signed deed. The text says 'covenant' = covenant or agreement, and William Haxay's employment as rent-collector will probably have been by a verbal agreement.

²⁸⁹ Last year he was paid this amount for a full year.

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Voidaunces:

Item, ils demaundout allouance pur les voidaunces de les tenementes pertenaunces a le misteer del mercery, c'est assavoir pur les voidaunce en le Crowne in Weste [Chepe] *per* tout l'an avant passé. Item, pur le voidaunce⁴⁵⁰ de la tenementes en Sevenhode Lan. Item, pur les voidaunces en le tenement del Pye en le paroche de Saint Martyn Otirwiche *per* tout l'an avant passé, come appert *per* l'acompte de William Haxay resseu *et* prové *per* moy Thomas Onhande,⁴⁵¹ gardian pur l'an del dite mercery, le xxix jour de juille –

– *summa* – xi li. ix s. vi d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundout allouance pure reparacions faites en loure temps suer les avantdites tenementes perteynaunces al dite Mercery, come appert playnement *per* le dite accompte de William Haxay, prové *et* resseu *per* moy dit Thomas Onhande, gardian del dite mercery, le mesme xxix jour de juille –

– *summa* – xxxv s. iii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pure seer exspendeu en le chapelle a Saint Thomas d'Acres, pure quel ils ount païé a Henry Gowghe, chaundelere –

– *summa* – iii s. vi d.

Foreyn expences:

Item, ils demaundout allouance q'ils ount païé pure ii barges le darent joure d'auguste pure l'obite du Roy Henry Vⁱⁱ l'an xvi^o, *summa* – vii s. iiiii d. Item, pure vi verge *et dimi* bokeram ruge⁴⁵² pure iiiii standerdes *et* un pynon, *summa* – v s. v d. Item, xx verge frengre pure les mesmes standerdes, *summa* – iii s. Item, pure le steynyngre des dites standerdes, *summa* – xxi s. viii d. Item, pure un verge *et dimi* bok[er]am blewe pure les mesme standerdes, *summa* – xii d. Item, pure un baston pure pynon, *summa* – xii d. Item, pay[é] a Thomas Chatirton, mynstralre, pure viii trumpettes a le visconte William Hales, a Westmoustier *et* arere, *summa* – liii s. iiiii d. Item, chaperons as dites viii mynstralles, *summa* – xvii s. iiiii d. Item, pure boiere a les dites mynstralles, *summa* – xvi d. Item, pure ii barges pure le compaigny del mercery a Westmoustier *et* arere oveke le dite William Hales, viscounte, *summa* – viii s. Item, païé pure xvi trumpettes le xxviii jour de ottobre l'an xvi^o a le chevauchié del mayre William Estefeld, *summa* – v li. vi s. viii d. Item, xvii chaperons a eux mynstralles, *summa* – xxix s. Item, pure boyere a eux le mesme joure, *summa* – iiiii s. Item, pur ii quayoures papire, *summa* – viii d.

– *summa* – xii li. xix s. ix d.

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Summa totalis de lour discharge – lx li. ii s. iii d.

450 MS: pur le voidaunce pure le voidaunce.

451 The scribe is here copying another document and it is interesting that he keeps the first person and named reference. It is not uncommon to find such in other documents also, and here one finds it again just below and then e.g. on f. 133v. One must note also here that Thomas Onehand is the second named warden this year; although later rulings made it the fourth warden whose duty it was to oversee the rents and rental properties. See Introduction, pp. 39–41.

452 MS: vi verge bokeram *et dimi* ruge.

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Item, they ask for allowance for vacancies in the tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, i.e. for the vacancies in the Crown in West Cheap during the whole of the past year. Item, for the vacancy in the tenements in Sevenhode Lane. Item, for the vacancies in the tenement of the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich during the whole of the past year, as appears by William Haxay's account which has been received and approved by myself, Thomas Onehand, warden for this year of the said mercers' mistery, on 29 July

– total – £11 9s. 6d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs carried out during their term of office on the aforesaid tenements belonging to the said mercers' mistery, as appears fully in the said account of William Haxay, approved and received by myself the said Thomas Onehand, warden of the said mistery, on the same day, 29 July

– total – 35s. 3d.

Item, they ask for allowance for wax used in the chapel at St Thomas of Acon, for the which they have paid Henry Gowe, wax-chandler

– total – 3s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for 2 barges on the last day of August for the obit of King Henry V in the year 16 [Henry VI],²⁹⁰ total – 7s. 4d. Item, for 6½ yards of red buckram for 4 banners and a pennon, total – 5s. 5d. Item, 20 yards of fringe for the same banners, total – 3s. Item, for the staining of the said banners, total – 21s. 8d. Item, for 1½ yards of blue buckram for the same banners, total – 12d. Item, for a rod for the pennon, total – 12d. Item, paid to Thomas Chatirton, musician, for 8 trumpeters for the sheriff William Hales, to Westminster and back, total – 53s. 4d. Item, hoods for the said 8 musicians, total – 17s. 4d. Item, for drinks for the said musicians, total – 16d. Item, for 2 barges for the mercers' company to Westminster and back with the said William Hales, sheriff, total – 8s. Item, paid for 16 trumpeters on 28 October 1437 at the procession of the Mayor William Eastfield, total – £5 6s. 8d. Item, 17 hoods for those musicians, total – 29s. Item, for drinks for them on the same day, total – 4s. Item, for 2 quires of paper, total – 8d.

– total – £12 19s. 9d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £60 2s. 3d.

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²⁹⁰ Henry VI's regnal years end on 31 August, and thus this would be 1438, but since the present accounting year ends on 24 June 1438, it is likely that 1437 is meant.

Rest *net* en lour maynes en argent sek deu al misteer del mercery,
summa – C iiii li. xi s. iii d.

1438 Et faite assavoire *qe* a le avantdite feste de Saint Johan Baptiste a lour fest tenu en l'ostelle appellé la Prynce Garderobe en le Veil Jury de Loundres, les avantdites gardeynes chois[er]ent gardeynes pure l'an *proshen* ensuaunt, c'est assavoire Johan Olney eslite William Milreth, Thomas Onhande eslite Heugh Wyche, Mathu Fowchere eslite Alexandire Orable, et William Towland eslite William Fleet, as queles ils ount delyveré l'argent *qe* remaynet en loure maynes, viz. Ciiii li. xi s. iii d. avantdite.

1438–39 C'est [l']accompte de William Milreth, Hugh Wyche, Alexandire Orable, et
 f. 131r William Fleete, gardeynes del misteer de mercery pur l'an devant passé, c'est assavoir devant le fest de Saint John Baptiste l'an xvii^o du Roy Henry sisme depuis la conquest.

Argent seke:

En *primes*, ils sont chargés en argent sek a eux deliverez *per* lour predecessoures queles furont gardeynes del mercery pur l'an avant – Ciiii li. xi s. iii d.

Redempcion:

Item, ils sont chargés en argent ressu pur le redempcion de maistre William Petteworth⁴⁵³ pur estre de nostre misteer *et* lyverey *per* assent des dites nostres predecessoures gardeynes *et* *per* le consent des toutz bones gentz del mercery en lour comune assemblé, c'est assavoir – iiii li.

Allouaunce:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe un some resseux de Hugh Dyke, viscount de Loundrez, pur allouaunce des mynstralles, c'est assavoir – xl s.

Compaignonz pur lour ii an:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe argent resseu des divers gentz del misteer de mercery pur lour secounde an, c'est assavoir, en *primes*

De Robert Strangways – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Henry Strangways – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Trusbutte – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Baron – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Middilton – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Muschampe – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Barette – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Rauffe Verney – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Dodnale – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De William Lighthalders – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De William Bernewey – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.

⁴⁵³ He appears also for instance in CPR 1429–36, p. 338.

There remains net in their hands in ready money due to
the mercers' mistery, total – £104 11s. 3d.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist, at their feast held in the building called the Prince's Wardrobe in the Old Jewry of London, the aforesaid wardens chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Olney elected William Meldreth, Thomas Onehand elected Hugh Wyche, Matthew Foucher elected Alexander Orable, and William Townland elected William Fleet, to whom they handed over the money which remained in their hands, i.e. the aforesaid £104 11s. 3d. 1438

This is the account of William Meldreth, Hugh Wyche, Alexander Orable, and William Fleet, wardens of the mercers' mistery for the previous year, i.e. up until the feast of St John the Baptist 17 Henry VI [24 June 1439]. 1438–39
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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery in the previous year – £104 11s. 3d.

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received for the redemption of Master William Petteworth, to be of our mistery and livery, by the agreement of our said predecessors as wardens and with the consent of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery at their general assembly, i.e. – £4

Contribution:

Item, they declare a sum received from Hugh Dyke, sheriff of London, as a contribution towards the musicians, i.e. 40s.

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their second year, i.e. firstly:

from Robert Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from Henry Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
from John Trusbut –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Baron –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	6s. 8d.
from John Barret –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Verney –	6s. 8d.
from John Dodenhale –	6s. 8d.
from William Lightholders –	6s. 8d.
from William Bernewey	6s. 8d.

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	De William Stephens – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De Constantyn Wyllowby – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Langeley – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Rankyn – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De Johan Sparham – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De William Dounton – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	De Bartholomeu Stratton – <i>summa</i> –	vi s. viii d.
	<i>Summa</i> – vi li. vi s. viii d.	

Issues:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe argent resseux en lour temps des apprentices pur issues, c'est assavoir en primes resseux

De Thomas Reeke qe fuist le servant de Johan Sturgion – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Thomas Stamford qe fuist le servant de Robert Damyon – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Johan Sponseby qe fuist le servant de Everard Fleet – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Henry Savage qe fuist le servant de Edmond Hide – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Johan Benge qe fuist le servant de Richard Foliat – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – x s.	

Entrés:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe argent resseux pur les entrés des apprentices en lour temps, c'est assavoir en primes

De William Rumbold l'apprentice de Johan Langeley – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Richard Lesyngham et de William Evenyngham les apprentices de William Fleete, de chescun de lour – ii s. – <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De Robert Mirffyn l'apprentice de William Thornhulle – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Thomas Broune l'apprentice de Henry Savage – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Philippe Amersame l'apprentice de Johan Stokton – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Henry Silver l'apprentice de Thomas Silver – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Richard Bosseworth l'apprentice de William Stephens – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Robert Wynter l'apprentice de William Irwilliam – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Robert Castelle l'apprentice de William Bernewey – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.

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De Johan Spaldynge l'apprentice de Johan Pykynge – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
De Thomas Frowyke et de Johan Flore, les apprentices de Henry Frowyke, de chescun de lour – ii s. – <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De Johan Coke et de Johan Stormyn les apprentices de Thomas Muschampe, de chescun de lour – ii s. – <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De Robert Stykboke l'apprentice de Hugh Wyche – <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – xxxii s.	

Fyn:

Item, ils sont chargés ovesqe argent resseux d'un fyn pur l'entree de Edward Welles, c'est assavoir – *summa* – xiii s. iii d.

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from William Stephens –	6s. 8d.
from Constantine Willowby –	6s. 8d.
from John Langley –	6s. 8d.
from John Rankyn –	6s. 8d.
from John Sparham –	6s. 8d.
from William Dounton –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Stratton –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£6 6s. 8d.

Issues:

Item, they declare money received during their term of office, from apprentices for their issue, i.e. firstly, received

from Thomas Ryke who was the servant ²⁹¹ of John Sturgeon –	2s.
from Thomas Stamford who was the servant of Robert Damian –	2s.
from John Sponseby who was the servant of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from Henry Savage who was the servant of Edmund Hyde –	2s.
from John Benge who was the servant of Richard Foliot –	2s.
Total –	10s.

Admissions:

Item, they declare money received for the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e. firstly

from William Rumbold the apprentice of John Langley –	2s.
from Richard Lesyngham and William Evenyngham the apprentices of William Fleet, from each of them – 2s. – total –	4s.
from Robert Mirffyn the apprentice of William Thornhill –	2s.
from Thomas Brown the apprentice of Henry Savage –	2s.
from Philip Amersham the apprentice of John Stockton –	2s.
from Henry Silver the apprentice of Thomas Silver –	2s.
from Richard Bosseworth the apprentice of William Stephens –	2s.
from Robert Wynter the apprentice of William Irwilliam –	2s.
from Robert Castelle the apprentice of William Bernewey –	2s.

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from John Spaldyng the apprentice of John Pickering –	2s.
from Thomas Frowyk and John Flore the apprentices of Henry Frowyk, from each of them – 2s. – total –	4s.
from John Coke and John Sturmyn the apprentices of Thomas Muschamp, from each of them – 2s. – total –	4s.
from Robert Stykboke the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.
Total –	32s.

Fee:

Item, they declare money received as a fee for the admission of Edward Welles, i.e. total – 13s. 4d.

²⁹¹ The word is here used to mean 'apprentice'. A 'servant' in the sense of a hired serving-man who earned wages would usually have been termed a 'lowys' or 'allowé', although 'servant' can also be used for these.

Rente:

Item, ils sount chargés ovesqe le rente pertenaunt a le dit misteer del *mercery* pur un entier an, c'est assavoir pur le rent del Crowne in Chepe, qe amount *per an*, come appert *per* le rentale del mesme, c'est assavoir – *summa* – xix li.

Item, ils sount chargés ovesqe le tenement en Sevenhod Lan, qe amount *per an*, come appert *per* le dite rentale, c'est assavoir – *summa* – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils sount chargés ovesqe le rente del Pye en le parisshe de Saint Martyn Otyrwyche, qe amount *per an*, come appert – *summa* – xiiii li. xviii s. iiii d.

Summa totalis – xxxix li. iiii s. viii d.

Mercymentes:

Item, ils sount chargés ovesqe argent q'ils ount resseux de *mercymentes* des divers gentz del *mercery* pur fautes a lour somones al court en lour temps, c'est assavoir en primez resseux

De William Adames – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Robert Strangways – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Everard Fleet – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Gefferey Feldyng – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Thomas Muschampe – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Rauff Verney – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Johan Kirkeby – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Johan Stokton – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.

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De Johan Froste – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Johan Roo – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De William Adames – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Robert Blencansope – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Mathu Foucher – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Johan Atwode – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Thomas Barard – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Richard Riche – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Gefferey Boleyn – <i>summa</i> –	iiii d.
De Johan Penne – <i>summa</i> –	iiii d.
De Johan Trusbutte – <i>summa</i> –	xii d.
De Johan Stokton – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Rauffe Verney – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De William Irwilliam – <i>summa</i> –	iiii d.
De Johan Kirkeby – <i>summa</i> –	iiii d.
De William Thornhulle – <i>summa</i> –	vi d.
De Johan Martyn – <i>summa</i> –	iiii d.

Summa – xv s. ii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – Clix li. xiii s. i d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the said mercers' mistery for one whole year, i.e. for the rent of the Crown in Cheap, which amounts per year, as appears by the same [mistery's] rental, i.e. total – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] the tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year, as appears by the said rental, i.e. total – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, which amounts per year, as appears – total – £14 18s. 4d.

Sum total – £39 4s. 8d.

Fines:

Item, they declare money that they have received from fines of various men of the mercers' mistery for defaulting on summons to the court during their term of office, i.e. firstly received

from William Adams –	6d.
from Robert Strangeways –	6d.
from Everard Fleet –	6d.
from Geoffrey Fielding –	6d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	12d.
from Ralph Verney –	12d.
from John Kirkeby –	12d.
from John Stockton –	12d.

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from John Frost –	6d.
from John Roo –	6d.
from William Adams –	6d.
from Robert Blenkinsop –	6d.
from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
from John Wood –	6d.
from Thomas Berard –	12d.
from Richard Riche –	12d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	4d.
from John Penne –	4d.
from John Trusbut –	12d.
from John Stockton –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	6d.
from William Irwilliam –	4d.
from John Kirkeby –	4d.
from William Thornhill –	6d.
from John Martyn –	4d.

Total – 15s. 2d.

Sum total of their receipts – £159 13s. 1d.

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Le comensement de lour discharge

Salaryes:

En *primes*, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a Sir Thomas Milbroke, capellan al *mercery*, pur un an entier devant le fest de Saint Johan Baptiste l'an xvii^o du Roy Henry sisme, c'est assavoir – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur soun robe – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a Sir Walter Muschampp, capellan a dite *mercery*, en tiel maner come avantdite pur un entier an – *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur soun robe le mesme an – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a William Rumbold, bedelle, pur soun salary pur un an entier avantdite – *summa* – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a William Haxay, servant al *mercery*, pur soun salary des troyes quarters del an – *summa* – iii li. xv s.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur les petites exspences pur colier del rente en les dites iii quarters del an avant – *summa* – ii s. vi d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur divers reparacions *et* forein exspences faites en les dites iii quarters del an, come appert per l'acompte fait a nous – *summa* – vii s. ii d. ob.

Summa – xxii li. xvi s. ob.

Almoigne:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle pur un an entier avantdite, c'est assavoir – *summa* – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a William Roos en almoigne – *summa* – xxxiiii s. viii d.

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a Richard Seteryngton ii s. per le semayne de vi^o jour de juny jusqex a le feste de Saint Johan Baptiste anno xvii^o, c'est assavoir pur un an entier *et* puis, *summa* – v li. x s.

Summa – x li. v s. iiiii d.

Quytrentes:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé pur quitrentes en cest an:

En *primez*, a le colectour dell'abbaie de Westmoustier, c'est assavoir – *summa* – xx s.

Item, a le colectour de Saint Giles pur un an entier avant passé – *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Item, a le colectour de Saint Eleyne pur un an entier avant – *summa* – xviii s.

Item, a le colectour de Crychirche pur un an entier avant – *summa* – xix s.

Item, a le colectour de Saint Marie Overey pur un an entier avant – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a le colectour de Prioress de Halywelle pur un an entier avant – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist 17 Henry VI, i.e. total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for his gown – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Walter Muschamp, chaplain of the said mistery, in the same manner as above for a whole year – total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for his gown in the same year – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle, for his salary for the whole aforesaid year – total – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Haxay, servant of the mercers' mistery, for his salary for three quarters of the year – total – £3 15s.

Item, they ask for allowance for the petty expenses on collecting the rent during the said three quarters of the previous year – total – 2s. 6d.

Item, they ask for allowance for various repairs carried out and extrinsic expenses incurred during the said three quarters of the year, as appears by the account rendered to us – total – 7s. 2½d.

Total – £22 16s. ½d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid as alms to Roger Russell for the whole aforesaid year, i.e. total – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid to William Roos in alms, total – 34s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Richard Settrington 2s. per week from 6 June [1438] until the feast of St John the Baptist 17 [Henry VI] [24 June 1439], i.e. for a whole year and more, total – £5 10s.

Total – £10 5s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in quit-rents this year:

Firstly, to the collector of Westminster Abbey, i.e. total – 20s.

Item, to the collector of St Giles for a whole year preceding – total – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the collector of St Helen's for a whole year preceding – total – 18s.

Item, to the collector of Christchurch for a whole year preceding – total – 19s.

Item, to the collector of St Mary Overy for a whole year preceding – total – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the collector of the Prioress of Haliwell for a whole year preceding – total – 13s. 4d.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

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Foreyn Exspences:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé pur un barge pur l'obiet dy Roy Henry le darent jour de august – *summa* – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, q'ils ount pay[é] pur viii chaperons *et dimi* chaperon a les mynstrales ovesqe les viscountes Nicolas Yoo *et* Hugh Dyke le mesme an dite, c'est assavoir – *summa* – xv s. v d.

Item, pur ii barges ovesqe les mesme viscounties a Westmoustier – *summa* – vii s. x d.

Item, pur viii trompetes ovesqe les mesme viscounties – *summa* – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur boiere a les dites trumpetes le mesme temps – *summa* – xx d.

Item, pur sere d'entree le chapelle payé le xxii jour d'octobre – *summa* – iii s. x d.

Item, païé a William Rumbold pur colier del rent un quarter – *summa* – x s. x d.

Item, païé a William pur q'il a scripture le nostre accompte deux foiez – *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – v li. iii s. vii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundout [allouaunce]⁴⁵⁴ pur les reparacions faites en le mesme an suer les tenementes pertenautes a le mercery del Pye come appert playnement per le accompte de William Rumbold prové per moy Hugh Wyche le xxx jour de julle – *summa* – vii li. xx d. ob.

Forein exspences:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce q'ils ount païé a le Recorder pur soun labour faite a disprover le noune de John Forth,⁴⁵⁵ c'est assavoir – *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Voidaunces:

Item, ils demaundout allouaunce pur les voidaunces des divers tenementes, c'est assavoir a le Crowne in Chepe pur tout l'an. Item, en le mesoun de Thomas Muschampe en Sevenhode Lan. Item, en le Pye d'entree la parisshe de Saint Martyn Otirwiche, come appert per l'accompte de William Haxay *et* l'accompte de William Rumbold, per moy Hugh Wyche prové le mesme an – *summa* – viii li. iii s.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lix li. vi s. viii d.

Rest net en lour maynes – C li. vi s. v d.

⁴⁵⁴ Word missing in text.

⁴⁵⁵ John Forth was fined the previous year for the minor offence of not turning up at an assembly when summoned, and apart from this makes no other appearances in these records, unless, which is possible, he is elsewhere called John Ford (see Name Index).

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they paid for a barge for the obit of King Henry [V] on the last day of August – total – 7s. 4d.

Item, that they paid for 8 hoods and a half hood for the musicians [in the procession] with the sheriffs Nicholas Yoo and Hugh Dyke in the same said year, i.e. total – 15s. 5d.

Item, for 2 barges with the same sheriffs to Westminster – total – 7s. 10d.

Item, for 8 trumpeters with the same sheriffs – total – 53s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for the said trumpeters on the same occasion – total – 20d.

Item, for wax in the chapel, paid on 22 October – total – 3s. 10d.

Item, paid to William Rumbold for collecting the rent for one quarter [of the year] – total – 10s. 10d.

Item, paid to William for writing up our account twice²⁹² – total – 3s. 4d.

Total – £5 3s. 7d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for the repairs carried out in the same year on the tenements belonging to the mercers' mystery at the Pye, as appears fully by William Rumbold's account, approved by myself, Hugh Wyche, on 30 July – total – £7 20½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the Recorder for his work on disproving the name of John Forth,²⁹³ i.e. total – 13s. 4d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies of various tenements, i.e. at the Crown in Cheap for the whole year. Item, at Thomas Muschamp's house in Sevenhode Lane. Item, in the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, as appears by the account of William Haxay and the account of William Rumbold, approved by myself, Hugh Wyche, in the same year – total – £8 3s.

Sum total of their disbursements – £59 6s. 8d.

There remains net in their hands – £100 6s. 5d.

²⁹² i.e. the accounts for this year and the previous year. He has probably written both at the same time.

²⁹³ There seems to be no further information to elucidate this entry, but 'name' is perhaps in the sense of 'title', 'entitlement', and this might refer to a property claim. Alternatively, 'disprover' can mean 'to annul' or 'to prove to be false', and 'name' might be in the sense of 'reputation'.

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Anno regni regis Henrici vi^{ti} xviii^{vo}:

C'est l'acompt de Thomas Chalton, Thomas Dounton, Thomas Tikhille, et William IrWilliam, gardeins del mistier de mercerie pur un an entier passé devant le fest del Nativitee Seint Johan le Baptistre l'an du regne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquest disoeptisme.

Argent seke:

En primes, ils sount chargez en argent seke a eux deliveré per lour predecessours qe fueront gardeins del mercerie en l'an proschein avant – C li. vi s. v d.

Redempcion:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resceu pur la redempcion de Johan Litletoun pur estre de nostre mistier et liveree per assent de toutz les bonez gentz del mercerie – lxvi s. viii d.

Imposicion:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resceu per lour mains pur une imposicion fait per l'assent de toutz les bonez gentz del mercerie, chescun persone xvi d. pur les mynstreals al chivacher de Robert Large, Mair – vii li. xi s. iii d.

Forfaiture:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent receu per lour mains de un ducheman pur une forfaiture per assesment del Chamberlain de Guyhalle en lour temps – xii d.

Compaignons pur lour tierce an:

Item, ils soy chargeount pur argent receu de diverses gentz del mercerie pur lour tierce an, c'est assavoir:

De Robert Strangways –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Baron –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Middelton –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Muschampe –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Baret –	vi s. viii d.
De Rauf Verney –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Dodnale –	vi s. viii d.
De William Lightholders –	vi s. viii d.
De William Stephens –	vi s. viii d.
De Constantyn Wilby –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Langley –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Raynkyn –	vi s. viii d.
De William Dounton –	vi s. viii d.
De Bartholomew Stratton –	vi s. viii d.

Summa – C s.

⁴⁵⁶ A new hand starts, that of John Stodeley, a scrivener (see below, f. 136r). One must note the difference in his good command of the Anglo-French language and that he also brings in some forms replacing standard formulas of previous years, e.g. 'come devant est dit', 'quiterentes resolutz'.

The year 18 Henry VI

1439–40

This is the account of Thomas Chalton, Thomas Dounton, Thomas Tickhill and William Irwilliam, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up until the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 18 Henry VI [24 June 1440].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year – £100 6s. 5d.

Redemption:

Item, they declare money received for the redemption of John Littleton, to be of our mistery and livery, with the agreement of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery – 66s. 8d.

Levy:

Item, they declare money received by themselves²⁹⁴ for a levy made with the agreement of all the goodmen of the mercers' mistery, 16d. per person for the musicians at the procession of Robert Large, Mayor – £7 11s. 4d.

Fine:

Item, they declare money received by themselves from a 'Dutchman' for a fine by assessment of the Guildhall Chamberlain during their term of office – 12d.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their third year, i.e.

from Robert Strangeways –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Baron –	6s. 8d.
from John Middleton –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	6s. 8d.
from John Barret –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Verney –	6s. 8d.
from John Dodenhale –	6s. 8d.
from William Lightholders –	6s. 8d.
from William Stephens –	6s. 8d.
from Constantine Willowby –	6s. 8d.
from John Langley –	6s. 8d.
from John Rankyn –	6s. 8d.
from William Dounton –	6s. 8d.
from Bartholomew Stratton –	6s. 8d.

Total – 100s.

²⁹⁴ Literally: 'by their hands'.

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Compaignons *pur* lour primer an:

De William Newton –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Harwe –	vi s. viii d.
De Roger Middilmore –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Hallom –	vi s. viii d.
De William Hert –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Lok –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Fyler –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Clavor –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Kirkeby –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Tate –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Langley –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Whetelburi –	vi s. viii d.

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Issues des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargeont *pur* argent receu des apprentices *pur* issues en *lour* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Thomas Barker <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Thomas Traynelle –	ii s.
De Thomas Beaufu <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de William Milrethe –	ii s.
De William Shelton <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Richard Riche –	ii s.
De Johan Raynkyn, mercer, <i>pur</i> luy mesme –	ii s.
De Thomas Crispe <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de William Hales –	ii s.

Summa – x s.

Entrees des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargeont *pur* argent ressu des entrees des apprentices en *lour* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Johan Berkeley <i>et</i> William Ford apprentices	
de Thomas Dounton, chescun de eux ii s., <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De James Gargrave apprentice de Johan Derham –	ii s.
De Thomas Baret apprentice de William IrWilliam –	ii s.
De Thomas Edmond, Johan Sacheford <i>et</i> Johan Asshe apprentices	
de William Stephens, chescun de eux ii s., <i>summa</i> –	vi s.
De Richard Smythe apprentice de Thomas Berard –	ii s.
De Thomas Nelme apprentice de Johan Cotford –	ii s.
De Johan Neve apprentice de Johan Nutbroun –	ii s.
De Nicholas Collyng apprentice de Robert Arnewy –	ii s.
De Richard Holwey apprentice de Johan Reynkyn –	ii s.
De Thomas Walker apprentice de Alexandre Orable –	ii s.
De William Grofman apprentice de Robert Baron –	ii s.
De Johan Urlay apprentice de Johan Nutbroun –	ii s.
De Johan Steyneford apprentice de Robert Damyon –	ii s.
De Robert Ledes <i>et</i> William Wayte apprentices	
de Mathew Foucher, chescun de eux ii s., <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De Robert Mytton <i>et</i> Johan Kirton apprentices	
de Everard Flete, chescun de eux ii s., <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.
De Johan Rayner <i>et</i> Johan Pigot apprentices	
de Thomas Hirst, chescun de eux ii s., <i>summa</i> –	iiii s.

Companions for their first year:

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from William Newton –	6s. 8d.
from John Harrow –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Hallom –	6s. 8d.
from William Harte –	6s. 8d.
from John Locke –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Fyler –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Claver –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	6s. 8d.
from John Tate –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Langley –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Whittlebury –	6s. 8d.

Total – £4

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received from apprentices for issues during their term of office, i.e.

from Thomas Barker who was the apprentice of Thomas Traynelle –	2s.
from Thomas Beaufo who was the apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.
from William Shelton who was the apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.
from John Rankyn, mercer, for himself –	2s.
from Thomas Crisp who was the apprentice of William Hales –	2s.

Total – 10s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from John Berkeley and William Ford, apprentices	
of Thomas Downton, each of them 2s., total –	4s.
from James Gargrave apprentice of John Derham –	2s.
from Thomas Barret apprentice of William Irwilliam –	2s.
from Thomas Edmond, John Sedgford and John Asshe, apprentices	
of William Stephens, each of them 2s., total –	6s.
from Richard Smythe apprentice of Thomas Berard –	2s.
from Thomas Nelme apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.
from John Neve apprentice of John Nutbroun –	2s.
from Nicholas Collyng apprentice of Robert Arneway –	2s.
from Richard Hawley apprentice of John Rankyn –	2s.
from Thomas Walker apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
from William Groveman apprentice of Robert Baron –	2s.
from John Urlay apprentice of John Nutbroun –	2s.
from John Steyneford apprentice of Robert Damian –	2s.
from Robert Leeds and William Wayte, apprentices	
of Matthew Foucher, each of them 2s., total –	4s.
from Robert Multon and John Kirton, apprentices	
of Everard Fleet, each of them 2s., total –	4s.
from John Reyner and John Picot, apprentices	
of Thomas Hurst, each of them 2s., total –	4s.

De Johan Warner apprentice de Johan Broddesworth – ii s.
 De William Hertwelle apprentice de Rauf Verney – ii s.
 De Thomas Wheteley apprentice de William Lightholders – ii s.
Summa – l s.

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Fynes:

Item, ils soy chargeont *pur* argent ressu *pur* fines de divers *persones* en *lour* temps *pur* ceo q'ils fautent de chivachier ovesqe le maire Robert Large, c'est assavoir:

De Johan Barby – xx d.
 De Thomas Silver – iii s. iiij d.
 De Edward Welles – ii s. viii d.
 De Thomas Fyler – xx d.
 De Rauf Verney – ii s.
Summa – xi s. iiij d.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargeount avec le rent appartenant al dit mistier de mercerie *pur* un an entier, c'est assavoir *pur* le rent del Corone en Chepe q'amount *per* an, come piert *per* le rentalle – xix li.

Item, ils soy chargeount avec le *tenement* en Sevenhode Lane q'amount *per* an *per* le dit rentalle – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils soy chargeont avec le rent del Pye en la *paroche* de Seint Martyn Otirwiche *per* an – xiiii li. xviii s. iiij d.

Summa totalis – xxxix li. iiij s. viii d.

Amerciamentes:

Item, ils soy chargeount en argent resceu de *mercymentes* de divers gentz del mercerie *pur* fautes en *lour* somons a le Court, c'est assavoir:

De William Stephens – vi d.
 De William Marham – vi d.
 De William Bridlyngton – vi d.
 De Thomas Style – vi d.
 De Johan Asshe – vi d.
 De Johan Stokton – vi d.
 De Thomas Berard – vi d.
 De Augustyn Stratton – vi d.
 De Johan Salman – vi d.
 De Aleyn Martyn – vi d.
 De Thomas Benet – vi d.
 De William Bridlyngton – iiij d.
 De Thomas Gosse – vi d.
 De Rauf Verney – vi d.
 De Mathew Foucher – vi d.
 De William Thornhille – vi d.
 De Johan Penne – vi d.
 De William Kyrver – vi d.
 De Thomas Berard – vi d.

from John Warner apprentice of John Brodsworth –	2s.
from William Hartwelle apprentice of Ralph Verney –	2s.
from Thomas Wheteley apprentice of William Lightholders –	2s.
Total –	50s.

Fines:

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Item, they declare money received for fines from various persons during their term of office, because they did not ride in the procession with the Mayor, Robert Large, i.e.

from John Barby –	20d.
from Thomas Silver –	3s. 4d.
from Edward Welles –	2s. 8d.
from Thomas Fyler –	20d.
from Ralph Verney –	2s.
Total –	11s. 4d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the said mercers' mistery for one whole year, i.e. for the rent of the Crown in Cheap which amounts per year, as appears by the rental, to – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] the tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year by the said rental to – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, per year – £14 18s. 4d.

Sum total – £39 4s. 8d.

Fines:

Item, they declare money received from fines from various men of the mercers' mistery for defaulting on their summons to the court, i.e.

from William Stephens –	6d.
from William Marham –	6d.
from William Bridlyngton –	6d.
from Thomas Steele –	6d.
from John Asshe –	6d.
from John Stockton –	6d.
from Thomas Berard –	6d.
from Austin Stratton –	6d.
from John Salman –	6d.
from Alan Martyn –	6d.
from Thomas Benet –	6d.
from William Bridlyngton –	4d.
from Thomas Gosse –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	6d.
from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
from William Thornhill –	6d.
from John Penne –	6d.
from William Kerver –	6d.
from Thomas Berard –	6d.

De Johan Barby –	vi d.
De William Lightholders –	vi d.
De Augustyn Stratton –	ii d.
De Johan Sayer –	vi d.
De Thomas Kirkeby –	vi d.
De Thomas Silver –	vi d.
De Johan Lok –	vi d.
De William Stephens –	vi d.
De William Newton –	vi d.
De Bartilmew Stratton –	iiii d.
De Johan Baret –	vi d.
De Mathew Foucher –	vi d.
De William Kirton –	vi d.

Summa – xv s. iii d.

Summa totalis de tout lour charge – Clxiii li. xvi s. ix d.

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Le commencement de lour descharge

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sire Thomas Milbrooke, chapellain, *pur* un an entier devant le fest de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an xviii^{me} du Roy Henry vi^{me} – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sire Waulter Muschampe, chapellain, en tiel manere come devant est dit *pur* un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Item ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé a William Rumbold, bedelle, *pur* son salarie *pur* l'an entier avantdit – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé au dit William, rentier del mercerie, *pur* son salarie *pur* l'an entier avant escript – xl s.

Item, ils demaudent allouance *pur* petitiz expenses *pur* coiller del rent del mercerie *pur* le dit an – iii s. iii d.

Summa – xix li. viii s.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. viii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé a William Rose en almoigne *pur* l'an entier suisdit – xxxiiii s. viii d.

Item, q'ils ount païé a Johan Wasshbourne en almoigne *pur* xxxv semaines deinz l'an suisdit, chescun semain xviii d. – lii s. vi d.

Summa – xii li. xi s. x d.

Quiterentes resolutz:

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé *pur* quiterent *pur* le dit an, c'est assavoir:

En primes, a les collectours des rentes del Abbey de Westmoustier – xx s.

Item, as coillours des rentz de Seint Giles – vi s. viii d.

Item, as coillours des rentz de Seint Elenes – xviii s.

from John Barby –	6d.
from William Lightholders –	6d.
from Austin Stratton –	2d.
from John Sayer –	6d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	6d.
from Thomas Silver –	6d.
from John Locke –	6d.
from William Stephens –	6d.
from William Newton –	6d.
from Bartholomew Stratton –	4d.
from John Barret –	6d.
from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
from William Kirton –	6d.
Total –	15s. 4d.

Sum total of all their receipts – £163 16s. 9d.

Here begin their disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist 18 Henry VI – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Walter Muschamp, chaplain, in the same manner as above for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle, for his salary for the whole aforesaid year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William, rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, for his salary for whole aforesaid year – 40s.

Item, they ask for allowance for petty expenses on collecting the mistery's rent during the said year – 3s. 4d.

Total – £19 8s.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for the said whole year – £3 8d.

Item, that they have paid to William Roos in alms for whole aforesaid year – 34s. 8d.

Item, that they have paid to John Washbourne in alms for 35 weeks during the aforesaid year, at 18d. per week – 52s. 6d.

Total – £12 11s. 10d.

Quit-rents paid:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in quit-rents for the said year, i.e.

Firstly, to the rent-collectors of Westminster Abbey – 20s.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Giles – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Helen's – 18s.

Item, as coillours des rentz de Crychirche –	xix s.
Item, as coillours des rentz de Halywelle –	xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, al coillour des rentz del priour de Seint Marie Overey –	xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.	

Voidances:

Item, ils demaudent allouance *pur* les voidances de diverses tenementz, c'est assavoir en la Corone en Chepe *per* tout l'an. Item, en la meason en Sevenhode Lane. Item, en les voidances del Pye en la paroche de Seint Martyn Otirwiche, come appiert *per* l'accompt de William Rumbold prové *per* moy Thomas Dounton le darrein jour de Juylle l'an xviii^{me} avant escript – xi li. xii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaudent allouance *pur* reparacions faitz en le mesme an sur les avantditz tenementes pertenantz al mercerie come appiert pleinement *per* l'accompt du dit William Rumbold prové *per* moy Thomas Dounton les jour *et* an suisditz – xv li. xiii d.

Rent decrece:

Item, ils demaudent allouance *pur* rent decrece en mesme l'an en les ditz tenementes pertenantz al mercerie, come appiert *per* l'accompt de William Rumbold provee *per* moy Thomas Dounton les jour *et* an avant escriptz – xx s.

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Foreyn expenses:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé *pur* i barge *per* ii jours *pur* l'obite du Roy Henry le quint, tenuz a Westmoustier l'an xvii^{me} du Roy Henry sisme – v s. viii d.

Item, *pur* i barge a Westmoustier *et* arere al presentement des viscountz Robert Marshalle *et* Malpas – iii s. vi d.

Item, païé a xvi trumpettes le xxix^{me} jour d'octobre l'an xviii^{me} du dit Roy Henry vi^{me} *pur* le chivachee de Robert Large, Mair – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, *pur* xvii chaperons *pur* trumpettes *et* mynstrelx – xxvi s. ix d.

Item, *pur* boire as ditz mynstrelx le mesme temps – iiiii s. iii d.

Item, *pur* i rolle ové les nouns des gentz del mercerie – vi d.

Item, *pur* i quaier de paper scrivable – iiiii d.

Item, *pur* seintures *pur* les vestmentes en le chapelle a Seint Thomas d'Acres – iiiii d.

Item, *pur* wasshyng de auterclothes *et* vestmentes illoeqes *et* *pur* l'amendement d'icelles – xv d.

Item, *pur* l'escripture de cest accompt a Johan Stodeley, escrivain⁴⁵⁷ – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur* cere despendu en lour temps en la chapelle deinz l'esglise Seint Thomas d'Acres – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – vii li. xvi s. xi d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lxxi li. ix s. ii d.

Et ensy remaynent net en lour mains – iiiii^{xx} xii li. vii s. vii d.

⁴⁵⁷ He was admitted to the Scriveners' Company on 2 April 1433 and was warden of that company in 1445; see Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, pp. 21–2.

Item, to the rent-collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
Item, to the rent-collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the rent-collector of the Prior of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Total – £4 10s. 4d.	

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies of various tenements, i.e. in the Crown in Cheap for the whole year. Item, in the house in Sevenhode Lane. Item, the vacancies in the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, as appears by William Rumbold's account, approved by myself, Thomas Downton, on the last day of July in the aforesaid year 18 [Henry VI] [1440] – £11 12d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs carried out during the same year on the aforesaid tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears fully by the said William Rumbold's account, approved by myself, Thomas Downton, the aforesaid day and year – £15 13d.

Rent decrease:

Item, they ask for allowance for a decrease in rents during the same year, in the said tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears by William Rumbold's account, approved by myself, Thomas Downton the aforesaid day and year – 20s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for a barge for 2 days²⁹⁵ for the obit of King Henry V, held at Westminster in the year 17 Henry VI – 5s. 8d.
 Item, for a barge to Westminster and back at the presentation of the sheriffs Robert Marshall and [Philip] Malpas – 3s. 6d.
 Item, paid to 16 trumpeters on 29 October 18 Henry VI [1439] for the procession of Robert Large, Mayor – £5 6s. 8d.
 Item, for 17 hoods for the trumpeters and musicians – 26s. 9d.
 Item, for drinks for the said musicians on the same occasion – 4s. 3d.
 Item, for a roll with the names of the men of the mercers' mistery – 6d.
 Item, for a quire of writing paper – 4d.
 Item, for girdles for the vestments in the chapel at St Thomas of Acon – 4d.
 Item, for washing of the altar-cloths and vestments there and for the mending of them – 15d.
 Item, for the writing of this account by John Stodeley, scrivener – 3s. 4d.
 Item, for wax used during their term of office in the chapel in the church of St Thomas of Acon – 4s. 4d.
 Total – £7 16s. 11d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £71 9s. 2d.

And thus there remains net in their hands – £92 7s. 7d.

²⁹⁵ Did they need it for two days so that they could decorate it in advance in appropriate manner?

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Anno xix^{no}:

C'est l'accompt de Sire William Estfeld, chivaler, Richard Ryche, Johan Goodson, et Johan Andrewe, gardeins del mercerie per un an entier passé devant le fest del Nativitee Saint Johan Baptistre l'an du reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquest xix^{me}.

Argent seke:

En *primes*, ils sount chargez en argent sek a eux delivéré per *lour predecessours* qe fueront gardeins del mercerie en l'an *proschein avant*, come appiert en le pee de *lour accompt* – – iiiii^{xx} ix li. ixs. vii d.⁴⁵⁸

Legate:

Item, ils soy chargeont pur argent resceu des executours Robert Large del legate du dit Robert – xx li.

Compaignons pur *lour* seconde an:

Item, ils soy chargeont pur argent ressu de diverses gentz del mercerie pur *lour* seconde an, c'est assavoir:

De William Newton –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Harwe –	vi s. viii d.
De Roger Middilmore –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Hallom –	vi s. viii d.
De William Hert –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Lokke –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Fyler –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Claver –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Kirkeby –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Tate –	vi s. viii d.
De Robert Langley –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Wittilbery –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiiii li.	

Issues des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargeont pur argent receu pur issues des apprentices en *lour* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Richard Wichyngham qui fuist apprentice de Johan Michelle –	ii s.
De William Henege qui fuist apprentice de Eborard Flete –	ii s.
De Johan Hayle qui fuist apprentice de William Townesende –	ii s.
De William Mylys qui fuist apprentice de Thomas Osborn –	ii s.
De Johan Bastwyk et William Redeknape qui fueront apprentices de Thomas Onhand –	iiii s.
De Richard Hayles qui fuist apprentice de Johan Chirche –	ii s.
De Johan Petyt qui fuist apprentice de Richard Lovelas –	ii s.
De Richard Borwe qui fuist apprentice de Alisaundre Orable –	ii s.
De Thomas Neche qui fuist apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – xx s.	

⁴⁵⁸ This is not the same amount as above, the difference being further noted later on f. 140r.

The year 19 [Henry VI]

1440–41

This is the account of Sir William Eastfield, knight, Richard Riche, John Goodson, and John Andrew, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 19 Henry VI [24 June 1441].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, as appears at the foot of their account – £89 9s. 7d.

Legacy:

Item, they declare money received from the executors of Robert Large from the legacy of the said Robert – £20

Companions for their second year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their second year, i.e.

from William Newton –	6s. 8d.
from John Harrow –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Hallom –	6s. 8d.
from William Harte –	6s. 8d.
from John Locke –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Fyler –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Claver –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	6s. 8d.
from John Tate –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Langley –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Whittlebury –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£4

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received for the issues of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from Richard Witchingham who was the apprentice of John Michel –	2s.
from William Henage who was the apprentice of Everard Fleet –	2s.
from John Hayle who was the apprentice of William Townesende –	2s.
from William Miles who was the apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
from John Bastwyk and William Redeknape who were the apprentices of Thomas Onehand –	4s.
from Richard Hayles who was the apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.
from John Petit who was the apprentice of Richard Lovelace –	2s.
from Richard Burgh who was the apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
from Thomas Nyche who was the apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
Total –	20s.

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Entrees des apprentices:

Item, ils soy chargeont *pur* argent ressu des entrees des apprentices en *lour* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Robert Kempe apprentice de Johan Martyn –	ii s.
De Johan Reyner <i>et</i> Johan Pycot apprentices de Thomas Herst <i>et</i> Rauf Marche –	iiii s.
De Richard Elswyk apprentice de Richard Evesley –	ii s.
De William Barton apprentice de William Cantlowe –	ii s.
De Thomas Godyng apprentice de Thomas Onhand –	ii s.
De Johan Bretyn apprentice de Robert Damyon –	ii s.
De Thomas Fulman apprentice de Thomas Cowlard –	ii s.
De Phelippe Bette apprentice de Saundre Orable –	ii s.
De Richard Bold apprentice de Thomas Muschampe –	ii s.
Summa –	xx s.

Rent:

Item, ils soy chargeont avec le rent appartenant al dit mistier de mercerie *pur* un an entier, c'est assavoir:

Pur le rent del Corone en Chepe q'amont *per* an come appiert *per* le rentalle – xix li.

Item, ils soy chargent ovesqe le tenement en Sevenhode Lane q'amont *per* an come appiert *per* le rental – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils soy chargeont ovesqe le rent del Pye en la *paroche* de Seint Martyn Otirwiche q'amont *per* an – xiiii li. xviii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxxix li. iiiii s. viii d.

Amerciamentes:

Item, ils soy chargeont en argent ressu de mercymentes de divers gentz del mercerie *pur* fautes en *lour* somons a le court, c'est assavoir:

De William Tounlond –	vi d.
De Rauf Verney –	vi d.
De Roger Middilmore –	vi d.
De Thomas Hirst –	vi d.
De Thomas Steelle –	vi d.
De Roger Middilmore –	vi d.
De Geffrey Boleyn –	xii d.
De Mathew Fowcher –	iiii d.
De Robert Baron –	iiii d.
De Henry Savage –	vi d.
De Thomas Gosse –	vi d.
Summa –	v s. viii d.

Summa totalis de *lour* charge – Cliiii li. xix s. xi d.

Admission of apprentices:

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Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from Robert Kempe apprentice of John Martyn –	2s.
from John Reyner and John Picot apprentices of Thomas Hurst and Ralph Marche –	4s.
from Richard Elswyk apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.
from William Barton apprentice of William Cantelow –	2s.
from Thomas Godyng apprentice of Thomas Onehand –	2s.
from John Bretyn apprentice of Robert Damian –	2s.
from Thomas Fulman apprentice of Thomas Colard –	2s.
from Philip Bette[sham] apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
from Richard Bold apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
Total –	20s.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies pertaining to the said mercers' mistery for a whole year, i.e.

for the rent of the Crown in Cheap, which amounts per year, as appears by the rental, to – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] the tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year, as appears by the rental, to – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, which amounts per year to – £14 18s. 4d.

Total – £39 4s. 8d.

Fines:

Item, they declare money received from fines from various men of the mercers' mistery for defaulting on their summons to the court, i.e.

from William Townland –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	6d.
from Roger Middlemore –	6d.
from Thomas Hurst –	6d.
from Thomas Steelle –	6d.
from Roger Middlemore –	6d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	12d.
from Matthew Foucher –	4d.
from Robert Baron –	4d.
from Henry Savage –	6d.
from Thomas Gosse –	6d.
Total –	5s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts – £154 19s. 11d.

La commencement de lour discharge

Salaries:

En primes, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sire Thomas Milbrook, chapelain, *pur* un an entier devant le fest de Seint Johan Baptistre l'an xix^{me} du Roy Henry vi^{me} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundent allouance q'ils ount païé a dit Sire Thomas *pur* son vesture *pur* le dit an – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sire Wauter Muschampe, chapelain, *pur* le terme de Seint Michelle dedeinz le dit an – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

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Salaries unqore:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sire Johan⁴⁵⁹, chapellain, *pur* son salarie *per* demy an *et* ix semains dedeinz l'an suisdit – iiiii li. x s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a dit Sire Johan *pur* la moitié de son vesture l'an suisdit – vi s. viiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a William Rumbold, bedelle, *pur* son salarie *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé au dit William, rentier del *mercerie*, *pur* l'an suisdit – xl s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé a dit William *pur* son vesture *pur* l'an entier suisdit – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur* petitz expenses *pur* le coillour del rent del *mercerie* *pur* le dit an entier – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xx li. xi s. iiiii d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. viiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Richard Setryngton *pur* l'an entier suisdit – v li. iiiii s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Johan Wasshbourne *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a William Rose, *pur* xxvi semains du dit an, chescun semain viiii d., *et pur* l'autres xxvi semains du dit an, chescun semain xiiii d., *summa totalis* – xlvii s. viiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a William Herdwyk *pur* iiii semains dedeinz l'an suisdit, chescun semain xiiii d., *summa* – iiiii s. viiii d.

Summa – xiiii li. xv s.

Quiterent resolute:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé *pur* quiterent *pur* le dit an, c'est assavoir:

En primes, as collectours des rentz del

Abbaie de Westmoustier – xx s.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Seint Gyles – vi s. viiii d.

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Here begin their disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain, for a whole year up until the feast of St John the Baptist 19 Henry VI – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said Sir Thomas for his clothing for the said year – 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Walter Muschamp, chaplain, for the Michaelmas term in the said year – 33s. 4d.

Further salaries:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir John [Irysshe],²⁹⁶ chaplain, for his salary for half a year and 9 weeks in the aforesaid year – £4 10s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said Sir John for a half of his clothing in the said year – 6s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle, for his salary for the whole said year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William, rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, for the aforesaid year – 40s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William for his clothing for the aforesaid whole year – 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for petty expenses on collecting²⁹⁷ the mistery's rent for the said whole year – 3s. 4d.

Total – £20 11s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for the said whole year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Richard Settrington for the aforesaid whole year – £5 4s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Washbourne for the said whole year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to William Roos for 26 weeks of the said year at 8d. per week, and for the other 26 weeks of the said year at 14d. per week, sum total – 47s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to William Hardwick for 4 weeks in the aforesaid year, at 14d. per week, total – 4s. 8d.

Total – £14 15s.

Quit-rents paid:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents for the said year, i.e.

Firstly, to the rent-collectors of Westminster Abbey – 20s.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Giles – 6s. 8d.

²⁹⁶ His name is given in full in the next year's account.

²⁹⁷ The word 'coillour' is also (and frequently) used in the sense of 'collector', but since 'rentier' has been used just above it would seem in context and by comparison with the phrasing of other years that it is here and in the next few years' accounts used as an abstract noun, 'the collecting' or 'collection'.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Seint Elene –	xviii s.
Item, as coillours des rentz de Crichirche –	xix s.
Item, al coillour des rentz de Halywelle –	xiii s. iiii d.
Item, al coillour des rentz del priour de Seint Marie Overey –	xiii s. iiii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiii li. x s. iiii d.	

Voidances:

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur* les voidances de divers tenementz, c'est assavoir en la Corone en Chepe *per* tout l'an. Item, en la meason en Sevenhode Lane. Item, en les voidances del Pye en la paroche de Seint Martyn Otirwiche, come appiert *per* l'acompt de William Rumbold, prové *per* moy Johan Goodson le darrein jour de juylle l'an xix^{me} avant escript – vi li. x s. iiii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur* reparacions faitz en l'an suisdit sur les avantditz tenementz *pertenantz* al mercerie, come appiert pleinement *per* l'acompt du dit William prové *per* moy le dit Johan lez jour *et* an suisditz – v li. xv s. iiii d.

Rent decrece:

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur* rent decrece en mesme l'an en les ditz tenementz *pertenantz* al mercerie, come appiert *per* l'acompt du dit William prové *per* moy le dit Johan les jour *et* an avant escriptz – vii li. xi s.

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Foreins expenses:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount paié *pur* i barge *per* ii jours *pur* l'obite du Roy Henry quinte tenuz a Westmoustier en l'an xviii^{me} du Roy Henry vi^{me} – vii s. Item, *pur* i barge a Westmoustier *et* arere al presentment des viscountz Sutton *et* Wetenhale, *et* *pur* risshes, *et* servoise donné a les bargemen le mesme temps – iii s. viii d.

Item, *pur* ii quaiers de paper scrivable – vi d.

Item, *pur* loture des aubes, amytes, *et* auterclothes *et* *pur* amendement des parures appartenantz al chapelle a Seint Thomas *per* la dit an entier – xii d.

Item, *pur* i rolle ové les nouns des gentz del mercerie – vi d.

Item, *pur* i chival *pur* William Rumbold, bedelle del mercerie, al chivachee de Johan Pattesley, Mair – viii d.

Item, *pur* i bote a Westmoustier *et* arere *pur* les gardeins *et* autres gentz del mercerie *pur* presenter le dit Mair a Roy – vii d. ob.

Item, *pur* roses, lavendre *et* sercles *pur* iiii garlondes al eleccion des novelx gardeyns – viii d.

Item, *pur* mattes *pur* le sale a Seint Thomas d'Acres – iii s.

Item, *pur* mattes *pur* la chapelle a Seint Thomas d'Acres – x d.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
Item, to the rent-collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
Item, to the rent-collector of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the rent-collector of the Prior of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Total –	£4 10s. 4d.

Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies of various tenements, i.e. in the Crown in Cheap for the whole year. Item, in the house in Sevenhode Lane. Item, [for] the vacancies in the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, as appears by William Rumbold's account, approved by myself, John Goodson, on the last day of July of the aforesaid year 19 [Henry VI] [31 July 1441] – £6 10s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs carried out in the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears fully by the said William's account, approved by myself the said John, the aforesaid day and year – £5 15s. 4d.

Decrease in rents:

Item, they ask for allowance for the decrease in rents in the same year from the said tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears by the said William's account, approved by myself, the said John, the aforesaid day and year – £7 11s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for a barge for 2 days for the obit of King Henry V held at Westminster in the year 18 Henry VI – 7s.

Item, for a barge to Westminster and back at the presentation of the sheriffs Sutton and Wetenhale,²⁹⁸ and for rushes,²⁹⁹ and ale given to the bargemen at this same time – 3s. 8d.

Item, for 2 quires of writing paper – 6d.

Item, for washing of the albs, amices, and altar-cloths, and for mending of the parures belonging to the chapel in St Thomas's, for the whole said year – 12d.

Item, for a roll with the names of the men of the mercers' mistery – 6d.

Item, for a horse for William Rumbold, beadle of the mercers' mistery, at the procession of John Pattesley, Mayor – 8d.

Item, for a boat to Westminster and back for the wardens and other men of the mistery, to present the said mayor to the King – 7½d.

Item, for roses, lavender and rings for 4 garlands at the election of the new wardens – 8d.

Item, for mats for the hall at St Thomas of Acon – 3s.

Item, for mats for the chapel at St Thomas of Acon – 10d.

²⁹⁸ John Sutton was a goldsmith and William Whetenhall a grocer, and they were sheriffs for 1440–41; see Beaven, *Aldermen*, II, p. 8.

²⁹⁹ These were commonly strewn on the floor in houses and apartments, and here presumably on the floor of the barge. Alternatively, they might have provided the bargemen with twigs or brushwood for some purpose: see *OED* sub *RICE*: 'Twigs, small branches, or brushwood, cut and used for various purposes.' One may compare an earlier entry when they were supplied with coals, f. 83r.

Item, *pur cere* despendu en la dit chapelle l'an suisdit – vi s. iiii d.

Item, en argent donné a Russelle, *sergeant* avec le mair, *pur estre* attendant sur nostre serche fait des mesures – xii d.

Item, *pur l'escripture* de cest accompt a Johan Stodeley, *escrivain* – iii s. iiii d.

Summa – xxix s. i d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour discharge amount – lxi li. ii s. vi d.

Et ainsi remainent *net* en lour mains – iii^{xx} xlii li. xvii s. v d.

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Anno xx^{mo}:

C'este l'accompt de Henry Frowyk, alderman, Johan Sturgeon, William Thornhille, et Thomas Stele, gardeins de la mistier del mercerie, *per un an entier* passé devant le fest del Nativitee Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an du reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquest xx^{me}.

Argent seke:

En *primes*, ils sont chargez en argent seke a eux delivéré *per lour predecessours* qe furent gardeins de la mercerie en l'an *proschein* avant, come appiert en le pee de lour accompt – iii^{xx} xlii li. xvi s. i d.⁴⁶⁰

Compaignons *pur lour tierce an*:

Item, ils sont chargez *pur argent* receu de diverses gentz de la mercerie *pur lour tierce an*, c'est assavoir:

De William Newton – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Harowe – vi s. viii d.

De Roger Middilmore – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Halome – vi s. viii d.

De William⁴⁶¹ Hert – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Lok – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Fylour – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Claver – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Kirkeby – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Tate – vi s. viii d.

De Robert Langle – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Wittilbery – vi s. viii d.

Summa – iii li.

Compaignons *pur lour primer an*:

Item, ils sont chargez *pur argent* receu de divers gentz de la mercerie *pur lour primer an*, c'est assavoir:

De Randolf Strete – vi s. viii d.

De Johan Shipton – vi s. viii d.

De Rauf Marche – vi s. viii d.

⁴⁶⁰ Once again, this sum does not correspond with that given at the end of last year's account, and no explanation seems apparent.

⁴⁶¹ An odd doodle is to the LH side of and above this name, but it does not appear to mean anything.

Item, for wax used in the said chapel in the aforesaid year – 6s. 4d.

Item, for money given to Russelle, sergeant to the Mayor, to be present at the inspection we made of measures³⁰⁰ – 12d.

Item, for the writing of this account by John Stodeley, scrivener – 3s. 4d.

Total – 29s. 1½d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts to – £61 2s. 6d.

And thus there remains net in their hands – £93 17s. 5d.

20 Henry VI:

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This is the account of Henry Frowyk, alderman, John Sturgeon, William Thornhill, and Thomas Steele, wardens of the mercers' mystery, for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 20 Henry VI [24 June 1442].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mystery in the previous year, as appears at the foot of their account – £93 16s. 1d.

Companions for their third year:

Item, they declare receipt of money from various men of the mercers' mystery for their third year, i.e.

from William Newton –	6s. 8d.
from John Harrow –	6s. 8d.
from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Hallom –	6s. 8d.
from William Harte –	6s. 8d.
from John Locke –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Fyler –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Claver –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	6s. 8d.
from John Tate –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Langley –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Whittlebury –	6s. 8d.

Total – £4

Companions for their first year:

Item, they declare receipt of money from various men of the mercers' mystery for their first year, i.e.

from Randolph Street –	6s. 8d.
from John Shipton –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph March –	6s. 8d.

300 On the duties of the Mayor's serjeants, see Masters, 'The Mayor's Household'. See also Riley, *Liber Albus*, pp. 49–50.

De Thomas Hurste –	vi s. viii d.
De Richard Wychyngham –	vi s. viii d.
De William Haxey –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Nyche –	vi s. viii d.
Summa – xlvii s. viii d.	

Issues des apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargez *pur* argent receu *pur* issues des apprentices en *leur* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Rauf Marche <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Johan Brod –	ii s.
De Johan Arthur <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Johan Nutbroun –	ii s.
De Johan Durwyn <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Mathew Foucher –	ii s.
De Thomas Perye <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Thomas Dounton –	ii s.
De Robert Barley <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice du dit Thomas Dounton –	ii s.
De Richard Bonefant <i>qe</i> fuist apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
Summa – xii s.	

Entrees des apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargez *pur* argent receu des entrees des apprentices en *leur* temps, c'est assavoir:

De Rauf Marche apprentice de Johan Brod –	ii s.
De Johan Arthur apprentice de Johan Nutbroun –	ii s.
De Johan Thorpe apprentice de Richard Everle –	ii s.

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Entrees des apprentices – unqore:

De Robert Talbot apprentice de Stephen Stychemersshe –	ii s.
De William Worsted apprentice de Johan Nutbroun –	ii s.
De James Moore apprentice de Johan Salman –	ii s.
De William Sevesters apprentice de Johan Seymour –	ii s.
De Robert Olyver apprentice de William Olyver –	ii s.
De Richard Hampton apprentice de Johan Sturgeon –	ii s.
De William Hille apprentice de Thomas Stele –	ii s.
De William Burton apprentice de William Thornhille –	ii s.
De Johan Brynyng apprentice de Thomas Hurst <i>et</i> Rauf Marche –	ii s.
De Johan Dalgate apprentice de Thomas Hurst <i>et</i> Rauf Marche –	ii s.
De Johan Sturmyn apprentice de Thomas Nyche –	ii s.
De Johan Goodyere apprentice de Thomas Beaufo –	ii s.
Summa – xxx s.	

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargez ové une fyne receu de William Grond *pur* estre frank del compaignie del mercerie en *leur* dit temps – iiiii li.

Amerciamentz:

Item, ils sont chargez en argent ressu de diverses gentz del mercerie *pur* mercymantz *pur* fautes en *leur* summons a le court en *leur* dit temps, c'est assavoir:

from Thomas Hurst –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Witchingham –	6s. 8d.
from William Haxay –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Nyche –	6s. 8d.
Total –	46s. 8d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt of money for issues of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from Ralph March who was the apprentice of John Brod –	2s.
from John Arthur who was the apprentice of John Nutbroun –	2s.
from John Durwyn who was the apprentice of Matthew Foucher –	2s.
from Thomas Pery who was the apprentice of Thomas Dounton –	2s.
from Robert Barley who was the apprentice of the said Thomas Dounton –	2s.
from Richard Bonefaunt who was the apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
Total –	12s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare receipt of money from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from Ralph March apprentice of John Brodde–	2s.
from John Arthur apprentice of John Nutbroun –	2s.
from John Thorpe apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.

Admission of apprentices – continued:

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from Robert Talbot apprentice of Stephen Titchmarsh –	2s.
from William Worstead apprentice of John Nutbroun –	2s.
from James Moore apprentice of John Salman–	2s.
from William Sewester apprentice of John Seymour –	2s.
from Robert Olyver apprentice of William Olyver –	2s.
from Richard Hampton apprentice of John Sturgeon –	2s.
from William Hille apprentice of Thomas Steelle –	2s.
from William Burton apprentice of William Thornhille –	2s.
from John Brynyng apprentice of Thomas Hurst and Ralph March –	2s.
from John Dalgate apprentice of Thomas Hurst and Ralph March –	2s.
from John Sturmyn apprentice of Thomas Nyche –	2s.
from John Goodyere apprentice of Thomas Beaufo –	2s.
Total –	30s.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt of a fee from William Grond to be free of the mercers' company during their said term of office – £4

Fines:

Item, they declare receipt of money from various men of the mercers' mistery for fines for defaulting on their summons to the court during their said term of office, i.e.

De Johan Reynkyn –	ii s.
De Robert Baron –	xii d.
De Thomas Berard –	xx d.
De Roger Middilmore –	xx d.
De Johan Burton –	xii d.
De Thomas Hurst –	xxii d.
De Richard Boxe –	xii d.
De Thomas Gosse –	xii d.
De Nicholas Drayton –	vi d.
De William Stevyns –	vi d.
De Richard Wychyngham –	viii d.
De Thomas Dogmerton –	viii d.
De Alexandre Orable –	vi d.
De Johan Seymour –	vi d.
De Geffrey Boleyn –	x d.
De Walter Aleyn –	iiii d.
De Mathewe Leke –	iiii d.
De William Tounlond –	iiii d.
De Thomas Benet –	vi d.
De Edward Welles –	vi d.
De William Newton –	iiii d.
De Johan Baret –	xviii d.
De Thomas Muschamp –	xx d.
De Johan Salman –	vi d.
De Rauf Verney –	ii s.
De Johan Nutbroun –	iiii d.
De William Gladman –	iiii d.
De Randolf Strete –	iiii d.
De Richard Bonefaunt –	iiii d.
De Adam Covyntre –	vi d.

Summa – xxv s. ii d.

Rent:

Item, ils sont chargez avec le rent appartenant al dite mistier de mercerie *pur* une an entier, c'est assavoir *pur* la rent del Corone en Chepe q'amont *per* an come appiert *per* le rentalle – xix li.

Item, ils sont chargez avec le tenement en Sevenhode Lane q'amont *per* an come appiert *per* le dit rental – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, ils sont chargez avec le rent del Pye en la *parochie* de Seint Martyn Oterwiche qe amont *per* an – xiiii li. xviii s. iii d.

Summa – xxxix li. v s.

Forein receyt:

Item, ils sont chargez avec ii torches poisaunt xxiiii lb. qe furent venduz a William Thornhille *pur* – x s. vi d.

from John Rankyn –	2s.
from Robert Baron –	12d.
from Thomas Berard –	20d.
from Roger Middlemore –	20d.
from John Burton –	12d.
from Thomas Hurst –	22d.
from Richard Boxe –	12d.
from Thomas Gosse –	12d.
from Nicholas Drayton –	6d.
from William Stephens –	6d.
from Richard Witchingham –	8d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	8d.
from Alexander Orable –	6d.
from John Seymour –	6d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	10d.
from Walter Aleyn –	4d.
from Matthew Leek –	4d.
from William Townland –	4d.
from Thomas Benet –	6d.
from Edward Welles –	6d.
from William Newton –	4d.
from John Barret –	18d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	20d.
from John Salman –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	2s.
from John Nutbroun –	4d.
from William Gladman –	4d.
from Randolf Street –	4d.
from Richard Bonefaunt –	4d.
from Adam Coventry –	6d.
Total –	25s. 2d.

Rent:

Item, they declare the rent-monies appertaining to the said mercers' mistery for a whole year, i.e. for the rent from the Crown in Cheap, which amounts per year, as appears by the rental, to – £19

Item, they declare [the rent from] the tenement in Sevenhode Lane, which amounts per year, as appears by the said rental, to – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, they declare the rent from the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich, which amounts per year to – £14 18s. 4d.

Total – £39 5s.

Extrinsic receipt:

Item, they declare 2 torches weighing 24 lb. which were sold to William Thornhill for – 10s. 6d.

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Unqore forein receyt:

Item, ils sont chargez avec une somme ressu de Richard Ryche, viscount de Loundres, *pur* allowance des mynstrelx – xl s.

Summa totalis de lour charge – Cxlix li. v s. v d.

La commencement de lour descharge

Salaries:

En primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé a Sire Thomas Milbroke, chapellain, *pur* un an entier devant le fest de Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an xx^{me} le Roy Henry vi^{me} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaudent allowance q'ils ont païé a Sire Johan Irysshe, chapellain, *pur* un an entier devant le fest de Saint Johan le Baptistre l'an suisdit – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé a William Rumbold, bedelle, *pur* son salarie *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé au dit William, rentier del *mercerie*, *pur* l'an entier avant escript – xl s.

Item, ils demandent allowance *pur* petitz costes *pur* le coillour del rent del *mercerie* *pur* le dit an entier – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xix li. viii s.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle *pur* le dit an entier – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé en almoigne a Richard Setryngton *pur* l'an suisdit – v li. iiiii s.

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé en almoigne a Johan Wasshebourne *pur* l'an entier avantdit – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé en almoigne a William Hardwyk *pur* l'an entier avantdit – iii li. viii d.

Item, *pur* l'almoigne de William Rose *pur* iii quarters et v semaines dedeinz l'an suisdit – L s.

Summa – xvii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Quiterentz resolutz:

Item, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont païé *pur* quiterent *pur* le dit an, c'est assavoir:

En primes, as collectours des rentz del

Abbaie de Westmoustier –

xx s.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Saint Gyles –

vi s. viii d.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Saint Elenes –

xviii s.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Crychirche –

xix s.

Item, as collectours des rentz de Halywelle –

xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, as collectours des rentz del priour de Saint Marie Overey –

xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Further extrinsic receipt:

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Item, they declare a sum received from Richard Riche, sheriff of London, for a contribution [towards the costs] of the musicians – 40s.

Sum total of their receipts – £149 5s. 5d.

Here begin their disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist 20 Henry VI – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir John Irysshe, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the aforesaid year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold, beadle, for his salary for the said whole year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William, rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, for the whole aforesaid year – 40s.

Item, they ask for allowance for petty costs on collecting the mistery's rents, for the whole said year – 3s. 4d.

Total – £19 8s.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for the said whole year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Richard Settrington for the aforesaid year – £5 4s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Washbourne for the whole aforesaid year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to William Hardwick for the whole aforesaid year – £3 8d.

Item, for the alms of William Roos for three quarters [of the year] and 5 weeks during the aforesaid year – 50s.

Total – £17 13s. 4d.

Quit-rents paid:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents for the said year, i.e.

Firstly, to the rent-collectors of Westminster Abbey – 20s.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Giles – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the rent-collectors of St Helens's – 18s.

Item, to the rent-collectors of Christchurch – 19s.

Item, to the rent-collectors of Haliwell – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the rent-collectors of the Prior of St Mary Overy – 13s. 4d.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur reparacions faitz en l'an suisdit sur les avantditz tenementz pertenantz al mercerie*, come appiert pleinement *per l'acompt du dit William Rumbold, prové per nous Johan Sturgeon, William Thornhille, et Thomas Stele* – xlv s. i d.

Foreins expenses:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé *pur i barge pur l'obite du Roy Henry quinte tenuz a Westmoustier en l'an xix^{me} du Roy Henry vi^{me}* – vi s.

Item, païé a Henry Gowe *pur cere pur la chapelle* – v s.

Item, païé *pur ii barges a Westmoustier et arere al presentement de Richard Ryche et William Combes, viscountz* – vii s. vi d.

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Foreins expenses – unqore:

Item, *pur viii chaperons pur les mynstrelx* – viii s.

Item, païé a viii trumpettes *pur les viscountz* – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur boire as ditz mynstrelx* – xvi d.

Item, *pur i chaundelere pur la chapelle* – vi d.

Item, *pur halowyng d'une vestiment* – viii d.

Item, *pur i lettre direct a Camerey* – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé *pur wasshyng de auter clothes et towails et pur scouryng de chaundelers* – xii d.

Item, païé as prestres *et clerkes de Seint Thomas pur la dirige de la fraternitee*⁴⁶² – v s. viii d.

Item, *pur l'escripture de cest accompt* – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur ii quaiers de paper et pur ynke* – viii d. ob.

Item, *pur fustian pur lynyng de un coffyn et pur la fesure d'ycelle* – viii d.

Summa – v li. iiiii d. ob.

Voidances *et* decrece de rent:

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur la vacacion de diverses tenementz en le terme de Seint Johan le Baptistre, c'est assavoir en le Corone et a le Pye* – xliiii s.

Item, *pur decrece del rent des tenementz en la Corone, la Pye, et Sevenhode Lane le mesme terme* – xxxiii s. x d.

Item, *pur la vacacion de diverses tenementz en la Corone et la Pye en le terme de Seint Michelle* – xxxix s. vi d.

Item, *pur decrece del rent des tenementz en la Corone, la Pye, et Sevenhode Lane le mesme terme* – xxxvii s. ii d.

Item, *pur la vacacion de diverses tenementz en la Corone et la Pye en le terme de Nowelle* – xxxii s. x d.

Item, *pur decrece del rent des tenementz en la Corone, la Pye, et Sevenhode Lane le mesme terme* – xxxvii s. ii d.

Item, *pur la vacacion de diverses tenementz en la Corone et la Pye en le terme de Pasqes* – xxix s.

⁴⁶² See below for further details of this regular event (f. 143r for next year and then under the same heading in subsequent years' accounts).

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs carried out in the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears in full by the said William Rumbold's account, approved by us, John Sturgeon, William Thornhill, and Thomas Steele – 45s. 1d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for a barge for the obit of King Henry V held at Westminster in the year 19 Henry VI – 6s.

Item, paid to Henry Gowe for wax for the chapel – 5s.

Item, paid for 2 barges to Westminster and back at the presentation of Richard Riche and William Combes, sheriffs – 7s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure – continued:

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Item, for 8 hoods for the musicians – 8s.

Item, paid to 8 trumpeters for the sheriffs – 53s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for the said musicians – 16d.

Item, for a candlestick for the chapel – 6d.

Item, for the blessing of a vestment – 8d.

Item, for a letter sent to Cambrai – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for the washing of the altar-cloths and towels,³⁰¹ and for cleaning of the candlesticks – 12d.

Item, paid to the priests and clerks of St Thomas's for the office of the dead³⁰² [sung] for the fraternity – 5s. 8d.

Item, for the writing of this account – 3s. 4d.

Item, for 2 quires of paper and for ink – 8½d.

Item, for fustian for lining a box and for the making of this [lining] – 8d.

Total – £5 4½d.

Vacancies and decreases in rent:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies of various tenements during the Midsummer term, i.e. at the Crown and the Pye – 44s.

Item, for decreases in the rents of the tenements in the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane during the same term – 33s. 10d.

Item, for the vacancies of various tenements in the Crown and the Pye during Michaelmas term – 39s. 6d.

Item, for decreases in the rents of tenements in the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane during the same term – 37s. 2d.

Item, for the vacancies of various tenements in the Crown and the Pye during the Christmas term – 32s. 10d.

Item, for decreases in the rents of tenements in the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane during the same term – 37s. 2d.

Item, for the vacancies of various tenements in the Crown and the Pye during the Easter term – 29s.

301 This must be in the ecclesiastical sense of 'A cloth, either of linen for use at communion, or of silk or other rich material for covering the altar at other times; also, a communion-cloth' (*OED*).

302 The text says 'dirge' here. Next year's parallel entry (f. 143r) specifies both a 'dirge' and a requiem mass.

Item, pur decrece del rent des tenementz en la Corone, la Pye, et Sevenhode Lane
le mesme terme – xxxvii s. ii d.

Summa – xiiii li. x s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour descharge amount – lxiii li. vii s. ix d. ob.

Et ainsi remainent *net* en lour mains – iii^{xx} v li. xvii s. vii d. ob.

Et fait a remembrer qe Thomas Chalton *et* sez compaignons du dite mistier ount
unqore en *lour* mains des deniers duez au dit mistier qe ne sont contenuz
dedeinz la somme avantdit⁴⁶³ – lviii s.

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Anno xxi^o.⁴⁶⁴

C'est l'acompte de Johan Olney, aldremen, Geffrey Feldyng, Geffrey Boleyn, *et*
Johan Burton, gardeins de la mistier de la mercery, pur un an entier passé devant
la fest de la Nativité de Seint Johan Baptiste l'an du reigne le Roy Henry sisme
puisse la conquest vingt primer.

Argent seke:

En primes, ils sont chargez in argent seke a eux delivéré *per* lour *predecessours*
que furent gardeins de la mercery in l'an *prochein* avant, come appiert in le pé
de lour accompt – iii^{xx} v li. xvii s. vi d.

Summa totalis – iii^{xx} v li. xvii s. vi d.⁴⁶⁵

Le secunde an:

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu de divers gentz de la mercery pur *lour*
secund an, c'est assavoir:

De Rauf Marche – vi s. viii d.

De William Haxsey – vi s. viii d.

De Johan⁴⁶⁶ Shipton – vi s. viii d.

De Randolf Street – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Hurst – vi s. viii d.

De Richard Wychyngham – vi s. viii d.

De Thomas Niche – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis – xlvi s. viii d.

⁴⁶³ See above, f. 136r and f. 136v.

⁴⁶⁴ A new hand starts here, that of Robert Bale, very similar to the previous one, and one notes that both scribes were trained scriveners. This writer names himself first as the writer of these accounts on f. 146v. The pages written by him are notable for the use of pen-and-ink decoration using fine tracery lines in a style not seen before in this book. On the open spread of ff. 140v and 141r, the top line of each page has exaggerated ascenders with discreet flourishes to each letter, and in addition, with a very fine nib, delicate tracery lines make abstract patterns between all these letters. Many of the initials of the marginal sub-headings are flourished or decorated, and one may note in particular the 'S' of 'Summa' at the end of the 'Charge' section this year, the heading at the start of the 'Discharge' section, and a number of 'S's within that section. In the following year, from f. 143v onwards he takes this further.

⁴⁶⁵ Once again, the sum does not tally with that above, but it is only 1½d. out this time.

⁴⁶⁶ This name has been written in a different hand over a complete erasure.

Item, for decreases in the rents of tenements in the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane during the same term – 37s. 2d.

Total – £14 10s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements amounts to – £63 7s. 9½d.

And thus there remains net in their hands – £85 17s. 7½d.

Memorandum that Thomas Chalton and his fellow-wardens of the said mistery have still in their hands some monies owing to the said mistery which are not included in the abovesaid sum – 58s.

21 Henry VI:

1442-43

This is the account of John Olney, alderman, Geoffrey Fielding, Geoffrey Boleyn, and John Burton, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 21 Henry VI [24 June 1443].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors who were wardens of the mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, as appears at the foot of their account – £85 17s. 6d.

Sum total – £85 17s. 6d.

The second year:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for their second year, i.e.

from Ralph March – 6s. 8d.

from William Haxay – 6s. 8d.

from John Shipton – 6s. 8d.

from Randolf Street – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Hurst – 6s. 8d.

from Richard Witchingham – 6s. 8d.

from Thomas Nyche – 6s. 8d.

Sum total – 46s. 8d.

Issues de apprenticis:

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu pour issues des apprentices en leur temps, c'est assavoir:

De William Islame apprentice de Henry Frowyk –	ii s.
De William Brompton que fuit apprentice de Hughe Wyche –	ii s.
De Waulter Doorward apprentice de Thomas Shirwynd –	ii s.
De Thomas Cromwelle apprentice de Thomas Cressy –	ii s.
De Johan Lambard De Philip Howelle	} apprentice de Thomas Onhand – iiii s.
De Nicholas Hatton apprentice de William Flete –	ii s.
De Johan Frisney apprentice de Johan Burton –	ii s.
De Robert Ledis apprentice de Mathewe Fowcher –	ii s.
De Johan Grene apprentice de Sir William Estfeld –	ii s.
De Johan Chacombe apprentice de Richard Riche –	ii s.
De Robert Wastnesse apprentice de William Melrethe –	ii s.
De Johan Caplond apprentice de Thomas Treynelle –	ii s.
De William Lightholdes apprentice de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
De Johan Litilton ⁴⁶⁷ pur son issues –	ii s.
De William Redeknap apprentice de Johan Boston –	ii s.
De Johan Down apprentice de Thomas Colard –	ii s.
De Johan Shipton apprentice de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
De Christofre Heton apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
De Johan Colette apprentice de William Kyrton –	ii s.
De Johan Ward apprentice de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
De Robert Hehnham apprentice de Johan Derham –	ii s.
De William Skydmore apprentice de William Gladman –	ii s.
De William Pekeryng apprentice de William Melrethe –	ii s.
Summa totalis des issuez des apprenticez – xlviii s.	

f. 141r Cestez sont lez fines:

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu de Johan Chacombe pur un fyn pur disobeisaunce – ii s. viii d.

Item, ressu de Watkyn Dorward pur un fyn perentre luy et Johan Dey, cultellar, pur diskeveryng de nostre counseille par de la meer – x s.

Item, ressu de Richard Borowe, servant de Alisaundre Orable, pur un fyn pur entrecomenyng par de la meer pur Johan Upton – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, ressu de Johan Downe que fuit servant de Thomas Colard pur un fyn qe son apprenticehod ne fuit compleet per un an – iiiii s. viii d.

Item, ressu de William Gladman pur un fyn pur dishonest langage – iii s.

Summa totalis dez fynes – xxiii s viii d.

⁴⁶⁷ He has never been an apprentice, and it is thus somewhat odd that this issue payment has been required.
See Name Index.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received for issues of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from William Islame apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.	
from William Brompton who was the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.	
from Walter Durward apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.	
from Thomas Cromwell apprentice of Thomas Cressy –	2s.	
from John Lambard	} apprentices of Thomas Onehand –	4s.
from Philip Howelle		
from Nicholas Hatton apprentice of William Fleet –	2s.	
from John Frisney apprentice of John Burton –	2s.	
from Robert Leeds apprentice of Matthew Foucher –	2s.	
from John Grene apprentice of Sir William Eastfield –	2s.	
from John Chacombe apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.	
from Robert Wastnesse apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.	
from John Cappeland apprentice of Thomas Traynelle –	2s.	
from William Lightholders apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.	
from John Littleton for his issue –	2s.	
from William Redeknape apprentice of John Boston –	2s.	
from John Down apprentice of Thomas Colard –	2s.	
from John Shipton apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.	
from Christopher Hatton apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.	
from John Colet apprentice of William Kirton –	2s.	
from John Ward apprentice of Henry Frowyk –	2s.	
from Robert Hehnham apprentice of John Derham –	2s.	
from William Skidmore apprentice of William Gladman –	2s.	
from William Pickering apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.	
Sum total from the issues of apprentices –	48s.	

These are the fines:

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Item, they declare money received from John Chacombe for a fine for disobedience – 2s. 8d.

Item, received from Watkyn Durward for a fine between him and John Dey, cutler, for revealing secret matters of our company overseas – 10s.

Item, received from Richard Burgh, in service with Alexander Orable, for a fine for having dealings³⁰³ overseas for John Upton³⁰⁴ – 3s. 4d.

Item, received from John Down who was in service with Thomas Colard, as a fine because he had issued from his apprenticeship terms one year early³⁰⁵ – 4s. 8d.

Item, received from William Gladman as a fine for dishonourable language³⁰⁶ – 3s.

Sum total of the fines – 23s. 8d.

303 The text uses the word 'entrecomenyng', the equivalent of the now obsolete verb 'to intercommon' or 'intercommune', i.e. to associate with, to have relations or dealings with other persons. Here it is clearly in the sense of a forbidden association, cf. the ordinances of 1376, copied out in 1404 (pp. 58–9).

304 The text clearly says 'for' John Upton, but 'with' him might have been intended. Various men of this name appear in contemporary records, e.g. a shearman in *CPMR* 1413–37, pp. 274, 296, and *CPMR* 1437–57, pp. 152–3; a serjeant-at-mace of the Mayor in *CPMR* 1413–37, p. 48; and one who was in a duel in 1430: *CPR* 1429–36, p. 38.

305 Literally: 'his apprenticeship was not completed by one year'.

306 See above, p. 418, note 347.

Entrees d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent ressu dez entrees dez apprenticis en leur temps, c'est assavoir:

De William Bawde	} apprentys de Johan Seymor ⁴⁶⁸ –	iiii s.
De Johan Chambre		
De Robert Eburton apprentice de William Irwilliam –		ii s.
De Symond Dawdeley apprentice de Johan Burton –		ii s.
De Johan Colyns apprentice de Johan Stokton –		ii s.
De Thomas Selyok apprentice de Johan Broddesworthe –		ii s.
De Johan Aleyn apprentice de Mathewe Fowcher –		ii s.
De Richard Arnold apprentice de Johan Seyer –		ii s.
De William Bekylswade	} apprentiis de Austin Stratton ⁴⁶⁹ –	iiii s.
De Richard Elys		
De Johan Blesby apprentice de Thomas Muschamp –		ii s.
De Johan Blakhalle	} apprenticis de Geffrey Feldyng –	iiii s.
De Johan Screveyne		
De Johan Alborowe	} apprenticis de Johan Lokke –	iiii s.
De Herry Newman		
De Johan Chacombe apprentice de Richard Riche –		ii s.
De Thomas Banove apprentice de Johan Harrowe –		ii s.
De Johan Moryelle apprentice de Bartholmewe Stratton –		ii s.
De Thomas Large apprentice de Richard Riche	} –	iiii s.
De Johan Riche apprentice de Ric' Richard ⁴⁷⁰		
De Roger Bonyfaunt	} apprentices de Geffrey Boleyn –	x s.
De Johan Lewys		
De Robert Stowe		
De Johan Hille		
De Waulter Padsylle		
De Christofer Plommer apprentice de Thomas Bataille –		ii s.
De Thomas Yonge apprentice de Johan Asshe –		ii s.
De Richard Caxston apprentice de Johan Harrowe –		ii s.
De George Talbot apprentice de Thomas Collerd –		ii s.
De William Flame apprentice de Herry Frowyk –		ii s.
De William Walle apprentice de Johan Salman –		ii s.
De Johan Johanson apprentice de William Olivere –		ii s.
De Thomas Selby apprentice de William Neuton <i>et</i> de Robert Ode apprentice del mesme William –		iiii s.

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Entreez d'apprentices:

De Richard Bowden apprentice de Thomas Kyrkeby –	ii s.
De William Philps apprentice de Johan Cotford –	ii s.
De Thomas Okhurst apprentice de Thomas Shirwynd –	ii s.
De William Sakryng apprentice de Thomas Shirwynd –	ii s.

⁴⁶⁸ The phrase 'apprentys de Johan Seymor' has been written by the same correcting hand as above into what had been a blank space.

⁴⁶⁹ The phrase 'apprentiis de Austin Stratton' has been added in the same correcting hand into what had been a blank space.

⁴⁷⁰ Since the two are linked together, this must be Richard Riche, although it is unusual to invert first and surname.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

from William Bawde	}	apprentices of John Seymour –	4s.
from John Chamber			
from Robert Eburton apprentice of William Irwilliam –			2s.
from Simon Daudley apprentice of John Burton –			2s.
from John Colyns apprentice of John Stockton –			2s.
from Thomas Selyok apprentice of John Brodsworth –			2s.
from John Aleyn apprentice of Matthew Foucher –			2s.
from Richard Arnold apprentice of John Sayer –			2s.
from William Bekylswade	}	apprentices of Austin Stratton –	4s.
from Richard Elys			
from John Bleseby apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –			2s.
from John Blackhalle	}	apprentices of Geoffrey Fielding –	4s.
from John Screveyne			
from John Alburgh	}	apprentices of John Locke –	4s.
from Henry Newman			
from John Chacombe apprentice of Richard Riche –			2s.
from Thomas Bannowe apprentice of John Harrow –			2s.
from John Morielle apprentice of Bartholomew Stratton –			2s.
from Thomas Large apprentice of Richard Riche	}	} –	4s.
from John Riche apprentice of Richard Riche			
from Roger Bonefaunt	}	apprentices of Geoffrey Boleyn –	10s.
from John Lewys			
from Robert Stowe			
from John Hille			
from Walter Patsille			
from Christopher Plommer apprentice of Thomas Bataille –			2s.
from Thomas Yonge apprentice of John Asshe –			2s.
from Richard Caxton apprentice of John Harrow –			2s.
from George Talbot apprentice of Thomas Colard –			2s.
from William Flame apprentice of Henry Frowyk –			2s.
from William Walle apprentice of John Salman –			2s.
from John Johnson apprentice of William Olyver –			2s.
from Thomas Selby apprentice of William Newton and			
from Robert Ode apprentice of the same William –			4s.

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from Richard Bowden apprentice of Thomas Kirkeby –	2s.
from William Philps apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.
from Thomas Oakhurst apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.
from William Sakryng apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.

De Richard Bowrne apprentice de Johan Langley –	ii s.
De William Chambre apprentice de William Heneghe –	ii s.
De Christofre Heton apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
De Johan Chamberleyn apprentice de Johan Dorham –	ii s.
De Thomas Crosse apprentice de William Gladman –	ii s.
De Thomas Lee apprentice de Johan Reyner –	ii s.
De Richard Stutvyle apprentice de William Gronde –	ii s.
De Richard Osbarn apprentice de Johan Olney –	ii s.
De Robert Moyn } apprentices de William Melrethe –	iiii s.
De Richard 300 }	
De Richard Large apprentice de Geffrey Feldyng –	ii s.
De Thomas Shelley apprentice de Johan Burton –	ii s.
<i>Summa totalis dez entreez dez apprenticis – v li. iiiii s.</i>	

Un legatte:

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu dez executours de Johan Norton, esquier,⁴⁷¹ pur son legatte – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils sont chargez pur un arrest d'un condythe pur lez marteiz de Berghe et Brigge l'an du nostre dicte seignur le Roy xx – xv s. vii d.

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu de Johan Roo et Johan Penne le iiiii^{te} jour de Decembre, come appiert per deux billes, pur un assessyng dez Aventurez del Mercery⁴⁷² pur un regarde pur Richard Quatremayns – v li. vi s. ii d.

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu de Thomas Muschamp, come appiert per son bille assessyng, fait pur lez expensez de Robert Strothir a Middilburghe en Seland – xlii s. viii d.

Summa totalis – xiiii li. xvii s. ix d.

Mercimentis:

Item, ils sont chargez pur argent ressu de mercementz de divers gentz del mercery pur fautes en lour somonees a le court, c'est assavoir:

De Johan Sturgeon –	vi d.
De Johan Penne –	vi d.
De Thomas Stile –	vi d.
De Thomas Muschamp –	vi d.
De Rauf Verney –	vi d.
De Richard Bonyfaunt –	vi d.
De Johan Goodson –	vi d.
De Robert Damyan –	vi d.
De Johan Reynkyn –	xii d.
De Thomas Pery –	vi d.
De Johan Lytilton –	viii d.

⁴⁷¹ He was buried in St Thomas of Acon; see Stow, *Survey*, p. 263.

⁴⁷² This is the first mention of the Merchant Adventurers of London by this appellation: see Carus-Wilson, *Medieval Merchant Venturers*, pp. xxvi, 151.

from Richard Bowrne apprentice of John Langley –	2s.
from William Chamber apprentice of William Henage –	2s.
from Christopher Hatton apprentice of Robert Large ³⁰⁷ –	2s.
from John Chamberleyn apprentice of John Derham –	2s.
from Thomas Crosse apprentice of William Gladman –	2s.
from Thomas Lee apprentice of John Reyner –	2s.
from Richard Stutvile apprentice of William Grond –	2s.
from Richard Osborn apprentice of John Olney –	2s.
from Robert Moyne	} apprentices of William Meldreth – 4s.
from Richard Yeo	
from Richard Large apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
from Thomas Shelley apprentice of John Burton –	2s.
Sum total from the admission of apprentices – £5 4s.	

A legacy:

Item, they declare money received from the executors of John Norton, esquire, for his legacy³⁰⁸ – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they declare the balance on conduct-money [levied] for the Bergen³⁰⁹ and Bruges marts in the year 20 Henry VI – 15s. 7d.

Item, they declare money received from John Roo and John Penne on 4 December, as appears by two documents, for an assessment of the Adventurers of the Mercers' Mistery for a payment for Richard Quatremayns³¹⁰ – £5 6s. 2d.

Item, they declare money received from Thomas Muschamp, as appears by his assessment document, made for the expenses of Robert Strother at Middelburg in Zeeland – 42s. 8d.

Sum total – £14 17s. 9d.

Fines:

Item, they declare money received from fines of various men of the mercers' mistery for defaulting on their summons to the court, i.e.

from John Sturgeon –	6d.
from John Penne –	6d.
from Thomas Steelle –	6d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	6d.
from Richard Bonefaunt –	6d.
from John Goodson –	6d.
from Robert Damian –	6d.
from John Rankyn –	12d.
from Thomas Pery –	6d.
from John Littleton –	8d.

307 This is clearly a late payment, both since the issue fee is also paid this year and because Robert Large's death was recorded last year when his executors paid over a bequest.

308 For his will, see Fitch, *Commissary Court*, I, p. 135 (1442: Register 4, f. 100).

309 Bergen op Zoom in the Netherlands.

310 He was controller and collector of the subsidy of tunnage and poundage in the port of London for 24 years, and then from 6 December 1448 was controller of the petty custom in the port of London; see e.g. *CPR 1446–52*, p. 221; *CLB, 'L'*, p. 136.

De Thomas Gosse –	xii d.
De Randolf Street –	xii d.
De Johan Barret –	viii d.
De William Gladman –	ii s.
De Thomas Fyler –	xii d.
De William Henege –	vi d.
De Johan Broddesworthe –	xii d.
De Nicholas Drayton –	xii d.
De William Stephens –	vi d.

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De Johan Lokke –	xii d.
De Roger Middilmore –	xii d.
De Thomas Muschamp –	xii d.
De Robert Hallom –	xii d.
De Johan Martyn –	xii d.
De Thomas Hurst –	xii d.
De Edward Wellez –	vi d.
De Adam Coventre –	vi d.
De Thomas Onhand –	xii d.
De Rawlyn Verney –	xii d.
De Johan Salman –	xii d.
De Johan Harrowe –	xii d.
De Richard Wychyngham –	xii d.
De William Tounlond –	vi d.
De William Redknap –	vi d.

Summa totalis dez mercimentz – xxvii s. x d.

Rentis:

Item, ils sont chargez pour tout le rent del *mercery* que amount *per* l'an come appiert *per* l'acompte de William Rumbald, collectoure des *dictes* rentz, come appiert *per* son accompt – xxxix li. xi s. iiii d.

Summa totalis de loure chargez – Clii li. xvi s. viii d.

Le Commensement de loure descharge⁴⁷³

Salaries:

En primes, ils demandent allowance q'ils ont paié a Sire Thomas Milbroke, chapelleyne, pur un *quarter* perentre le fest de Saint Johan Baptist *et* le fest de Saint Michelle l'an xxi – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils demaudent allowance q'ils ont paié a Sire Johan Irysshe, chapelleyne, pur un an entier devant le fest de Saint Johan Baptist l'an xxi Henry vi^{te} – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils demaudent allowance pur Johan, hopyland pur l'an *avantdicté* – xiii s. iiii d.

⁴⁷³ This heading has been accorded exaggerated ascenders to the letters with very ornamental delicate tracery-line decoration.

from Thomas Gosse –	12d.
from Randolph Street –	12d.
from John Barret –	8d.
from William Gladman –	2s.
from Thomas Fyler –	12d.
from William Henage –	6d.
from John Brodsworth –	12d.
from Nicholas Drayton –	12d.
from William Stephens –	6d.

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from John Locke –	12d.
from Roger Middlemore –	12d.
from Thomas Muschamp –	12d.
from Robert Hallom –	12d.
from John Martyn –	12d.
from Thomas Hurst –	12d.
from Edward Welles –	6d.
from Adam Coventry –	6d.
from Thomas Onehand –	12d.
from Ralph ³¹¹ Verney –	12d.
from John Salman –	12d.
from John Harrow –	12d.
from Richard Witchingham –	12d.
from William Townland –	6d.
from William Redeknape –	6d.
Sum total of the fines –	27s. 10d.

Rents:

Item, they declare all the rent-monies of the mercers' mistery which amount per year, as appears by the account of William Rumbold, collector of the said rents, as appears by his account – £39 11s. 4d.

Sum total of their receipts – £ 152 16s. 8d.

Here begin their disbursements

Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Thomas Milbrook, chaplain, for one quarter between the feast of St John the Baptist and the feast of Michaelmas in the year 21 [Henry VI] – 33s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir John Irysshe, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist in the year 21 Henry VI – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for a houppeland for John for the aforesaid year – 13s. 4d.

³¹¹ The text uses the diminutive of his first name 'Rawlyn'.

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé a Sir Richard Combe, chapelleyne, pur un quarter perentre le fest de Pasche *et* Seint Johan Baptist l'an xxi^e – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce q'ils ount païé a William Rumbald pur son salary *pur* la dicte an entier – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demaudent allouance q'ils ount païé al dicte William, rentier de mercy, *pur* l'an entier devant escript – xl s.

Item, ils demandent allouance *pur* petitiz c[o]stez⁴⁷⁴ *pur* le coillour del rent del mercy *pur* le dicte an entier – iii s. iiiii d.

f. 142v Item, ils demaudent allouance *pur* un robe *pur* le dicte William en l'an avantdicte – xiii s. iiiii d.

*Summa*⁴⁷⁵ *totalis* – xvii li. viii s.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle *pur* le dicte an entier – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Richard Sedryngton *pur* l'an entier suisdicte – v li. iiiii s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Johan Wasshebourne *pur* l'an entier avantdicte – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a William Hardewyk *pur* l'an entier avantdicte – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Johan Harston *pur* l'an entier avantdicte – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demandent allouance q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Thomas Turnour *pur* dimy an avantdicte – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis – xix li. xiiii s. iiiii d.

Quite rentez:

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce q'ils ount païé *pur* quite rente *pur* le dicte an, c'est assavoir:

En primes, as collectours dez rentz de Seint Gyles –	vi s. viii d.
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Item, as collectours dez rentz de Seint Elyns –	xviii s.
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Item, as collectours dez rentz de Cristchirche –	xix s.
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Item, as collectours dez rentz de Halywelle –	xiii s. iiiii d.
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Item, as collectours dez rentz del Prioure de Seint Mary Overey –	xiii s. iiiii d.
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Item, as collectours dez rentz del Abbé de Westmoustier –	xx s.
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Summa totalis – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Expenses d'assise:

Cestez sont lez costagez faictz sur le plee *et* assise recoveré envers le Priour de Seint Bartholomewe in West Smythfeld de Loundres, c'est assavoir:⁴⁷⁶

474 MS: cestez.

475 The initial 'S' of this and every other 'Summa' on this page and that facing are of double size and finely decorated.

476 For a summary in English of this case, which the Mercers won, in 1443, concerning property in the parish of St Martin Outwich (the Pye), and references to the relevant documents elsewhere, see Chew, *London Possessory Assises*, pp. 118–19.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Combe, chaplain, for a quarter between the feast of Easter and [that of] St John the Baptist in the year 21 Henry VI – 33s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold for his salary for the whole said year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William, rent-collector of the mercers' mistery, for the whole aforesaid year – 40s.

Item, they ask for allowance for petty costs for the collecting of the rent of the mercers' mistery for the said whole year – 3s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for a gown for the said William in the aforesaid year – 13s. 4d. f. 142v

Sum total – £17 8s.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for the whole said year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Richard Settrington for the whole aforesaid year – £5 4s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Washbourne for the whole aforesaid year – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to William Hardwick for the whole aforesaid year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Herston for the whole aforesaid year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Thomas Turnour for half the aforesaid year – 33s. 4d.

Sum total – £19 14s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rent for the said year, i.e.

Firstly, to the rent-collectors of St Giles –	6s. 8d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of the Prior of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Westminster Abbey –	20s.
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Sum total – £4 10s. 4d.

Assise expenses:

These are the costs incurred on the plea and assise won³¹² against the Prior of St Bartholomew in West Smithfield in London, i.e.

³¹² The word used is 'recoveré' and carries here the legal sense of 'recovery or restoration of property, money, or a right by legal action' or to regain possession of property (see *MED*).

En primes, païé pur un bille originalle, le copie en le mairs court – ii d.
 Item, païé a Johan Lacon, lawyer, pur surveyng de nostre evidencis de Pye pur le assise avantdicte – vi s. viii d.
 Item, païé pur vyn, payn, faggot *et* candelle – vii d.
 Item, païé pur i copie d'un bille en le court pur le somondes del terre del Pye pur l'assise avantdicte – iiiii d.
 Item, païé a Johan Lacon avantdicte le secunde jour de Janever pur le treti ovesque le Priour a le Py *et* son counseille – vi s. viii d.
 Item, païé le mesme joure pur vyn *et* payn a le Bolehede pur Johan Olney, Richard Riche, Geffrey Feldyng, Geffrey Boleyn, Thomas Bataille, Elys Davy, Johan Sturgeon *et* Johan Burton – x d. ob.
 Item, païé a Johan Joos, lawyer, le v joure de Janever – iii s. iiiii d. Item, a Johan Heworthe a Poules⁴⁷⁷ le xxv jour de Janever – iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, païé a petit Moyle, comune sergeaunt, a Powles le mesme jour – iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, païé a Jamys, sergeaunt, per Thomas Bataille en Guyhalle – xii d.
 Item, païé *et* doné a Goldyng *et* sa femme, nostre tenantz, pur boier – viii d.
 Item, païé *et* doné a Wyse, carpenter, pur son labour per deux jours a la vieu del tenement del Pye pur boundyng le terre – xx d.
 Item, païé a Johan Lambourne, nostre attourné en le Meirs Courte – xx d.
 Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryvener, pur scripture de diverses evidencis *et* aultres choses en l'an avantdicte – xi s. vi d.
 Item, païé per Geffrey Feldyng a quatre lawyers de nostre counseille pur jointure del isse del assise le secunde jour de Feverer – xxvi s. viii d.
 Item, païé per Johan Burton le xii jour de Feverer a la vieu de la terre a Moyle, Lacon, Heyworthe, *et* Joos – xxvi s. viii d.
 Item, païé per Geffrey Boleyn le xxi jour de Feverer a la recoveré del assise a la Guyhalle a divers lawyers de nostre counseille – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, païé pur un box pur evidencis – ii d.
 Item, païé a Johan Dounham, servant de William Melrethe, pur botthuyre a Westmoustier – vi d.
 Item, païé a un prenotaire pur stodye *et* emendement de le record de l'assise per Johan Hayworthe – vi s. viii d.
 Item, païé pur scripture *et* examynyng *et* parchemyn del mesme record per avantdicte Johan Hayworthe – iii s. viii d.

⁴⁷⁷ Serjeants-at-law traditionally consulted their clients in the porch of St Paul's (the 'parvis') and one finds Chaucer making reference to this in his Prologue to the *Canterbury Tales*, ll. 309–10: 'A Sergeant of the Lawe, war and wys, / That often hadde been at the Parvys'.

Firstly, paid for an original bill, the copy in the Mayor's court – 2d.

Item, paid to John Lacon, lawyer, for examining our deeds of the Pye for the aforesaid assise – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for wine, bread, firewood, and candles – 7d.

Item, paid for a copy of a bill in the court for the writ of summons concerning the land of the Pye for the aforesaid assise – 4d.

Item, paid to the aforesaid John Lacon on 2 January for the negotiations with the Prior and his legal advisor at the Pye – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid on the same day for wine and bread at the Bull's Head³¹³ for John Olney, Richard Riche, Geoffrey Fielding, Geoffrey Boleyn, Thomas Bataille, Ellis Davy, John Sturgeon, and John Burton – 10½d.

Item, paid to John Joos, lawyer, on 5 January – 3s. 4d. Item, to John Heyworthe at St Paul's on 25 January – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to little Moyle,³¹⁴ Common Sergeant,³¹⁵ at St Paul's on the same day – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to James, serjeant, by Thomas Bataille in the Guildhall – 12d.

Item, paid and given to Goldyng and his wife, our tenants, for drinks – 8d.

Item, paid and given to Wyse, carpenter, for two days' work at the inspection³¹⁶ of the tenement of the Pye for marking the boundaries of the land – 20d.

Item, paid to John Lambourne, our attorney in the Mayor's Court – 20d.

Item, paid to Robert Bale, scrivener,³¹⁷ for the writing of various deeds and other things during the aforesaid year – 11s. 6d.

Item, paid by Geoffrey Fielding to four lawyers of our counsel for the joining of the issue of the assise³¹⁸ on 2 February – 26s. 8d.

Item, paid by John Burton on 12 February at the inspection of the land by Moyle, Lacon, Heyworthe, and Joos – 26s. 8d.

Item, paid by Geoffrey Boleyn on 21 February at the recovery³¹⁹ of the assise at the Guildhall, to several lawyers of our counsel – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid for a box for the deeds – 2d.

Item paid to John Downham, serving-man of William Meldreth, for the hire of boats to Westminster – 6d.

Item, paid to a protonotary³²⁰ for studying and amending the record of the assise, by John Heyworthe – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for the writing and the examining and for parchment for the same record, by the aforesaid John Heyworthe – 3s. 8d.

313 The Bull's Head in Cheap, see Lillywhite, *London Signs*, pp. 79–80.

314 Walter Moyle became a serjeant-at-law in 1443 and for his further distinguished career see Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 467.

315 The judicial officer appointed by the Corporation of London as an assistant to the Recorder.

316 The word used here and again below is 'vieu/viewe' = 'A formal inspection or survey of lands, tenements, or ground, for some special purpose' (*OED*).

317 He was admitted to the Scriveners' Company on 12 November 1440 and was warden of that company in 1450; see Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, p. 22.

318 'The submission of a legal controversy for decision' (*MED*).

319 The restoration of their rights.

320 The chief clerk of a court of law.

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Expenses d'assise:

Item, païé a Thomas Burgoyne, subviscount, pur entrer del mesme record de la assise – xx s.

Item, païé a Maistre Richard Barnet pur enrolling del dicte record – ii s.

Item, païé *pur* un copie d'un panelle d'un enquest – ii d.

Item, païé a carpenters *et* masons pur mensuryng del terre, en boier – ii d.

Item, païé a Thomas Burgoyne, southviscount, pur jugement del assise – ii s.

Item, païé *per* Thomas Bataille a Johan Asshton de nostre counseille – iii s. ii d.

Item, ils demaudent allouance pur deux dyners *et* sopers *qe* fuit faict al meason de Johan Olney *et* al taverne de le Holle Bole sur nostre counseille *et* le enquest, que amont come appiert *per* un bille dez parcellez, *summa* – iii li. xix s. v d.

Summa dez expensez de l'assise⁴⁷⁸ – xi li. xiii s. ii d. ob.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demandent allouaunce pour reparacions *et* aulters expenses faitz en l'an suisdicte sur lez avantdictes tenementz pertenantz al mercery, come appiert pleyment *per* l'accompt du dit William Rumbald prové *per* nous, Geffrey Feldyng *et* Johan Burton, *summa* – xli s. iii d.

Summa totalis dez reparacions – xli s. iii d.

Foreyns expensis:

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce q'ils ount païé a xxii prestes *et* clerkis de Seint Thomas de Acres pur un dirige *et* un masse de requiem *pur* nous freres que sount devant morutz – vii s. viii d.

Item, païé a Robert Stroder le xxi jour de Septembre *pur* son labour *et* expenses a Andewers ovesque une lettre a la compaignie *par* de la meer – xl s.

Item, païé a Robert Bale pur copieng del mesme lettre – iiiii d.

Item, païé *per* William Tounlonde a le regestrer de Poules pur un copy del testament de Johan Carpenter – xx d.

Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryvener, pur copieng d'un tripartit endenture *pur* Everard Flete – vi d.

Item, païé pur i quartron cere rouge – ii d. ob.

Item, païé *et* doné a Richard Quatremayns *per* Geffrey Boleyn – v li.

Item, païé a lez collectours del mesme argent pur boier, Johan Roo *et* Johan Penne – ii d.

Item, païé a deux carpenters pur le vieu del chambre de Seint Thomas de Acres – viii d.

Item, païé a William Kellynghale, yoman del Chambre, pur sommonyng de Johan Chacombe – iiiii d.

Item, païé a Richard Lynder, joynour, *pur* un chest ovesque quatre lokkis que est in le chambre a Seint Thomas de Akres ovesque nostre evidencis – vi s. viii d.

⁴⁷⁸ Some further expenses are listed next year, see below, f. 146v.

Assise expenses:

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Item paid to Thomas Burgoyne, under-sheriff, for the entering up of the same record of the assise – 20s.

Item, paid to Master Richard Barnet for enrolling the said record – 2s.

Item, paid for a copy of an inquest panel³²¹ – 2d.

Item, paid to carpenters and masons for measuring of the land, in drinks – 2d.

Item, paid to Thomas Burgoyne, under-sheriff, for judging the assise – 2s.

Item, paid by Thomas Bataille to John Ashton of our counsel – 3s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for two dinners and suppers which were held at John Olney's house and at the Whole Bull tavern,³²² for our counsel and the jury, which amounts, as appears by an itemised list, to a total of £3 19s. 5d.

Total of the assise expenses – £11 13s. 2½d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred during the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements belonging to the mercers' mistery, as appears fully in the said William Rumbold's account, approved by us, Geoffrey Fielding and John Burton, total – 41s. 3d.

Sum total of repairs – 41s. 3d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid 22 priests and clerks of St Thomas of Acon for an obit and a requiem mass for the deceased members of the fraternity³²³ – 7s. 8d.

Item, paid to Robert Strother on 21 September for his work and his expenses in Antwerp taking a letter to the company overseas – 40s.

Item, paid to Robert Bale for the copying of the same letter – 4d.

Item, paid by William Townland to the registrar of St Paul's for a copy of John Carpenter's will – 20d.

Item, paid to Robert Bale, scrivener, for the copying of a tripartite indenture for Everard Fleet – 6d.

Item, paid for a quarter [lb] of red wax³²⁴ – 2½d.

Item, paid and given to Richard Quatremayns by Geoffrey Boleyn – £5

Item, paid to those collecting this same money, for drinks, John Roo and John Penne – 2d.

Item, paid to two carpenters for the inspection of the chamber at St Thomas of Acon – 8d.

Item, paid to William Kellynghale, yeoman of the [Guildhall] Chamber, for summoning John Chacombe – 4d.

Item, paid to Richard Lynder, joiner, for a chest with four locks which is in the chamber of St Thomas of Acon and contains our documents and deeds³²⁵ – 6s. 8d.

321 'A slip or roll of parchment, esp. the slip on which the sheriff entered the names of jurors and which he affixed to the writ' (*OED*); i.e. a list of the jurors for the case.

322 See Lillywhite, *London Signs*, p. 79.

323 Literally: 'our brothers who have previously died'.

324 No doubt to be used for seals.

325 The word used here (as also above in the record of the assise case) is 'evidencis' = documents needed as evidence of entitlement.

Item, païé pur un box *pur* lesses du nostre tenantz – ii d.

Item, païé a Herry Goo, chaundeller, *pur* cere *pur* tout l'an devant – v s.

Item, païé pur scripture de cest accompt – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis – viii li. vi s. viii d. ob.

Voidance *et* decrees:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce *pur* le vacacion *et* decrés de diversez tenementz a le terme de Saint Johan Baptist l'an xx, c'est assavoir en le Crowne, le Pye, *et* Sevenhode Lane, come appiert per l'accompt de William Rumbald per nous prové – iii li. xi s. ii d.

Item, ils demandent allouaunce *pur* le vacacion *et* decrés de diversez tenementz le terme de Saint Michelle, c'est assavoir le Crowne, le Pye, *et* Sevenhode Lane, *summa* – iii li. v s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demandent allouaunce *pur* le vacacion *et* decrés de diverses tenementz lé termiez de Nowelle *et*⁴⁷⁹ Paske, c'est assavoir in le Crowne, le Pye, *et* Sevenhode Lane – vii li. xxiii d.

Summa – xiii li. xviii s. v d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lxxvii li. xii s. iii d.

Et ensi remanent *net* en lour mayns – lxxv li. iiiii s. v d.

Et fait a remembre[r] qe Thomas Chalton *et* sez companons du dicte mistier ount unquore en lour mayns des deniers dues au dicte mistier qe ne sount contenuz dedinz la somme avantdicte – lviii s.⁴⁸⁰

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Et⁴⁸¹ fait assavoir qe a levantdicte fest del Nativité de Saint Johan Baptist l'an xxi du reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis la Conquest d'Engleterre, a loure sopier tenu in l'ostiel de Johan Olney in Millstrete de Loundres, les avantdictes gardeyns Johan Olney, Geffrey Feldyng, Geffrey Boleyn, *et* Johan Burton choiserent gardeyns pur l'an avenir, c'est assavoir Johan Olney eslit William Melrethe, Geffrey Feldyng eslit Thomas Bataille, Geffrey Boleyn eslit William Olyver, *et* Johan Burton eslit Johan Harou, as queux ils ount delivéré l'argent seke que remaint en loure mains, vz. – lxxv li. iiiii s. v d.

479 The scribe's own hand has added later the 'z' of 'termiez' and has added with an omission mark 'Nowelle *et*' above the line.

480 See above, f. 140r.

481 The initial 'E' here is made very exaggeratedly large and is extended high above the first line. The forms of the actual letter are filled in to make it solid black, though with arabesque and other decorative openings. Very delicate pen-flourishing surrounds the whole. The paragraph however has been written in a very small script at the top of the page.

Item, paid for a box for our tenants' leases – 2d.

Item, paid to Harry Gowe, chandler, for wax for the whole previous year – 5s.

Item, paid for the writing of this account – 3s. 4d.

Sum total – £8 6s. 8½d.

Vacancies and decreases:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and the decreases in rent for various tenements during the Midsummer term in the year 20 [Henry VI], i.e. in the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane, as appears by William Rumbold's account, approved by us – £3 11s. 2d.

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and decreases in rent for various tenements during the Michaelmas term, i.e. the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane, total – £3 5s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and decreases in rent for various tenements during the Christmas and Easter terms, i.e. the Crown, the Pye, and Sevenhode Lane – £7 23d.

Total – £13 18s. 5d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £77 12s. 3d.

And thus there remains net in their hands – £75 4s. 5d.

Memorandum that Thomas Chalton and his fellow-wardens of the said mistery still hold in their hands some money owed to the said mistery which is not included in the above total – 58s.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 21 Henry VI at their supper held in John Olney's house in Mill Street in London, the aforesaid wardens John Olney, Geoffrey Fielding, Geoffrey Boleyn, and John Burton chose wardens for the following year, i.e. John Olney elected William Meldreth, Geoffrey Fielding elected Thomas Bataille, Geoffrey Boleyn elected William Olyver, and John Burton elected John Harrow, to whom they handed over the ready money which remained in their hands, i.e. £75 4s. 5d.

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List of Abbreviations

AND	<i>Anglo-Norman Dictionary</i>
CCR	<i>Calendar of Close Rolls</i>
CEMCR	<i>Calendar of Early Mayors' Court Rolls</i>
CLB	<i>Calendar of Letter Books</i>
CNRS	Centre national de la recherche scientifique
CPMR	<i>Calendar of Plea and Memoranda Rolls</i>
CPR	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
CUP	Cambridge University Press
DMLBS	<i>Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources</i>
HMSO	Her / His Majesty's Stationery Office
MED	<i>Medieval English Dictionary</i>
ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
OUP	Oxford University Press
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
p.p.	privately printed

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1441 The rentale made by John Mortham, rentegaderer: groos of divers soyles of
 RW f. 5r⁴⁸² certeyn lyvelood graunted & goven by Richaert Whitengton (whom God assoile)
 to þ^e custoses & felaship of þ^e mistere of þe mercerie of þ^e Cite of London for þ^e
 sustentacion of a colage of certein prestis, clerkis & pore folk, by hym foundid
 at Pater Noster cherche in þ^e Ryolle in þ^e said Citee, for þ^e hole yeer at Cristemas
anno xx *Henrici* vi^{ti} the tyme of John Carpenter, oon of þe executours of þ^e said
 Richaert, þan havyng charge & governaunce of þe same:

The Rentale⁴⁸³

Baynardescastelle –	xviii li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Milkestrete –	x li. xiii s. iiiii d.
S. Laurence Jury –	xxxiiii li. xvii s.
Bassingeshawe –	xxii li. xvi s. viii d.
Colmanstrete –	xxii li. xvi s. viii d.
Bisshopgate extra –	xlili s. iiiii d.
Tourehille –	xi li. viii s. iiiii d.
S. Donstons þest –	xiiii li. x s.
Bridgestrete –	viii li.
The Ryolle –	Cxvi s. viii d.
Budge Rowe –	xxiii li. xii s.
<i>Totalis</i> – Clxxv li. vii s. iiiii d. ⁴⁸⁴	

1441–43 Thacompte of þe said John Mortham for a yeer at Cristemas *anno* xx[i]⁴⁸⁵ *Henrici*
 vi^{ti} made to John Olney, Geffrey Feldyng, Geffrey Boleyn & John Burton, þan
 custoses of þ^e mercerie & conservatours of þe said lyvelood.⁴⁸⁶

First, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* for þarerage of his last acompte – xxii li.
 xv s. vii d.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood – Clxxv li. vii s. iiiii d. Item, of divers soyles
 of new of – xlii li. That is to sey: At S. Bartilomews þ^e litelle – Cvi s. viii d. At
 Bridgestrete – xviii li. At S. Laurence Pounteney – xviii li. xiii s. iiiii d. Wherof is in
 decrees of þ^e first *summa totalis* – xii s. viii d. That is to saie: At S. Laurence Jury
 – xii d. At Bassingeshawe – x s. At Colmanstrete – xii d. At Budge Rowe – viii d. So
 þe resseit is clerely of þe lyvelood – CCxvi li. xiii s. viii d.

482 Although the given date of this rental is Christmas 1441, thus during the term of office of the previous wardens, it is brought in here, along with the following section, as it clearly pertains to the hand-over this year to the Mercers' Company of the running of the Whittington Charity, hitherto in the hands of John Carpenter. Carpenter's will is dated 8 March 1441/2, and was proved on 12 May 1442. See Imray, *The Charity*, p. 38.

483 The list below is in two columns, the first six items in the LH column, the other five in the RH column.

484 A sixteenth-century hand has written in the LH margin: 'Maister Whittynngtons Lyvelyhode / £175 – 7s. – 4d / 42 – 0 – 0 / £217 – 7 – 4'.

485 MS: 'xx'. The correct year is identified by the wardens' names given.

486 The same sixteenth-century hand has written in the LH margin beside the paragraph below: 'Item, of dyvers soyles anewe li. 42 – 0 – 0'.

The rental drawn up by John Mortham, rent-collector, gross value of various sites of a certain estate granted and given by Richard Whittington (may God absolve him) to the wardens and fellowship of the Mercers' Mistery of the City of London, for the sustaining of a college of priests, clerks, and poor people, founded by him at Paternoster Church in the Royal in the said city, for the whole year up to Christmas in the year 20 Henry VI, this during the lifetime of John Carpenter, one of the executors of the said Richard, who at that time had the charge and governance of the same:

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The Rental

Baynard's Castle –	£18 13s. 4d.
Milk Street –	£10 13s. 4d.
St Lawrence Jewry –	£34 17s.
Bassishaw –	£22 16s. 8d.
Coleman Street –	£22 16s. 8d.
Bishopsgate Without -	43s. 4d.
Tower Hill –	£11 8s. 4d.
St Dunstan in the East –	£14 10s.
Bridge Street –	£8
The Royal ³²⁶ –	116s. 8d.
Budge Row –	£23 12s.
Total –	£175 7s. 4d.

The account of the said John Mortham for a year at Christmas in the year [21] Henry VI [1442], rendered to John Olney, Geoffrey Fielding, Geoffrey Boleyn, and John Burton, then wardens of the mercers' mistery and custodians of the said estate:

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Firstly, he declares money received from the outstanding balance of his last account – £22 15s. 7d.

Item, money received from the estate – £175 7s. 4d. Item, new amounts from various properties – £42. i.e. at St Bartholomew-the-Less – 106s., at Bridge Street – £18., at St Laurence Pountney – £18 13s. 4d. And of this there is a decrease on the first sum total – 12s. 8d., i.e. at St Lawrence Jewry – 12d., at Bassishaw – 10s., at Coleman Street – 12d., at Budge Row – 8d. Therefore the net receipt of the estate is – £216 14s. 8d.

326 'The Royal', a term which survives in the name of the church 'St Michael Paternoster Royal', was an area of London named after La Réole near Bordeaux and so-called from the large number of wine merchants there.

Item, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* for .i. quarter at þe fest of þannunciacion of oure lady þe same yeer for þe said lyvelood – liiii li. iii s. viii d. Item, in encrees in Colmanstrete – ix d. *Totalis* – liiii li. iiiii s. v d. Whereof is unresseyved & in decrees of divers soiles – xii li. iii s. vii d. That is to saie: At S. Laurence Jury – iii li. x s. ix d. At Bassingshawe – x d. At Bridgestrete – iiiii li. x s. At S. Laurence Pounteney – iii li. xiii s. iiiii d. At Budge Rowe – ii s. At S. Donstons – vi s. viii d. So þe rest is – xlii li. x s.

Summa totalis resseyved – CCiii^{xxi} li. xi s. i d. Of whiche

RW f. 5v Is paid as apereth aftir – CClxv li. xi s. v d. ob. That is to saie: In quyte rente – L s. i d. In vacacions – lviii li. i d. In reparacions – Lviii li. xviii s. iiiii d. ob. In Whitengtons dirige – xlii s. iii d. In foreyne paiementes – v li. ix s. In fees – vii li. xx d. In pencions and almes peple – Cxxx li. xiii s. iiiii d. And in potacions – xvi s. viii d. – CClxv li. xi s. v d. ob.

Summa totalis paid – CClxv li. xi s. v d. ob – So

þere is due to þ^e mercerie – xv li. xix s. vii d. ob.

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f. 143v cont. C'est⁴⁸⁷ la compt de William Melrethe, alderman, Thomas Bataille, William Olyver, et Johan Harowe, gardeyns del mystere de mercerie, pur un an entier passé a la Nativité de Seint Johan Baptist l'an du roygne le roy Henry sisme puis la Conquest vingt secunde.

Argent seke:

En primes, ils sount chargés en argent seke a eulx delyveré per lour predecessours, c'est assavoir Johan Olney, alderman, Geffrey Feldyng, Geffrey Boleyn et Johan Burton, qui furent gardeyns de la dicte mistere del mercerye en l'an proschein devant, le vingt primer an du dit roy, come appiert en le pé de lour accompt, *summa* – lxxv li. iiiii s. v d.

Summa totalis en argent seke ressu – lxxv li. iiiii s. v d.

Le tierce an del entrees en le lyverey:

Item, ils sount chargiés pur argent ressu de plusours gentz de la mercery pur le entree en la lyverey, pur lour tierce an, c'est assavoir:

Rauf Marche – vi s. viii d.
William Haxey – vi s. viii d.
Johan Shipton – vi s. viii d.
Randolf Strete – vi s. viii d.
Thomas Hurst – vi s. viii d.
Richard Whityngham – vi s. viii d.
Thomas Niche – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis – xlvi s. viii d.

487 This paragraph is set out in very large script, using very black ink, and with cadell flourishes to the upwardly extending stems of letters, and with an ornate pen-flourished initial 'C' which is given a good three lines' depth. Thereafter, the initial 'S' of each 'Summa' is made overlarge and decorated to greater or lesser extent. Above are the names of the first two wardens, those of the other two being at the top of the facing page.

Item, he declares money received for 1 quarter [of the year] at the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady [25 March] in the same year for the same estate – £54 3s. 8d. Item, from an increase in Coleman Street – 9d. Total – £54 4s. 5d. And of this has not been received and has been of decreases [in rent] at various properties – £12 3s. 7d. i.e. at St Lawrence Jewry – £3 10s. 9d., at Bassishaw – 10d., at Bridge Street – £4 10s., at St Laurence Pountney – £3 13s. 4d., at Budge Row – 2s., at St Dunston's – 6s. 8d. Therefore the balance is – £42 10s.

Sum total received – £281 11s. 1d. Out of which

is paid, as appears below – £265 11s. 5½d. i.e. for quit-rents – 50s. 1d. For vacancies – £58 1d. For repairs – £58 18s. 4½d. For Whittington's obit – 42s. 3d. For extrinsic payments – £5 9s. For fees – £7 20d. For pensions and alms-people – £130 13s. 4d. And for drinks – 16s. 8d. – £265 11s. 5½d. RW f. 5v

Sum total paid out – £265 11s. 5½d. Therefore

There is due to the mercers' mistery – £15 19s. 7½d.

This is the account of William Meldreth, alderman, Thomas Bataille, William Olyver, and John Harrow, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the Nativity of St John the Baptist 22 Henry VI [24 June 1444]. 1443–44
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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. John Olney, alderman, Geoffrey Fielding, Geoffrey Boleyn, and John Burton, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery for the immediately preceding year, 21 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account, total – £75 4s. 5d.

Sum total received in ready money – £75 4s. 5d.

The third year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare money received from various men of the mercers' mistery for admission to the livery, for their third year, i.e.

Ralph March – 6s. 8d.

William Haxay – 6s. 8d.

John Shipton – 6s. 8d.

Randolf Street – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Hurst – 6s. 8d.

Richard Witchingham – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Nyche – 6s. 8d.

Sum total – 46s. 8d.

Le primer an del entrees en le lyverey:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur plusours gentz de la mercery pur lour entree a la primer cest an:

Roger Roos –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Stroder –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Cogsale –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Bonyfaunt –	vi s. viii d.
Herry Dukmanton –	vi s. viii d.
Philip Howelle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Beleter –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Lambert –	vi s. viii d.

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Le primer an del entrees en lyverey:

Richard Evyrlle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Ryke –	vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Issues d'apprenticis:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur issues dez apprenticis en lour accompt, c'est assavoir:

Johan Harowe ⁴⁸⁸ apprentice de Robert Large –	ii s.
Edward Welles filz et apprentice de Johan Welles –	ii s.
Waulter More apprentice de Johan Cotford –	ii s.
Philippe Spire apprentice de Robert Baron –	ii s.
William Bernabe apprentice de Thomas [Ryke] ⁴⁸⁹ –	ii s.
Robert Foster apprentice de Johan Seymour –	ii s.
Richard Clyver ⁴⁹⁰ apprentice de Richard Lovelas –	ii s.
Robert Frankisshe apprentice de William Thornhille –	ii s.
Everard Brigge apprentice de Thomas Onhond –	ii s.
Johan Lambe apprentice de Johan Chirche –	ii s.
William Hatter apprentice de Thomas Berard –	ii s.
Johan Camvyle apprentice de Johan Aleyn –	ii s.
Johan Downlond apprentice de William Flete –	ii s.
William Denton apprentice de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
Johan Lyne apprentice de Johan Andrewe –	ii s.
Johan Robert apprentice de Johan Bernby –	ii s.
Johan Adam apprentice de Johan Brodde –	ii s.
Johan Cust apprentice de Stephen Tychemersshe –	ii s.
Thomas Boston apprentice de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
Nicholas Ebmede apprentice de Thomas Osborn –	ii s.

Summa totalis – xl s.

⁴⁸⁸ This is a late payment, as is the next; see Name Index.

⁴⁸⁹ A blank space is left ready for the surname to be filled in, and can be supplied here from *Coke's Register* which records Wm Barnaby's admission in 1443.

⁴⁹⁰ This is almost certainly a scribal error in copying and should read 'Olyver': see Name Index.

The first year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare [receipt] for several men of the mercers' mistery for their admission, for the first time this year:

Roger Roos –	6s. 8d.
Robert Strother –	6s. 8d.
Robert Cogsale –	6s. 8d.
Richard Bonefaunt –	6s. 8d.
Harry Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
Philip Howelle –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Beleter –	6s. 8d.
John Lambard –	6s. 8d.

The first year of admission to the livery:

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Richard Everley –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Ryke –	6s. 8d.
Sum total –	£3 6s. 8d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare, for the issues of apprentices in their account, i.e.

John Harrow apprentice of Robert Large –	2s.
Edward Welles son and apprentice of John Welles –	2s.
Walter More apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.
Philip Spire apprentice of Robert Baron –	2s.
William Barnaby apprentice of Thomas [Ryke] –	2s.
Robert Forster apprentice of John Seymour –	2s.
Richard Olyver apprentice of Richard Lovelace –	2s.
Robert Frankyshe apprentice of William Thornhill –	2s.
Everard Brigge apprentice of Thomas Onehand –	2s.
John Lambe apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.
William Hatter apprentice of Thomas Berard –	2s.
John Camvyle apprentice of John Aleyn –	2s.
John Downlond apprentice of William Fleet –	2s.
William Denton apprentice of Harry Frowyk –	2s.
John Lyne apprentice of John Andrew –	2s.
John Robert apprentice of John Barby –	2s.
John Adam apprentice of John Brodde –	2s.
John Coste apprentice of Stephen Titchmarsh –	2s.
Thomas Boston apprentice of Harry Frowyk –	2s.
Nicholas Ebmede apprentice of Thomas Osbarne –	2s.
Sum total –	40s.

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargiés dez ressues de plusours fines pur divers causes, c'est assavoir:

De Johan Brodde pur un fyn qe cez apprenticis furent encellés devant lour entree – xx d.

De Johan Downlond pur un fyn qe il n'avoit serviré son maister toutz lez termes de son endenture – xx s.

De William Bernabe pur un fyn qe il n'avoit esté plus tost son entree – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xxviii s. iiiii d.

Legat:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur un legat ressu de Johan Merbury, esquier, pur Thomas Gladman – iii li.

Summa – iii li.

Le rest de un conduit:

Item, ils sont chargiés de un rest de un conduit q'ils ont ressu de Johan Goodson, Johan Middelton, Rauf Verney, et Johan Harowe, pur un rest de la fest de Vergis après Pasque l'an du dit Roy xxi – xviii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xviii s. iiiii d.

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Entrees d'apprenticis:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur argent ressu dez entrees de apprenticis en lour temps, c'est assavoir:

William Palmer	} apprenticis de Saundre Otable –	iiii s.
Johan Thurston		
Richard Heynes	} apprenticis de Johan Harowe –	iiii s.
Robert Petelisdien		
Johan Lambe apprentice de Johan Chirche –		ii s.
Johan Milles	} apprenticis de William Milles –	iiii s.
Thomas Basset		
Johan Roualle apprentice de Johan Andrewe –		ii s.
William Semper apprentice de Johan Frost –		ii s.
Richard Meteley apprentice de Christofre Haton –		ii s.
Thomas Henmale	} apprenticis de Thomas Niche –	vi s.
Johan Preston		
Johan Pelham		
Johan Adam	} apprenticis de Johan Brodde –	vi s.
Nicholas Hagar		
Johan Warmyngton		
Johan Colwelle	} apprenticis de Roger Roos –	iiii s.
William Spencer		

Fees:

Item, they declare the receipt of several fees for various reasons, i.e.

from John Brodde for a fee because his apprentices had been bound before their admission³²⁷ – 20d.

from John Downlond for a fee because he had not served out to his master the full term of his indenture – 20s.

from William Barnaby for a fee because he had not been admitted earlier – 6s. 8d.

Total – 28s. 4d.

Legacy:

Item, they declare a legacy received from John Merbury, esquire,³²⁸ for Thomas Gladman – £3

Total – £3

The balance from a conduct-levy:

Item, they declare a balance from a conduct-levy which they have received from John Goodson, John Middleton, Ralph Verney, and John Harrow, for a balance from the feast of St George?³²⁹ after Easter in the year 21 Henry VI [1443] – 18s. 4d.

Total – 18s. 4d.

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Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

William Palmer	} apprentices of Alexander Orable –	4s.
John Thurston		
Richard Haynes	} apprentices of John Harrow –	4s.
Robert Petelisden		
John Lambe	apprentice of John Chirche –	2s.
John Miles	} apprentices of William Miles –	4s.
Thomas Basset		
John Roualle	apprentice of John Andrew –	2s.
William Semper	apprentice of John Frost –	2s.
Richard Meteley	apprentice of Christopher Hatton –	2s.
Thomas Henmale	} apprentices of Thomas Nyche –	6s.
John Preston		
John Pelham		
John Adam	} apprentices of John Brodde –	6s.
Nicholas Agor		
John Warmyngton		
John Colwell	} apprentices of Roger Roos –	4s.
William Spencer		

³²⁷ The word used: 'encellés' means literally 'ensealed', i.e. that their indentures of apprenticeship had been sealed – before JB had presented these apprentices to the wardens for approval in accordance with the mystery's ordinances.

³²⁸ He was at one time chamberlain of South Wales, see *CPR 1441–46*, p. 6.

³²⁹ The text's 'fest de Vergis' is very odd, and a misreading of 'Georgis' while copying is a possibility as this fell after Easter by two days that year. Another possibility might be the feast of the Virgin before Easter (i.e. 25 March).

Robert Loqk apprentice de Willeam Shelton –	ii s.
William White } apprentices de Nicholas Drayton –	iiii s.
William Frenghe }	
William Denton apprentis de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
Richard Clyf } apprentices de Robert Baron –	iiii s.
Thomas Sawston }	
Johan Lenson/Leuson apprentice de Austyn Stratton –	ii s.
Johan Hunte apprentice de Johan Salman –	ii s.
William Holdare apprentice de Johan Colette –	ii s.
Johan Teghe apprentice de Philip Howelle –	ii s.
Johan Fayrehede } apprentices de William Stevenes –	iiii s.
William Clerk }	
William Henswyk apprentice de Thomas Gosse –	ii s.
Thomas Style } apprentices de Robert Cogsale –	iiii s.
Johan Hawke }	
Thomas Skayle apprentice de Robert Hehnham –	ii s.
Richard Fox apprentis de Johan Sturgeon –	ii s.
Robert Twigge } apprentices de William Gronde –	iiii s.
Robert Sampson }	
Hughe Bradshawe apprentis de Johan Penne –	ii s.
Edmond Bette } apprentices de Johan Lokke –	iiii s.
Johan Fuller }	
William Sonne apprentice de Mathewe Leek –	ii s.
Johan Broke } apprentices de Johan Reynkyn –	iiii s.
Richard Snede }	
Johan Chelfeld apprentice de Rogger Middelmores –	ii s.
Nicholas Chiksand apprentice de Thomas Steelle –	ii s.
Thomas Worlee apprentice de Geffrey Feldyng –	ii s.
Johan Broun } apprentices de Rauf Verney –	vi s.
Thomas Wotton }	
Herry Asshewelle }	
Johan Donne apprentis de Thomas Fyler –	ii s.
Johan Smythe apprentis de Richard Riche –	ii s.
Jamys Cordy apprentis de Thomas Onhand –	ii s.
Johan Rowle } apprentices de Thomas Dukmanton –	vi s.
Thomas Grene }	
Johan Dukmanton }	

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Entrees d'apprenticis:

William Elyot } apprentices de Johan Middleton –	vi s.
William Saundreson }	
Roger Banastre }	
Christofer Sandys apprentis de Robert Worslee –	ii s.
Robert Whitewey apprentice de William Melrethe –	ii s.
Johan Tame apprentice de Johan Stokton –	ii s.
Olyvere Cople apprentice de William Denton –	ii s.
Robert Thormouthe apprentice de Richard Hayward –	ii s.

Robert Locke apprentice of William Shelton –	2s.
William White } apprentices of Nicholas Drayton –	4s.
William Frenge }	
William Denton apprentice of Harry Frowyk –	2s.
Richard Clyf } apprentices of Robert Baron –	4s.
Thomas Sawston }	
John Lenson/Leuson apprentice of Austin Stratton –	2s.
John Hunte apprentice of John Salman –	2s.
William Holdare apprentice of John Colet –	2s.
John Teghe apprentice of Philip Howell –	2s.
John Fairehede } apprentices of William Stephens –	4s.
William Clerk }	
William Henswyk apprentice of Thomas Gosse –	2s.
Thomas Style } apprentices of Robert Cogsale –	4s.
John Hawke }	
Thomas Skayle apprentice of Robert Hehnham –	2s.
Richard Fox apprentice of John Sturgeon –	2s.
Robert Twigge } apprentices of William Grond –	4s.
Robert Sampson }	
Hugh Bradshaw apprentice of John Penne –	2s.
Edmund Bettes } apprentices of John Locke –	4s.
John Fuller }	
William Sonne apprentice of Matthew Leek –	2s.
John Brook } apprentices of John Rankyn –	4s.
Richard Snede }	
John Chelfeld apprentice of Roger Middlemore –	2s.
Nicholas Chiksand apprentice of Thomas Steelle –	2s.
Thomas Worlee apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
John Brown } apprentices of Ralph Verney –	6s.
Thomas Wotton }	
Henry Ashwell }	
John Donne apprentice of Thomas Fyler –	2s.
John Smythe apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.
James Cordy apprentice of Thomas Onehand –	2s.
John Rowley } apprentices of Thomas Duckmanton –	6s.
Thomas Grene }	
John Duckmanton }	

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William Elyot } apprentices of John Middleton –	6s.
William Saunderson }	
Roger Banaster }	
Christopher Sandys apprentice of Robert Wolsley –	2s.
Robert Whitewey apprentice of William Meldreth –	2s.
John Tame apprentice of John Stockton –	2s.
Oliver Copley apprentice of William Denton –	2s.
Robert Thormouthe apprentice of Richard Hayward –	2s.

Johan Tille apprentice de Richard ⁴⁹¹	–	ii s.
Richard Mogleston apprentice de Randolf Strete	–	ii s.
Johan Pykton apprentice de William Flete	–	ii s.
William Gresham apprentice de Geffrey Boleyn	–	ii s.
William Fyneham apprentice de Mathewe Fouche	–	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> de toutz lez entrees – vi li. xvi s.		

Mercimentis:

Item, ils sont chargiés dez *mercymendis* quelx ount ressu cest an:

De Rauf Verney	–	xii d.
De Robert Haham	–	vi d.
De Mathewe Foucher	–	vi d.
De Robert Baron	–	vi d.
De Geffrey Boleyn	–	vi d.
De William Henage	–	vi d.
De Johan Lytilton	–	vi d.
De Thomas Steele	–	vi d.
De Johan Reynkyn	–	vi d.
De Roger Middilmore	–	ii s.
De Thomas Niche	–	xii d.
De Johan Brodde	–	vi d.
De Johan Sturgeon	–	vi d.
De Johan Stokton	–	vi d.
De William Tounlond	–	vi d.
De Richard Claver	–	vi d.
De Johan Penne	–	vi d.
De Johan Reyner	–	vi d.
De Austyn Stratton	–	vi d.
De William Grond	–	vi d.
De Johan Lytilton	–	iiii d.
De Johan Bernby	–	xii d.
De Johan Middelton	–	vi d.
De Thomas Dukmanton	–	vi d.
De Thomas Berard	–	vi d.
De Mathewe Foucher	–	vi d.
De Robert Baron	–	vi d.
De Edward Welles	–	vi d.
De William Gegge	–	vi d.
De Robert Damyon	–	xii d.
De Johan Penne	–	vi d.
De Thomas Berard	–	vi d.
De Johan Reynkyn	–	xii d.
De William Stevenes	–	xii d.

⁴⁹¹ A blank space follows, left for the surname to be entered. Among possible candidates are Richards Nedam, Bonefaunt, Everley, Wychingham, Riche and Hayward (the latter being most probable since he occurs in the line above).

John Tille apprentice of Richard	–	2s.
Richard Mogleston apprentice of Randolph Street	–	2s.
John Pickton apprentice of William Fleet	–	2s.
William Gresham apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn	–	2s.
William Fyncham apprentice of Matthew Foucher	–	2s.
Total from all admissions – £6 16s.		

Fines:

Item, they declare the fines which they have received this year:

from Ralph Verney	–	12d.
from Robert Haham	–	6d.
from Matthew Foucher	–	6d.
from Robert Baron	–	6d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn	–	6d.
from William Henage	–	6d.
from John Littleton	–	6d.
from Thomas Steele	–	6d.
from John Rankyn	–	6d.
from Roger Middlemore	–	2s.
from Thomas Nyche	–	12d.
from John Brodde	–	6d.
from John Sturgeon	–	6d.
from John Stockton	–	6d.
from William Townland	–	6d.
from Richard Claver	–	6d.
from John Penne	–	6d.
from John Reyner	–	6d.
from Austin Stratton	–	6d.
from William Grond	–	6d.
from John Littleton	–	4d.
from John Barby	–	12d.
from John Middleton	–	6d.
from Thomas Duckmanton	–	6d.
from Thomas Berard	–	6d.
from Matthew Foucher	–	6d.
from Robert Baron	–	6d.
from Edward Welles	–	6d.
from William Gedge	–	6d.
from Robert Damian	–	12d.
from John Penne	–	6d.
from Thomas Berard	–	6d.
from John Rankyn	–	12d.
from William Stephens	–	12d.

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Mercimentis:

De Rauf Verney –	xii d.
De Thomas Hurst –	xii d.
De William Grond –	vi d.
De Mathewe Foucher –	vi d.
De Robert Baron –	vi d.
De Johan Kirkeby –	viii d.
De William Tounlond –	vi d.
De William Mylles –	viii d.
De Johan Lok –	xviii d.
De Roger Middelmores –	ii s.
De Thomas Fyler –	xii d.
De Thomas Niche –	xii d.
De Herry Savage –	xvi d.
De Robert Barlee –	xviii d.
De Philippe Howelle –	xii d.
De Johan Lambert –	xii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton –	xii d.
De Johan Dunne	} – xx d.
De William Redeknap	
De Christofer Percyvale –	xii d.
De Johan Stokton –	vi d.
De Richard Evirle –	viii d.
De Richard Hayward –	xii d.
De Everard Brigge –	xii d.
De Thomas Steelle –	viii d.
De Robert Cogsale –	xx d.

Summa dez toutz mercymentis – xlv s. viii d.

Rentis:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur tout le rent de la mercery pur dymy an, come amont per l'acomp't de William Rumbold, collectour du dicte rent de dymy an, *summa* – xix li. xii s. viii d.

Item, ils sont chargiés pur tout la rent de la mercery pur dymy an, come appiert per l'acomp't de Johan Crosse, collectour pur le mesme dymy an,⁴⁹² *summa* – xix li. xii s. viii d.

Summa de lour charge – Cxxxvi li. xi s. v d.

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Le commencement de loure discharge:

Salaries:⁴⁹³

En primes, ils demaudent allouaunce que ils ont paié a Ser Richard Combe, chapellayn, pur un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

⁴⁹² The last phrase should probably read as 'pur le mesme rent pur dymy an' or a similar phrase.

⁴⁹³ An odd omission is that of salary for John Crosse. No explanation is evident, but one may hypothesise that he was indeed paid but that the money came out of some other funds.

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from Ralph Verney –	12d.
from Thomas Hurst –	12d.
from William Grond –	6d.
from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
from Robert Baron –	6d.
from John Kirkeby –	8d.
from William Townland –	6d.
from William Miles –	8d.
from John Locke –	18d.
from Roger Middlemore –	2s.
from Thomas Fyler –	12d.
from Thomas Nyche –	12d.
from Harry Savage –	16d.
from Robert Barley –	18d.
from Philip Howell –	12d.
from John Lambard –	12d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	12d.
from John Donne	} – 20d.
from William Redeknape	
from Christopher Percyvale –	12d.
from John Stockton –	6d.
from Richard Everley –	8d.
from Richard Hayward –	12d.
from Everard Brigge –	12d.
from Thomas Steelle –	8d.
from Robert Cogsale –	20d.
Total of all fines – 45s. 8d.	

Rents:

Item, they declare all the rent-monies of the mercers' mistery for half a year, as it amounts to by the account of William Rumbold, collector of the said rents for half a year, total – £19 12s. 8d.

Item, they declare all the rent-monies of the mercers' mistery for half a year, as appears by the account of John Crosse, collector of the same rents for half a year,³³⁰ total – £19 12s. 8d.

Total of their receipts – £136 11s. 5d.

Here begin their disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Combe, chaplain, for one whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

³³⁰ The text in fact says 'for the same half year', which would seem nonsense and a couple of words have probably been omitted in copying.

Item, ils ount païé a *Ser Johan Irisshe*, chapellayn, pur un an entier devant le fest de Saint Johan Baptist – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce q'ils ount payé a William Rumbald pur un an entier pur son salary – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce que ils ount païé au dicte William Rumbald, collectoure del rent pur dymy an – xx s.

Item, allouaunce pur petit costes en la bat de dit rent en le temps du dit William Rumbald – xx d.

Summa – xviii li. vi s. iiiii d.

Almoignz:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce que ils ount païé en almoignes a Johan Wayshebourne pur un quarter del an a la fest de Saint Michelle l'an xxi – xix s. vi d.

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Roger Russelle pur un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount payé en almoigne a Johan Herston pur i an entier – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne a William Herdwyk pur un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne a Richard Setryngton pur un an entier – v li. iiiii s.

Summa – xv li. v s. vi d.

Quite rentz:

Item, ils demand[e]nt⁴⁹⁴ allouaunce q'ils ount païé pur quite rentz pur le dit an, chargez sur lez rentz del mercery:

En primes, a lez collectours de Seint Gylles – vi s. viii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Seint Elyns – xviii s.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Cristchirche – xix s.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Halywelle – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz del Priour de Seint Mary Overey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz del Abbey de Westmoustier – xx s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce pur reparacions *et aultres expensis faitz* en l'an suisdicte sur lez avantditz tenementis de la mercery, come appiert per l'accompt de William Rumbald prové *per nos* – viii s. iii d.

Item, ils demaundent allouaunce pur reparacions *et aultres expensis faitz* en l'an suisdicte sur les avantditz tenementis de la mercery, come appiert per la compt de Johan Crosse – xx s. vi d. ob.

Summa – xxviii s. ix d. ob.

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Item, they have paid Sir John Irysshe, chaplain, for a whole year up to the feast of St John the Baptist – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid William Rumbold for a whole year for his salary – £3 18s.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the said William Rumbold, rent-collector, for half a year – 20s.

Item, allowance for petty expenses in collecting³³¹ the said rent during the time of the said William Rumbold – 20d.

Total – £18 6s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Washbourne for a quarter of the year up to Michaelmas in the year 21 [Henry VI] – 19s. 6d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Roger Russell for a whole past year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to John Herston for a whole year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to William Hardwick for a whole past year – £3 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms to Richard Settrington for a whole year – £5 4s.

Total – £15 5s. 6d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents for the said year, charged³³² on the rental properties of the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, to the collectors of St Giles –	6s. 8d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of the Prior of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
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Item, to the rent-collectors of Westminster Abbey –	20s.
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Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred during the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements of the mercers' mistery, as appears by William Rumbold's account, approved by us – 8s. 3d.

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred during the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements of the mercers' mistery, as appears by John Crosse's account – 20s. 6½d.

Total – 28s. 9½d.

331 The word used here is 'bat', which should be seen as a Middle English term, but whose exact etymology is not easy to determine here. The meaning in general terms is however clear both from the context and other similar entries.

332 The word 'chargez' has the clear sense here of being a charge or burden laid upon something.

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Foreyn expensis:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce que ils ount païé a xxi prestris *et* clerkis de Seint Thomas de Acres pur un dirige *et* un masse de requiem pur nous freres qui sount devant a diu trespasés – vii s.

Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryverer, pur nostre part dez endenturez de Philippe Howelle *et* Johan Lambart, de un shoppe en le Crowne – viii d.

Item, païé a le mesme Robert pur scripture de cest accompt en paupir – iii s. iiij d.

Item, païé au dicte Robert pur entree de le reconynggis del an darrein passé en cest luyvre *et* pur entree de cest aune en le mesme luyvre – vi s. viii d.

Item, a dit Robert pur counseille *et* composicion de award *et* obligacions faitz entre Johan Sturgeon, Johan Burton, *et* Bartholomewe Stratton – viii d.

Item, païé pur boyer a le ressu de iii li. de la quest de Thomas Gladman a un esquier del roy appellé Johan Merbury – vi d.

Item, pur un barge pur le terment del Roy – vii s.

Item, pur un barge pur aler a Westmoustier ové Johan Norman *et* Nicholas Wyfold, vicountz – vi s.

Item, pur inke *et* pauper *per* tout cest an – iiiij d.

Item, pur gerlondis del rosis pur lez maistres – vi d.

Item, pur repairyng del fenestre de glas a Seint Thomas – iiiij d.

Item, pur bote huyre as divers foitz pur le mistier pur aler a Westmoustier pur le auditour *et* le Priour de Seint Bartholomewe – x d.

Summa – xxxiii s. vi d.

*Expensis sur le Priour de Seint Bartholomewe:*⁴⁹⁵

Item, païé pur entryng d'un pleynt sur le Priour de Seint Bartholomewe – iiiij d.

Item, pur un copye del mesme pleynt – iiiij d.

Item, a Blyton pur estre nostre attourney – xii d.

Item, a Lacon *et* Heyward, hommes de lawe, a chescun de eux xx d., *summa* – ii s. iiiij d.

Item, a un sergeaunt pur somone[r] le dit Priour – xii d.

Summa de toutz expensis foreyns⁴⁹⁶ –

Voidauncis et decrecis de lez tenementis de mercery:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce de lez vacacions *et* decrecis del rent de mercery pur dymy an, come appiert *per* l'accompt de William Rumbald – vi li. xvi s. iii d.

Item, ils demaudent allouaunce de lez vacacions *et* decrecis pur dymy an del rent de mercery en le temps de Johan Crosse, collectour del mesme rent *et* dymy an, come appiert *per* son luyvre – vi li. ix s.

Summa – xlii li. v s. iii d.

⁴⁹⁵ See also above, ff. 142v–143r.

⁴⁹⁶ No sum is entered here.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid 21 priests and clerks of St Thomas of Acon for an obit and a requiem mass for the deceased members of the fraternity³³³ – 7s.

Item, paid to Robert Bale, scrivener, for our share of the indentures of Philip Howell and John Lambard, for a shop in the Crown – 8d.

Item, paid to the same Robert for the writing out of this account on paper – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to the said Robert for entering up last year's accounts in this book and for entering up those for this year in the same book – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the said Robert for advice and the agreement of the payment and the bonds obligatory drawn up between John Sturgeon, John Burton, and Bartholomew Stratton – 8d.

Item, paid for drinks at the receipt of £3 from Thomas Gladman's bequest, from a king's squire called John Merbury – 6d.

Item, for a barge for the obit of the King – 7s.

Item, for a barge to go to Westminster with John Norman and Nicholas Wyfold, sheriffs – 6s.

Item, for ink and paper for the whole of this year – 4d.

Item, for rose-garlands for the wardens – 6d.

Item, for repairing the glass window at St Thomas's – 4d.

Item, for boat-hire on various occasions for the mistery, to go to Westminster for the ecclesiastical judge³³⁴ and the Prior of St Bartholomew – 10d.

Total – 33s. 6d.

Expenses on the Prior of St Bartholomew:

Item, paid for the entering of a complaint against the Prior of St Bartholomew – 4d.

Item, for a copy of the same complaint – 4d.

Item, to Blyton,³³⁵ to act as our attorney – 12d.

Item, to Lacon and Heyworth, lawyers, to each of them 20d., total – 2s. 4d.

Item, to a serjeant for summoning the said Prior – 12d.

Total of all extrinsic expenditure –

Vacancies and decreases of the tenements of the mercers' mistery:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and the decreases [in rent] of the mistery's rental properties for half a year, as appears by William Rumbold's account – £6 16s. 3d.

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and the decreases [in rent] of the mistery's rental properties for half a year during the time of John Crosse, rent-collector of the same rents and for half a year, as appears by his record-book – £6 9s.

Total – £13 5s. 3d.

333 Literally, the text here says: 'our brothers who have previously passed over to God'.

334 The word used is 'auditour', one who presides at an ecclesiastical judicial hearing, representing the archbishop.

335 This might be the man whose admission to Lincoln's Inn is recorded for 1424: see *The Records of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn*. Vol. I: *Admissions from A.D. 1420 to A.D. 1799* (London, Lincoln's Inn, 1896), p. 5.

Un pardon *per* le comune assent:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *per comune* assent pur un playnt que fuist abaté sur la feme de William Flete pur certain damagis que avoit *per* sodeyn pluvyis en son shoppe que *pertient* alle rent de mercery – xvi s. viii d.

Summa – xvi s. viii d.

f. 147r Item, ils demaundent allowaunce que ils ount fete *graundez* despensis sur la fest del mercery, puis *que* ils solient fere, pur la cause de graund seignures qui furent al dit fest *et* pur aultres causes de la lyverey *que* nulle gayne estoit desuis come y soliet estre – v li.

Summa de loure discharge⁴⁹⁷ –

Et ainsi remainent en lour mains – lxxv li. xviii s. viii d. ob.

Et fait a rem[e]mbrer que Thomas Chalton *et* sez compaignons du dit mistier ount unquore en lour mains dez deniers duez a dit mistier *que* non sount continuz dedeins la somme avantdit, *summa* – lviii s.

1443–44 Thacompte of William⁴⁹⁸ Olyver, rentier for a yeer at Mighelmas *anno* xxiii^o
RW f. 5v cont. Henrici vi^{ti}.⁴⁹⁹

First, he chargeth hym for þ^e rente aforsaid for .i. yeer of – CCxvi li. xiiii s. viii d. Item, in S. Bartilmews þ^e lytelle of new – xxv li. xiii s. iiiii d. Item, in encrees of divers soyles – v s. viii d. That is to saie: In Colmanstrete – xx d. In Baynardes Castelle – iiiii s. Wherof is in decres in þ^e first *summa totalis* – Liinii s. iiiii d. That is to sey: In Milkestrete – vi s. viii d. In S. Laurence Jury – xviii s. viii d. In Bassingeshawe – vi s. viii d. And in Budge Rowe – xxii s. iiiii d. So þe *resseit* is clerely – CCxxxix li. xix s. iiiii d.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of quyte rente for þe same yeer – v li. xvii s. x d.

Item, of mony *resseyved* for þe parerage of quyte rente – xlix s.

Item, of mony *resseyved* by aprest of divers persones of þ^e felaship for reparacion – xlv li. xviii s. viii d.

Summa totalis resseyved – CCiiii^{xx}liiii li. iiiii s. x d. – Wherof

⁴⁹⁷ No sum is entered here.

⁴⁹⁸ The surname 'Thornehill' is written next but expuncted and then scored out. (Wm T. was renter two years later, and the scribe no doubt had a whole pile of documents that he is copying into this book.)

⁴⁹⁹ This account was rendered for the period up to September 1444, during the term of office of the wardens whose account follows, and is brought in at this point since the majority of its contents refer to a period previous to that of the account below. One notes that the accounts for two quarters have evidently gone missing, those due between 25 March and 29 September 1443.

Exoneration by communal agreement:

Item, they ask for allowance by communal agreement for a complaint with a deduction made for William Fleet's wife for certain damage that was done by sudden rain coming into her shop, which belongs to the mystery's rental property – 16s. 8d.

Total – 16s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they made very large expenditure on the mystery's feast, more than is usual, because of the great lords who were at the said feast, and also for other reasons concerning the livery, on which there was no profit as there usually is – £5 f. 147r

Total of their disbursements –

And thus there remains in their hands – £75 18s. 8½d.

Memorandum that Thomas Chalton and his fellow-wardens of the said mystery still hold in their hands some money due to the said mystery and not included in the aforesaid total, total – 58s.

The account of William Olyver, renter for the year up to Michaelmas 23 Henry VI [29 September 1444]: 1443–44³³⁶
RW f. 5v *cont.*

Firstly, he declares the aforesaid rent for 1 year – £216 14s. 8d.

Item, in St Bartholomew-the-Less, new amount – £25 13s. 4d. Item, as increase from various properties – 5s. 8d., i.e. in Coleman Street – 20d. In Baynard's Castle – 4s. Of which there were decreases on the first sum total – 54s. 4d., i.e. in Milk Street – 6s. 8d. In St Lawrence Jewry – 18s. 8d. In Bassishaw – 6s. 8d. And in Budge Row – 22s. 4d. Therefore the net receipt is
£239 19s. 4d.

Item, from money received from quit-rents for the same year – £5 17s. 10d.

Item, from money received from the arrears of quit-rent – 49s.

Item, from money received as loans from various members of the fellowship for repairs – £45 18s. 8d.

Sum total received – £294 4s. 10d. Of which

³³⁶ This year, and all dates given for the Renter Wardens' accounts, is the date of the accounting year, but it must be noted that much of this material was evidently written up considerably later. See the Introduction, pp. 17–18.

Is paied in divers parcelles – CCxlix li. xiii s. x d. ob. That is to saie: In quyte rente – xlvii s. i d. In vacacions – Lii li. xvii s. ix d. In reparacions – iii^{xx} li. iii d. ob. In pencions and almes peple – Lxxvi li. vii s. viii d. In Whitengtons dirige – xli s. In foreyne expenses – xlv s. x d. In foreyne fees & lyveres – iii li. xvii s. In fees & lyvereys to officers – xix li. xv s. And in pety costes – ii s. iii d. So þ^e payment is – CCxlix li. xiii s. x d. ob.

Summa totalis paied – CCxlix li. xiii s. x d. ob. – So

there is due to þ^e mercerie – xliiii li. x s. xi d. ob.

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f. 147r cont.⁵⁰⁰

C'est⁵⁰¹ l'acompt de Thomas Chalton, alderman, Hughe Wyche, Austyn Stratton, et Johan Myddelton, gardeyns del mistier de mercery pur un an entier passé a la Nativitee de Seint Johan Baptist l'an du reigne le Roy Henry sisme puis la conquest vingt tierce.

En⁵⁰² primes, ils sount chargés en argent seke a eux delivéré per lour predecessours, c'est assavoir William Melrethe, alderman, Thomas Bataille, William Olyver, et Johan Harowe, qui furent gardeins de la dit mistier de mercerie en l'an proschein devant, c'est assavoir le vingt secund an du dit reigne, come appert en le pee de lour accompt, *summa* – lxxv li. xviii s. viii d. ob.

Summa totalis en argent seke receu – lxxv li. xviii s. viii d. ob.

Le secund an de lez entrees en le lyverey:

Item, ils sount chargiés pur plusours gentz de la mercery pour lour entree a comencement de cest an, c'est assavoir:

Roger Roos –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Stroder –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Cogsale –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Bonyfaunt –	vi s. viii d.
Herry Dukmanton –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Lambart –	vi s. viii d.
Philip Howelle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Beleter –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Everle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Rike –	vi s. viii d.

Summa – iii li. vi s. viii d.

500 Above the start of this year's account, which is mid-page, the names of the four wardens, in full, are written across. The initial to each first name and each surname is made at least a little larger than usual, and there are several exaggerated ascenders with flourishes. Thereafter the 'S' of each 'Summa' is extra large and decorated, those for the whole 'Charge' and the whole 'Discharge' section being particularly ornate.

501 The initial 'C' is ornately decorated. It is given two lines' depth. Inside the 'C' is drawn a rose. Highly ornate and delicate pen-flourishing surrounds this initial and links down to the following initial 'E'.

502 The initial 'E' is also highly ornate, and given three lines' depth, the extra being as height above the line.

has been paid out in various lots – £249 13s. 10½d., i.e. for quit-rents – 47s. 1d. For vacancies – £52 17s. 9d. For repairs – £90 3½d. For pensions and alms-people – £76 7s. 8d. For Whittington's obit – 41s. For extrinsic expenditure – 45s. 10d. For extrinsic fees and liveries – £3 17s. For fees and liveries to officers – £19 15s. And for petty expenses – 2s. 3d. Therefore the payments out are –
– £249 13s. 10½d.

Sum total paid out – £249 13s. 10½d. Therefore

There is due to the mercers' mistery – £44 10s. 11½d.

This is the account of Thomas Chalton, alderman, Hugh Wyche, Austin Stratton, and John Middleton, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the Nativity of St John the Baptist 23 Henry VI [24 June 1445].

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f. 147r – *cont.*

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. William Meldreth, alderman, Thomas Bataille, William Olyver, and John Harrow, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery for the immediately preceding year, i.e. 22 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account, total – £75 18s. 8½d.

Sum total received in ready money – £75 18s. 8½d.

The second year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare for various men of the mercers' mistery for their admission, at the beginning of this year, i.e.

Roger Roos –	6s. 8d.
Robert Strother –	6s. 8d.
Robert Cogsale –	6s. 8d.
Richard Bonefaunt –	6s. 8d.
Harry Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
John Lambard –	6s. 8d.
Philip Howell –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Beleter –	6s. 8d.
Richard Everley –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Ryke –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£3 6s. 8d.

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Issues d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargiés dez issues pur apprentices en leur accompt, c'est assavoir:

Johan Frebarn apprentice de William Rumbald –	ii s.
Edmond Redeknape apprentice de Geffrey Feldyng –	ii s.
William Pratte apprentice de Johan Abbot –	ii s.
William Newman apprentice de Johan Sturcion ⁵⁰³ –	ii s.
Thomas Brytte pur son entree ⁵⁰⁴ –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> –	x s.

Entrees d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur l'argent ressu dez entrees de apprentices en leur temps, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Cantlowe apprentice de William Cantlowe –	ii s.
Robert Cosyn apprentice de Richard Nedam –	ii s.
Johan Belton apprentice de Johan Brodde –	ii s.
Thomas Doncastre apprentice de William Hert –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> –	viii s.

Mercymentz:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur leur mercementz *que* ont ressu, c'est assavoir:

De Geffrey Boleyn –	vi d.
De Johan Derham –	iiii d.
De Johan Sturgeon –	iiii d.
De Thomas Steele –	iiii d.
De Rauf Verney –	vi d.
De William Stevenes –	vi d.
De Johan Barret –	iiii d.
De William Redknape –	vi d.
De William Miles –	iiii d.
De Johan Roo –	iiii d.
De Johan Rayner –	iiii d.
De Thomas Hurst –	iiii d.
De Johan Chacombe –	iiii d.
De Roger Middelmores –	viii d.
De Robert Baron –	vi d.
De William Cantlowe –	vi d.
De Mathewe Foucher –	iiii d.
De Mathewe Leke –	iiii d.
De Thomas Fyler –	vi d.
De Robert Hallum –	vi d.
De Thomas Niche –	vi d.
De Richard Bonyfaunt –	xii d.
De Richard Everle –	xii d.
De Johan Stokton –	vi d.

503 The name 'Johan Sturcion' has been scribbled in slightly later in paler ink by a contemporary hand – perhaps by the scribe himself.

504 This seems clearly out of place and it is odd that it was not corrected.

Issues of apprentices:

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Item, they declare from the issues of apprentices in their account, i.e.

John Frebarn apprentice of William Rumbold – 2s.

Edmund Redeknape apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding – 2s.

William Pratte apprentice of John Abbot – 2s.

William Newman apprentice of John Sturgeon – 2s.

Thomas Brytte for his admission – 2s.

Total – 10s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare the money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office, i.e.

Thomas Cantelowe apprentice of William Cantelowe – 2s.

Robert Cosyn apprentice of Richard Nedam – 2s.

John Belton apprentice of John Brodde – 2s.

Thomas Dancafter apprentice of William Harte – 2s.

Total – 8s.

Fines:

Item, they declare their fines which they have received, i.e.

from Geoffrey Boleyn – 6d.

from John Derham – 4d.

from John Sturgeon – 4d.

from Thomas Steelle – 4d.

from Ralph Verney – 6d.

from William Stephens – 6d.

from John Barret – 4d.

from William Redeknape – 6d.

from William Miles – 4d.

from John Roo – 4d.

from John Reyner – 4d.

from Thomas Hurst – 4d.

from John Chacombe – 4d.

from Roger Middlemore – 8d.

from Robert Baron – 6d.

from William Cantelowe – 6d.

from Matthew Foucher – 4d.

from Matthew Leek – 4d.

from Thomas Fyler – 6d.

from Robert Hallom – 6d.

from Thomas Nyche – 6d.

from Richard Bonefaunt – 12d.

from Richard Everley – 12d.

from John Stockton – 6d.

De Randolf Strete –	vi d.
De Thomas Niche –	vi d.
De Johan Brodde –	x d.
De Johan Lokke –	iiii d.
De Johan Brodde –	iiii d.
De Robert Damyon –	iiii d.
De William Stevenes –	iiii d.
De Rauf Verney –	xii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton –	xii d.
De Roger Middilmore –	xii d.
De Johan Litton –	xii d.
De Herry Dukmanton –	xii d.

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Mercymentz:

De Richard Everslee –	xii d.
De Johan Martyn –	xii d.
De Thomas Kirkeby –	xii d.
De Herry Dukmanton –	xii d.
De Roger Middelmores –	xii d.
De William Gegge –	xii d.
De Johan Raynkyn –	xii d.
De Johan Bernby –	xii d.
De Johan Barret –	xii d.
De Thomas Staunton –	xii d.
De Johan Lokke –	xii d.
De Thomas Onhond –	xii d.
De Herry Dukmanton –	xii d.
De Johan Raynkyn –	xii d.
De Robert Strangways –	xii d.
De Roger Middilmore –	xii d.
De Robert Baron –	xii d.
De Geffrey Boleyn –	xii d.
De Johan Chirche –	xii d.
De Thomas Staunton –	xii d.
De Thomas Dukmanton –	xii d.
De Thomas Onhond –	xii d.
De Randolf Street –	xii d.
De Thomas Kirkeby –	xii d.
De Johan Raynkyn –	xii d.
De Thomas Onhond –	xii d.
De Johan Barret –	xii d.
De Johan Litton –	xii d.
De Thomas Boston –	xii d.

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from Randolf Street –	6d.
from Thomas Nyche –	6d.
from John Brodde –	10d.
from John Locke –	4d.
from John Brodde –	4d.
from Robert Damian –	4d.
from William Stephens –	4d.
from Ralph Verney –	12d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	12d.
from Roger Middlemore –	12d.
from John Litton ³³⁷ –	12d.
from Harry Duckmanton –	12d.

Fines:

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from Richard Everley –	12d.
from John Martyn –	12d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	12d.
from Harry Duckmanton –	12d.
from Roger Middlemore –	12d.
from William Gedge –	12d.
from John Rankyn –	12d.
from John Barby –	12d.
from John Barret –	12d.
from Thomas Stanton –	12d.
from John Locke –	12d.
from Thomas Onehand –	12d.
from Harry Duckmanton –	12d.
from John Rankyn –	12d.
from Robert Strangeways –	12d.
from Roger Middlemore –	12d.
from Robert Baron –	12d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	12d.
from John Chirche –	12d.
from Thomas Stanton –	12d.
from Thomas Duckmanton –	12d.
from Thomas Onehand –	12d.
from Randolf Street –	12d.
from Thomas Kirkeby –	12d.
from John Rankyn –	12d.
from Thomas Onehand –	12d.
from John Barret –	12d.
from John Litton –	12d.
from Thomas Boston –	12d.
Total –	48s. 6d.

³³⁷ This is very possibly John Littleton, see Name Index.

Rentz:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur tout la rent de la mercery pur un an, come appiert per l'acompt de Johan Crosse, collectour del mesme an, *summa* – xxxiiii li. x s. viii d.

Summa – xxxiiii li. x s. viii d.

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargiés pur lez fynes receux dez entrees de hommes en la fraunchise del mesme mestier, c'est assavoir:

De Richard Nedam le xiiii jour d'octobre pur son entree – xl s.

De Johan Bryan de Bristowe pur son entree le .x. jour de

decembre –

v li.

De Thomas Brys le xxii jour de marche –

vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

De Hughe Wiche, viscount, per la vertu del

ordenance ent fait –

xl s.

De Robert Cogsale pur un fyn de son *mercymendis* –

vi s. viii d.

Summa – xvi li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – Cxxxiiii li. ii s. vi d. ob.

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La comencement de lour discharge:

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaudent allowaunce q'ils ont paié a Sir Richard Combe, chapelayn, pur un an entier – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils ont paié a Sir Johan Irisshe, chapelayn, pur le primer quarter – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils ont paié a Sir Richard Chapman, chapelayn, pur lez termes de Nowelle, Pasque, et Nativitee de Seint Johan Baptist cest an – v li.

Item, ils demaudent allowance pur le lyverey du dit Sir Richard Combe – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, ils ont paié a William Rumbald pur dymy an pur son salary – xxxix s.

Item, ils ont paié a dit William Rumbald pur son liverey goune pur dymy an – vi s. viii d.

Item, ils demaund[e]nt⁵⁰⁵ allowance que ils ont paié a Johan Seccheford pur son salary del *dimi* an – xxxix s.

Item, ils ont paié a dit Johan Seccheford pur *dimi* an pur son liverey – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xviii li. xi s. iiii d.

⁵⁰⁵ MS: demaundant.

Rents:

Item, they declare the whole of the mistery's rent for a year, as appears by the account of John Crosse, rent-collector for the same year, total – £34 10s. 8d.

Total – £34 10s. 8d.

Fees:

Item, they declare the fees received from admission of men to the freedom of the same mistery, i.e.

from Richard Nedam on 14 October for his admission –	40s.
from John Bryan of Bristol for his admission on 10 December –	£5
from Thomas Brice on 22 March –	£6 13s. 4d.
from Hugh Wyche, sheriff, by virtue of the ordinance about this ³³⁸ –	40s.
from Robert Cogsale as an overall fine due –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£16

Sum total of their receipts – £133 2s. 6½d.

Here begin their disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Combe, chaplain, for a whole year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they have paid Sir John Irysshe, chaplain, for the first quarter [of the year] – 33s. 4d.

Item, they have paid Sir Richard Chapman, chaplain, for the terms of Christmas, Easter, and the Nativity of St John the Baptist this year – £5

Item, they ask for allowance for the said Sir Richard Combe's livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, they have paid William Rumbold for half a year for his salary – 39s.

Item, they have paid the said William Rumbold for his livery gown for half a year – 6s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid John Sedgefurd for his salary for half a year – 39s.

Item, they have paid the said John Sedgefurd for half a year for his livery – 6s. 8d.

Total – £18 11s. 4d.

³³⁸ This must be his contribution towards the costs of the musicians for the annual procession, as HW was sheriff this year. No ordinance seems to have survived, but this amount is now standard. See above, p. 392, note 313.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaund[e]nt⁵⁰⁶ allowance q'ils ount païé en almoigne, c'est assavoir:

Item, a Roger Russelle *pur* un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Hardwyk *pur* un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Johan Herston *pur* un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Richard [S]eteryngton⁵⁰⁷ *pur* un an entier passé – v li. iiiii s.

Item, a William Rumbald *pur dimi* an – xxx s. iiiii d.

Summa – xv li. xvi s. iiiii d.

Quite rentz:

Item, ils demaundent allowance q'ils ount païé *pur* quit rentz le dit an chargés sur tenementz del mercerie:

En primes, lez collectours de Saint Gyles – vi s. viii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Saint Elyns – xviii s.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Cristchirche – xix s.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz de Halywelle – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz del Priour de Saint Mary Overey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours dez rentz del Abbé de Westmoustier – xx s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Voydauncis et decrecis del tenementz du mercery:

Item, ils demaundent allowance dez vacacions et decrecz del rent de mercery en le temps de Johan Crosse, collectour de mesme rent, *per* un an entier, come appiert *per* son accompt – liiii s.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur* reparacions et aultres expenses fait en l'an suisdit sur lez avantditz tenementes del mercery, come appiert *per* l'accompt du dit Johan Crosse – xlviiii s. ix d. ob.

Foreyn expenses:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé a xxii prestres et clerkes de Seint Thomas d'Acre *pur* un dirige et un masse de requiem *pur* noz frerers qui sount devant a dieu passés – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryvener, *pur* scripture del reconyng et entré d'icest an en le graund luyvre et *pur* scripture de mesme devant en paupir – vi s. viii d.

Item, a mesme Robert *pur* transpocicion d'un rolle dez libertees de Flaundres in engloys et *pur* lez articles contenuz, en parchamyn – vi s. viii d.

Item, les endentures de ferme entre noz et Adam Semy, sherman, deux foitz escripts – ii s.

Item, païé *pur* un barge a le terment du Roy – vii s.

Item, *pur* ii barges a Westmoustier ové Hughe Wiche, viscount, et son compaignie – xi s. viii d.

Item, *pur* inke et papier *per* tout cest an – vii d.

Item, *pur* garlondes de roses *pur* maistres – vi d.

506 MS: demaundant.

507 MS: Teteryngton.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms, i.e.

Item, to Roger Russell for a whole past year –	£3 8d.
Item, to William Hardwick for a whole past year –	£3 8d.
Item, to John Herston for a whole past year –	£3 8d.
Item, to Richard Settrington for a whole past year –	£5 4s.
Item, to William Rumbold for half a year –	30s. 4d.
Total –	£15 16s. 4d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid during the said year for quit-rents charged on the mistery's tenements:

Firstly, the collectors of St Giles –	6s. 8d.
Item, to the rent collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
Item, to the rent collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
Item, to the rent collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the rent collectors of the Prior of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the rent collectors of Westminster Abbey –	20s.
Total –	£4 10s. 4d.

Vacancies and decreases in the tenements of the mercers' mistery:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies and the decreases in rent of the mercers' mistery during the term of office of John Crosse, collector of the same rent, for a whole year, as appears by his account – 54s.

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred during the aforesaid year on the aforesaid tenements of the mercers' mistery, as appears by the said John Crosse's account – 48s. 9½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid 22 priests and clerks of St Thomas of Acon for an obit and a requiem mass for the deceased members of the fraternity – 7s. 4d.

Item, paid to Robert Bale, scrivener, for the writing out of the account and entering it up this year in the large record-book and for writing out the same [account] previously on paper – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the same Robert for translating into English a roll of the liberties³³⁹ in Flanders, and for [writing out] the articles contained in this on parchment – 6s. 8d.

Item, the signed lease-indentures between us and Adam Semy, shearman, written out twice – 2s.

Item, paid for a barge at the King's obit – 7s.

Item, for 2 barges to Westminster with Hugh Wyche, sheriff, and his fellow-sheriff – 11s. 8d.

Item, for ink and paper for the whole of this year – 7d.

Item, for rose-garlands for the wardens – 6d.

³³⁹ This in the sense of 'Privileges, immunities, or rights enjoyed by prescription or by grant' (OED).

Item, pur bote huyre as divers foitz a Westmoustier pur le tenement de Johan Abbot – v d.

Item, païé a clerke de Guyldhalle pur scriver dez lettres – viii d.

Item, pur talghe candels en la chapelle – iiiii d.

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Forein expenses:

Item, pur wassing de auter clothes *et* towailles per l'an – ix d.

Item, pur lasyng de deux luyvres – x d.

Item, païé a William Rumbald pur escr[i]ver d'un rolle de nommes – vi d.

Item, pur steynyng *et* peyntyng de viii baners – xxxii s.

Item, pur frenge a lé mesme – xi s. iiiii d.

Item, pur tartron rede *et* fyn bokeram bloy pur lé mesme baners – xi s.

Item, pur le purchacie d'un patent desoubz le grand sealle du Roy pur avsent⁵⁰⁸ a Andewerp – xii s. ii d.

Item, a Johan Harowe *et* Rauf Verney pur ridyng a Sandeviche pur le serching de niefs – xx s.

Item, païé a Johan Roo pur ridyng envers Horwelle pur le mesme cause – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur boier divers foitz – x d.

Item, pur wex de l'an passé – v s. vi d.

Item, pur wex de cest an – iii s. iii d.

Item, a mynstrelx pur dit viscount – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, a mesme mynstrelx pur boier – ii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur viii chaprons *et* dimi al dit mynstrelx – xv s. vii d.

Item, pur xvi mynstrelx al Henry Frowyk, Meyre – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, pur boier a lez mesme mynstrelx – v s.

Item, pur xvii chaprons a lé mesme mynstrelx – xxxviii s. viii d.

Item, pur xvi mynstrelx envers le roigne – viii li.

Item, pur boier a eux – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur Bryan *et* Chaterton, trumpettes, pur son labour pur lez mynstrelx suisditz – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur xvii virgis drape crymesyn pur chaprons, le verge iii s., a lez mesmes mynstrelx – li s.

Item, pur faccion de mesmes chaprons – viii s. vi d.

Item, païé a clerkes de Guildhalle pur escr[i]ver lettres a Andewerp – xi s. viii d.

Summa – xxxv li. viii s. x d. ob.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – lxxiiii li. vi s. x d. ob.

Et ainsi remainent en lour mains – lviii li. xv s. viii d.

⁵⁰⁸ This is odd and might be a scribal copying error for 'avisement'.

Item, for boat hire on several occasions to Westminster, for John Abbot's tenement³⁴⁰ – 5d.

Item, paid to the Guildhall clerk for the writing of letters – 8d.

Item, for tallow candles in the chapel – 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, for the washing of altar-cloths and [other] cloths for the year – 9d.

Item, for the lacing³⁴¹ of two books – 10d.

Item, paid to William Rumbold for the writing of a roll of names – 6d.

Item, for staining and painting 8 banners – 32s.

Item, for fringe for the same – 11s. 4d.

Item, for red tartarin and fine blue buckram for the same banners – 11s.

Item, for the purchasing of letters patent under the King's great seal for assent³⁴² at Antwerp – 12s. 2d.

Item, to John Harrow and Ralph Verney for riding to Sandwich for the search of the ships – 20s.

Item, paid to John Roo for riding to Orwell for the same reason – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for drinks on various occasions – 10d.

Item, for wax for last year – 5s. 6d.

Item, for wax for this year – 3s. 3d.

Item, to musicians for the said sheriff – 53s. 4d.

Item, to the same musicians for drinks – 2s. 4d.

Item, for 8 and a half hoods for the said musicians – 15s. 7d.

Item, for 16 musicians for Henry Frowyk, Mayor – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks for the same musicians – 5s.

Item, for 17 hoods for the same musicians – 38s. 8d.

Item, for 16 musicians riding to greet the Queen³⁴³ – £8

Item, for drinks for them – 7s. 4d.

Item, for Bryan and Chatirton, trumpeters, for their work over the aforesaid musicians – 3s. 4d.

Item, for 17 yards of crimson cloth for hoods, at 3s. per yard, for the same musicians – 51s.

Item, for the making of the same hoods – 8s. 6d.

Item, paid to the Guildhall clerks for writing letters to Antwerp – 11s. 8d.

Total – £35 8s. 10½d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £74 6s. 10½d.

And thus their remains in their hands – £58 15s. 8d.

340 He bequeathed this to the Mercers: see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 521–2.

341 As part of their binding: 'to attach the boards to a volume sewn on cords by passing the slips through holes pierced in them' (*OED*).

342 If the correct wording was 'avisement' then it would mean for further consideration or decision.

343 Margaret of Anjou made her entry into London on 28 May 1445, and was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 30 May.

1444–45 Thacompte of the forsaïd William for a yeer at Mighelmas *anno* xxiiii^{to} Henrici
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First, he chargeth hym for þarerage of his last acompte, as apereth in þ^e fote of þ^e same – xliiii li. x s. xi d. ob.

Item, of mony *resseyved* for þ^e lyvelood for þ^e said yeer – CCxxxix li. xix s. iiiii d.

Item, of encrees of þ^e soile in Bassingishawe þ^e same yeer – vi s. viiii d.

Item, of rentes of assise – v li. xvii s. x d.

Item, of casuelle *resseit* – ii s.

Summa of þ^e *resseit* – CCiii^{xx} li. xvi s. ix d. ob. – Wherof

Is paid as apereth aftir – CCL li. x s. iiiii d. That is to saie: In quyte rente goyng oute of divers soyles – iiiii li. vii s. i d. In *vacacions* – xlix li. xvii s. ii d. In *reparacions* – lxxv li. iii d. ob. In pensions & *almes* people for þ^e colage – Cii li. xvii s. iiiii d. In Whitengtons dirige – xlvi s. v d. In *foreyne* espenses – xii s. iii d. In fees & lyvraie – xxv li. In necessary espenses – viiii s. ix d. ob.

– CCL li. x s. iii d.

Item, in allowances – xxxiiii s. x d. That is to saie: In quyte rente of Thomas Cosyn not paid by ii yeer – x s. In quyte rente in lyke wise of þe Priour of Charterhous for ii yeer – xiii s. iiiii d. In potacion to John Mortham, *rentegaderer* – xi s. vi d.

– xxxiiii s. x d.

Summa paid & allowed – CCliv li. v s. ii d. – So

þer is due to þ^e *mercerie* – xxxviii li. xi s. vii d. ob.

1445–46 C'est⁵⁰⁹ l'acompt de Thomas Wandesford, alderman, William Cantlowe, Johan
f. 149v Roo, et Thomas Dukmanton, gardeins del mestier de mercerie pur [un] an entier passé a la Nativité de Seint Johan Baptist l'an du reigne le roy Henry sisme puis la conquest vingt quatre.

Argent seke:

En⁵¹⁰ primes, ils sont chargés en argent seke a eux *deliverés per* leurs predecessours, c'est assavoir Thomas Chalton, alderman, Hughe Wiche, Austyn Stratton, et Johan Middelton, qui furent gardeyns de la dit mestier de mercery en l'an *prochein* devant, c'est assavoir le vingt tierce an du dit roy, come appiert en la pé de lour accompt – lviiii li. xv s. viii d.

Le tierce an de lez entrez en la lyverey:

Item, ils sont chargés pur plusours gentz de la mercery pur l'entree a la commencement de cest an, c'est assavoir:

Roger Roos – vi s. viii d.

Robert Stroder – vi s. viii d.

509 The initial 'C' is given three lines' depth and is elaborately surrounded by very fine and delicate pen-flourishing which continues along and above the whole of the top line of text and which also includes in it several exaggerated and thickly flourished ascenders.

510 The initial 'E' is highly ornate and is led to by the decoration above.

The account of the aforesaid William [Olyver] for a year up to Michaelmas 24 Henry VI [29 September 1445]

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Firstly, he declares the outstanding balance of his last account, as appears at the foot of the same – £44 10s. 11½d.

Item, money received for the estate for the said year – £239 19s. 4d.

Item, for the increase on the Bassishaw property in the same year – 6s. 8d.

Item, rents of assise³⁴⁴ – £5 17s. 10d.

Item, incidental receipts – 2s.

Total of the receipts – £290 16s. 9½d. Of which

has been paid out, as appears below – £250 10s. 4d., i.e. for quit-rents on various properties – £4 7s. 1d. For vacancies – £49 17s. 2d. For repairs – £65 3½d. For pensions and the alms-people of the College – £102 17s. 4d. For Whittington's obit – 47s. 5d. For extrinsic expenditure – 12s. 3d. For fees and liveries – £25. For necessary expenses – 8s. 9½d.

– £250 10s. 3d.

Item, for allowances – 34s. 10d. i.e. For Thomas Cosyn's quit-rent, not paid for 2 years – 10s. Likewise, for the Prior of Charterhouse's quit-rent for 2 years – 13s. 4d. For drinks for John Mortham, rent-collector – 11s. 6d.

– 34s. 10d.

Total paid out and allowed – £252 5s. 2d. Therefore

there is due to the mercers' mistery – £38 11s. 7½d.

This is the account of Thomas Wandesford, alderman, William Cantelowe, John Roo, and Thomas Duckmanton, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up until the Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 Henry VI [24 June 1446].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. Thomas Chalton, alderman, Hugh Wyche, Austin Stratton, and John Middleton, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, i.e. 23 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account – £58 15s. 8d.

The third year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare from various men of the mercers' mistery for admission-fees at the beginning of this year, i.e.

Roger Roos – 6s. 8d.

Robert Strother – 6s. 8d.

³⁴⁴ In other words, quit-rents, which has been the way to refer to these monies previously, see e.g. above f. RW 5v.

Robert Cogsale –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Bonyfaunt –	vi s. viii d.
Henry Dukmanton –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Lambert –	vi s. viii d.
Philippe Howelle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Beleter –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Everle –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Rike –	vi s. viii d.
Summa ⁵¹¹ –	iii li. vi s. viii d.

Issues d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargez des issues pur apprentices en lour accompt, c'est assavoir:

Johan Berkeley apprentice de William Thornhille –	ii s.
Richard Hake apprentice de William Olyvere –	ii s.
Nicholas Ward apprentice de Johan Goodson –	ii s.
Summa –	vi s.

Entrees d'apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent ressu dez entreez dez apprentices, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Savage apprentice de William Tounlond –	ii s.	
Geffrey Blower	} apprentices de Johan Roo –	vi s.
William Feld		
Johan Mynes		
William Holden apprentice de Nicholas Hatton –	ii s.	
Johan Powelle apprentice de Johan Coke –	ii s.	
Johan Mayner apprentice de Thomas Borard –	ii s.	
Thomas Asperle apprentice de Robert Frankes –	ii s.	
Johan Clyfton apprentice de William Lightholders –	ii s.	
William Barbeley apprentice de William Redknap –	ii s.	
Johan Nelle	} apprentices de Thomas Boston –	vi s.
Robert Wemple		
Thomas Ybon		
William Kirkeby apprentice de Johan Kirkeby –	ii s.	
Johan Sperlyng apprentice de Nicholas Hatton –	ii s.	
Henry Poynes apprentice de Johan Cotford –	ii s.	

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Entrees d'apprentices:

Robert Coke apprentice de Johan Asshe –	ii s.	
Robert Sutbere apprentice de Johan Grene –	ii s.	
William Feryes	} apprentices de Johan Lambard –	iiii s.
William Barly		
Richard Alabre	} apprentices de Rauf Marche –	iiii s.
Geffrey Randolf		
Summa – xliiii s.		

511 Throughout this year's account and the following done by the same scrivener the 'S' of each 'Summa' is again made over-large and ornate.

Robert Cogsale –	6s. 8d.
Richard Bonefaunt –	6s. 8d.
Henry Duckmanton –	6s. 8d.
John Lambard –	6s. 8d.
Philip Howell –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Beleter –	6s. 8d.
Richard Everley –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Ryke –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£3 6s. 8d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare from the issues of apprentices in their account, i.e.

John Berkeley apprentice of William Thornhill –	2s.
Richard Hake apprentice of William Olyver –	2s.
Nicholas Ward apprentice of John Goodson –	2s.
Total –	6s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices, i.e.

Thomas Savage apprentice of William Townland –	2s.	
Geoffrey Blower	} apprentices of John Roo –	6s.
William Field		
John Mynes		
William Holden apprentice of Nicholas Hatton –	2s.	
John Powell apprentice of John Coke –	2s.	
John Mayner apprentice of Thomas Berard –	2s.	
Thomas Asperle apprentice of Robert Frankysse –	2s.	
John Clifton apprentice of William Lightholders –	2s.	
William Barbeley apprentice of William Redeknape –	2s.	
John Nelle	} apprentices of Thomas Boston –	6s.
Robert Wemple		
Thomas Ybon		
William Kirkeby apprentice of John Kirkeby –	2s.	
John Sperlyng apprentice of Nicholas Hatton –	2s.	
Henry Poynes apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.	

Admission of apprentices:

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Robert Coke apprentice of John Asshe –	2s.	
Robert Sutbere apprentice of John Grene –	2s.	
William Ferys	} apprentices of John Lambard –	4s.
William Barley		
Richard Alabre	} apprentices of Ralph March –	4s.
Geoffrey Randolf		
Total –	44s.	

Mercymentz:

Item, ils sont chargez pur lez mercymentz qui sont resseu cest an, c'est assavoir:

De Thomas Niche –	iii s. iii[i] d.
De Roger Middilmore –	iii s.
De Johan Myles ⁵¹² –	iiii s.
De Thomas Staunton –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Cogsale –	vi s. viiii d.
De Edward Welles –	ii s.
De Richard Heyward –	vi d.
De Austyn Stratton –	vi d.
De Saundre Orable –	vi d.
De Johan Stokton –	vi d.
De Richard Eversle –	vi d.
De Herry Savage –	iiii d.
De Mathewe Leke –	iiii d.
De Rauf Marche –	x d.
De Thomas Fyler –	vi d.
De William Gegge –	vi d.
De Thomas Steelle –	vi d.
De Johan Littelton –	viii d.
De Thomas Brys –	vi d.
De Rauf Marche –	x d.
De Philippe Howelle –	iiii d.
De Johan Frost –	iiii d.
De William Grond –	iiii d.
De Johan Lok –	iiii d.
De William Stevenes –	vi d.
De Johan Broddesworthe –	iiii d.
De Johan Raynken –	x d.
De Mathewe Foucher –	vi d.
De Johan Reyner –	iiii d.
De William Stevyns –	iiii d.
De Johan Colett –	vi d.
De William Hatter –	vi d.
De Robert Strangwissh –	vi d.
De Johan Reynkyn –	x d.
De Geffrey Bulleyn –	xii d.
De Nicholas Hatton –	xii d.

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Le primer an de lez entrees en le lyverey:

Item, ils sont chargez pur plusours gentz de la mercery pur lour entré a la commencement de le primer aune:

Thomas Boston –	vi s. viiii d.
William Denton –	vi s. viiii d.

512 'John' may here be an error for William Miles. See Name Index.

Fines:

Item, they declare the fines that they have received this year, i.e.

from Thomas Nyche –	3s. 4d.
from Roger Middlemore –	3s.
from John Miles –	4s.
from Thomas Stanton –	3s. 4d.
from John Cogsale –	6s. 8d.
from Edward Welles –	2s.
from Richard Hayward –	6d.
from Austin Stratton –	6d.
from Alexander Orable –	6d.
from John Stockton –	6d.
from Richard Everley –	6d.
from Harry Savage –	4d.
from Matthew Leek –	4d.
from Ralph March –	10d.
from Thomas Fyler –	6d.
from William Gedge –	6d.
from Thomas Steelle –	6d.
from John Littleton –	8d.
from Thomas Brice –	6d.
from Ralph March –	10d.
from Philip Howell –	4d.
from John Frost –	4d.
from William Grond –	4d.
from John Locke –	4d.
from William Stephens –	6d.
from John Brodsworth –	4d.
from John Rankyn –	10d.
from Matthew Foucher –	6d.
from John Reyner –	4d.
from William Stephens –	4d.
from John Colet –	6d.
from William Hatter –	6d.
from Robert Strangeways –	6d.
from John Rankyn –	10d.
from Geoffrey Boleyn –	12d.
from Nicholas Hatton –	12d.
Total –	38s. 4d.

The first year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare from several men of the mercers' mistery for their admission-fees, at the beginning of the first year:

Thomas Boston –	6s. 8d.
William Denton –	6s. 8d.

Johan Dawne –	vi s. viii d.
William Redeknape –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Smythe –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Arthour –	vi s. viii d.
William Henage –	vi s. viii d.

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Nicholas Hatton –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Pery –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Chacombe –	vi s. viii d.
William Hende –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Heyward –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Adam –	vi s. viii d.
Edward Welles –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> —	iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Rentes:

Item, ils sont chargez pur toutz la rentz de la mercery pur un an, come appiert per l'acomppt de Johan Crosse et Johan Brompton, collectours sur⁵¹³ le mesme an, *summa* – xxxv li. ii d.

Un quest:

Item, ils sont chargés pur la quest de William Flete,⁵¹⁴ mercer – v li.

Summa – xl li. ii d.

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur lez fynes ressu dez entreez de hommes en le *fraunches* de mesme mestier, c'est assavoir:

Johan Smyth pur son entree le primer jour de June –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Johan Crowton pur son entree le xx ^{te} jour de June –	xl s.
Robert Falows pur son entree –	xxvi s. viii d.
William Hende pur son entree et pur la fyne –	xx s.
<i>Summa</i> –	vii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Fyne:

Item, ils sont chargés de ressu de Geffrey Feldyng pur lé mynstrelx – xl s.

Item, ils [ount] receux de la encreas de nostre lyverey a la fest de Pasque darrein passé, *summa* – vi li.

Summa de lour charge – Cxxvi li. xvii s. vi d.

513 One should very probably edit this to 'pur' but I have preferred to let it stand.

514 His will was proved in 1444. See PCC, prob. 11.3.

John Donne –	6s. 8d.
William Redeknape –	6s. 8d.
John Smythe –	6s. 8d.
John Arthur –	6s. 8d.
William Henage –	6s. 8d.

The first year of admission to the livery:

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Nicholas Hatton –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Pery –	6s. 8d.
John Chacombe –	6s. 8d.
William Heende –	6s. 8d.
Richard Hayward –	6s. 8d.
John Adam –	6s. 8d.
Edward Welles –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£4 13s. 4d.

Rents:

Item, they declare all the mistery's rent-monies for one year, as appears in the account of John Crosse and John Brompton, rent-collectors during the same year, total – £35 2d.

A bequest:

Item, they declare the bequest from William Fleet, mercer – £5

Total – £40 2d.

Fees:

Item, they declare the fees received for the admission of men to the freedom of the same mistery, i.e.

John Smyth for his admission on 1st June –	£3 6s. 8d.
John Crowton for his admission on 20th June –	40s.
Robert Falows for his admission –	26s. 8d.
William Heende for his admission and for the fee –	20s.
Total –	£7 13s. 4d.

Fee:

Item, they declare receipt from Geoffrey Fielding for the musicians – 40s.

Item, they have received from the profit on our last Easter's livery, total – £6

Total of their receipts – £126 17s. 6d.

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Le comencement de lour discharge:

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaundent allowance *que* ils ount païé a Sir Richard Combe, chapeleyn, pur un an entier, *summa* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils ount païé a Sir Richard Chapman pur *dimi* an – iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé au dit Sir Richard Chapman pur son lyverey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils demaund[ent]⁵¹⁵ allowance *que* ount païé a Johan Seggefurd pur son salary pur un an – iii li. xviii s.

Item, ils ount païé a Sir Richard Chapman pur un an entiers *que* fount de le temps de les wardeins dount le *summa* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xv li. xi s. iiiii d.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé en almoigne, c'est assavoir:

En primes, a Roger Russelle pur un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Hardwyk pur un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Johan Herston pur un an entier passé – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Richard Seteryngton pur un an entier passé – v li. iiiii s.

Item, a William Rumbald pur un an entier passé – iiiii li. viii d.

Summa – xvii li. vi s. viii d.

Quite rentz:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé pur quite rentes pur le dit an chargés sur lez tenementes de mercery:

En primes, a lez collectours de Seint Elyns – xviii s.

Item, a lez collectours de Seint Gyles – vi s. viii d.

Item, a lez collectours de Cristchirche – xix s.

Item, a lez collectours de Halywelle – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours de Seint Mary Overey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours del Abbot de Westmoustier – xx s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Vacacions et dimunycion:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce dez vacacions de la rent de mercery en le temps de Johan Crosse pur le dymy aune, come appiert per son accompt, *summa* – xix s. vi d.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur dymunycion de rent, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxii s. x d.

Reparacions:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur reparacion et aultres expenses fait l'an suisdit sur lez tenementes du la mercery, come appiert en l'accompt du dit Johan Crosse – xxi s. xi d.

515 MS: demaundauntes.

Here begin their disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid Sir Richard Combe, chaplain, for a whole year, total – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they have paid Sir Richard Chapman for half a year – £3 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the said Sir Richard Chapman for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid John Sedgeford for his salary for a year – £3 18s.

Item, they have paid Sir Richard Chapman for a whole year, which is during the wardens' term of office, of which the total is³⁴⁵ – 13s. 4d.

Total – £15 11s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms, i.e.

Firstly, to Roger Russell for a whole past year – £3 8d.

Item, to William Hardwick for a whole past year – £3 8d.

Item to John Herston for a whole past year – £3 8d.

Item, to Richard Settrington for a whole past year – £5 4s.

Item, to William Rumbold for a whole past year – £4 8d.

Total – £17 6s. 8d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents charged on the mistery's tenements for the said year:

Firstly, to the collectors of St Helen's – 18s.

Item, to the collectors of St Giles – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the collectors of Christchurch – 19s.

Item, to the collectors of Haliwell – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the collectors of St Mary Overy – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the collectors of the Abbot of Westminster – 20s.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Vacancies and decrease:

Item, they ask for allowance for the vacancies in the mistery's rental properties during the term of office of John Crosse, for that half year, as appears by his account, total – 19s. 6d.

Item, they ask for allowance for a decrease in rent, total – 3s. 4d.

Total – 22s. 10d.

Repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred on the mistery's tenements during the aforesaid year, as appears in the said John Crosse's account – 21s. 11d.

³⁴⁵ The wording of the text is odd here, but this must be a payment for his clothing allowance. He did not receive any last year, and though he has only put in half a year's service this year, they are reckoning his entitlement to a whole year.

Vacacions et decreces:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur vacacions et decreces* de lez rentz de mercery en le temps de Johan Brompton *pur le dimi an passé*, come appert *per son accompt* – vii s. vi d.

Reparacions:

Item, *pur reparacions et aultres expenses faitz* sur lez tenementes de la mercery, come appiert *per l'accompt* du dit Johan Brompton, *summa* – xvi d.

Summa – xxx s. ix d.

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Foreyn expenses:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount pay[é] a lez *prestres et clerkes* de Saint Thomas *pur le masse de requiem*, *summa* – x s.

Item, *pur un barge pur le dirige del roy* – viii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur un barge pur lez shirifs* – xii s.

Item, *pur lez mynstrelx del mercery* – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur boier al mynstrelx* – xx d.

Item, païé a Sturgeon *pur ii patentz* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, doné a Jacombe Carpenter – viii d.

Item, païé *pur un chaleys chaungyng* – xxxvi s. viii d.

Item, *pur observacioun del mesme* – viii d.

Item, *pur xvii chaprons et pur le facture pur lez mynstrelx et pur le bowyng de lez shirifs* – xviii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé *pur le copy de le patent* – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé *pur botehuyre as divers foitz* a Westmoustier – ii s. vi d.

Item, païé *pur vin* a Saint Thomas – xii d.

Item, païé *pur wasshing de lez chapelle clothes* – xvi d.

Item, *pur ink et pauper* – vii d.

Item, païé a Robert Bale, scryvener, *pur divers scriptz cest an pur le mercery*, come apert *per bille* – xv s.

Item, païé *pur talghe candelle al chapelle* – vi d.

Item, *pur leyeng d'un plank en chapelle* – vii d.

Item, païé *pur iii claves al port de chapelle* – xii d.

Item, païé *pur wex pur le chapelle* – iiiii s. vi d.

Item, païé *pur le chapron de Qatermayns* – xii s. vi d.

Item, *pur garlondes de roses* – vi d.

Item, a dit Bale *pur scripture de cest accompt en cest liver et pur le mesme en paper* – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé *pur un toge et chapron pur Dolvuton* – xxxiiii s. ii d.

Item, païé *pur quatre verges* – xvii s.

Vacancies and decreases:

Item, they ask for allowance for vacancies and decreases of the mistery's rents during the term of office of John Brompton for the last half year, as appears by his account – 7s. 6d.

Repairs:

Item, for repairs and other expenses incurred on the mistery's tenements, as appears by the said John Brompton's account, total – 16d.

Total – 30s. 9d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid the priests and clerks of St Thomas's for the requiem mass, total – 10s.

Item, for a barge for the King's obit – 8s. 4d.

Item, for a barge for the sheriffs – 12s.

Item, for the musicians of the mercers' mistery – 53s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for the musicians – 20d.

Item, paid to Sturgeon for 2 letters patent – 13s. 4d.

Item, given to Jacombe Carpenter – 8d.

Item, paid for the changing of a chalice³⁴⁶ – 36s. 8d.

Item, for observation of the same – 8d.

Item, for 17 hoods and their making, for the musicians and for the sheriffs' presentation³⁴⁷ – 18s. 4d.

Item, paid for the copying of the letters patent – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid for boat-hire to Westminster on several occasions – 2s. 6d.

Item, paid for wine at St Thomas's – 12d.

Item, paid for the washing of the chapel cloths – 16d.

Item, for ink and paper – 7d.

Item, paid to Robert Bale, scrivener, for the writing of various things this year for the mercers' mistery, as appears by a bill – 15s.

Item, paid for tallow candles for the chapel – 6d.

Item, for the laying of a plank in the chapel – 7d.

Item, paid for 3 keys for the chapel door – 12d.

Item, paid for wax for the chapel – 4s. 6d.

Item, paid for Quatremayns' hood – 12s. 6d.

Item, for rose-garlands – 6d.

Item, to the said Bale for the writing of this account into this book and for the same on paper – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for a cloak³⁴⁸ and a hood for Dolvuton – 34s. 2d.

Item, paid for four yards³⁴⁹ – 17s.

³⁴⁶ This might mean an exchange of one chalice for another, or alternatively could mean alteration work, perhaps a new decoration, or other modification of the design or shape. This latter is probably more likely, as the next entry is a payment for 'observation', which could refer to overseeing that the work was done in accordance with instructions.

³⁴⁷ Literally, 'the bowing of the sheriffs'.

³⁴⁸ The word used is 'toge' = a cloak or loose coat.

³⁴⁹ This was perhaps 4 yards of material or might have been yard measures.

Item, doné a Thomas, auditour del chequer – vi s. viii d.

Item, pur un plank a Seint Thomas – xii d.

Item, pur boxes pur lez patentz – viii d.

Summa – xiii li. iiiii s. vi d.

Summa de loure discharge amount – liii li. vi s. v d.

Et ainsy remainent net en lour mayns – lxxiii li. xi s. i d.

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Thacompte of William Thornehill, rentier for .i. yeer at Mighelmas *anno* xxv^{to}.

First, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of William Olyver for parerage of his acompte – xxxvi li. xiii s.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of William Cantelow & oþer þ^e wardeins – xlviii li.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood for þe same yeer – CCxliiii li. v s. That is to saie: In þ^e lyvelood *with þencrees* as apereth in þ^e last acompte – CCxl li. vi s.

In *encrees* þis yeer – xi li. xiii s. iiiii d. That is to saie: In *Bassingeshaue* of newe – viii li. vi s. viii d. In S. Bartilmews þ^e *litelle* – iii li. vi s. viii d. Wherof is decresid in *divers soiles* þ^e same yeer – vii li. xiiii s. iiiii d. That is to saie: In *Colmanstrete* – xxxiiii s. iiiii d. In *Estchepe* – vi li.

So þe *resceit* is – CCxliiii li. v s.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of quyte rente ovir xi s. viii d. not paied of Thomas Cosyn & of þ^e Priour of Charterhous of London for þis yeer – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa of þ^e *resseit* – CCCxxxiiii li. iiiii s. ii d. – Wherof

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Is paied as apereth aftir – CCLxiii li. viii s. ob. That is to saie: In quyte rente – v li. v d. In *vacacions* – xv li. xv s. In *dimunicion* ovir þ^e decrees *aforsaid* – liiii s. ii d. In *reparacions* – Ciiii li. xviii s. vii d. ob. In stuff – lviii s. In *pensions* & almes people of þ^e colage – Cii li. xvii s. iiiii d. In *Whitengtons dirige* – liii s. iiiii d. In fees & *livereies* – xxvi li. xi s. ii d.

– CCLxiii li. viii s. ob.

Summa paied – CCLxiii li. viii s. ob. – So

Þere is due to þ^e *mercerie* – lxx li. xvi s. i d. ob.

Item, given to Thomas,³⁵⁰ auditor of the Exchequer – 6s. 8d.

Item, for a plank at St Thomas's – 12d.

Item, for boxes for the letters patent – 8d.

Total – £13 4s. 6d.

Total of their disbursements amounts to – £53 6s. 5d.

And thus there remains net in their hands – £73 11s. 1d.

The account of William Thornhill, renter for one year up until Michaelmas 25 [Henry VI] [29 September 1446].

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First, he declares money received from William Olyver for the outstanding balance of his account – £36 13s.

Item, money received from William Cantelowe and other wardens – £48

Item, money received from the estate the same year – £244 5s. i.e. from the estate with the increases that appear in the last account – £240 6s. From increases this year – £11 13s. 4d. i.e. a new increase in Bassishaw – £8 6s. 8d. In St Bartholomew-the-Less – £3 6s. 8d. Out of which there are decreases at various properties in the same year – £7 14s. 4d. i.e. in Coleman Street – 34s. 4d. In East Cheap – £6

Therefore the receipt is – £244 5s.

Item, money received from quit-rents over and above 11s. 8d. not paid by Thomas Cosyn and the Prior of the London Charterhouse for this year – £5 6s. 2d.

Total of the receipts – £334 4s. 2d. Of which

has been paid out as appears below – £263 8s. ½d. i.e. for quit-rents – £5 5d. For vacancies – £15 15s. for decreases in rent over and above the aforesaid decreases – 54s. 2d. For repairs – £104 18s. 7½d. For materials – 58s. For pensions and the college's alms people – £102 17s. 4d. For Whittington's obit – 53s. 4d. For fees and liveries – £26 11s. 2d.

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– £263 8s. ½d.

Total paid – £263 8s. ½d. Therefore

There is due to the mercers' mistery – £70 16s. 1½d.

³⁵⁰ This will almost certainly have been Thomas Thorpe, one of the officers of the Exchequer and later Chancellor. See e.g. the mentions of him (via the index) in *CPR 1441–46* and *CPR 1446–52*.

1446–47 C'est⁵¹⁶ l'accompt de Richard Riche, Johan Cotford, Johan Renkyn, et Robert
f. 152r Baron, gardeyns del mastier de mercerie pur [un] an entier passé a la fest
de Nativité de Seint Johan Baptiste l'an due reigne le roy Henry sisme puis la
Conquest vingt *et* cinque.

Argent seke:

En primes, ils sount chargés en argent seke a eux deliveré *per lours* predecessours,
c'est assavoir Thomas Wandesford, alderman, William Cantelow, Johan Roo, *et*
Thomas Dukmanton, qui furent gardeins de la dit mistier de mercery en l'an
proschain devant, c'est assavoir le vi[n]ght quatre an du dit roy, come appiet en
la pé de lour accompt – lxxvii li. xi s. i d.⁵¹⁷

Le secunde an de lez entrez en la lyverey:

Item, ils sount chargés pur plusours gentz de la mercery pur l'entré a la
comencement de cest an, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Boston –	vi s. viii d.
William Donton –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Dunne –	vi s. viii d.
William Redeknape –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Smythe –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Arthour –	vi s. viii d.
William Henage –	vi s. viii d.
Nicholas Hatton –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Perys –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Chacombe –	vi s. viii d.
William Hynde –	vi s. viii d.
Richard Heyworthe –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Adams –	vi s. viii d.
Edward Welles –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> –	iiii li. xiii s. iii d.

Issues de apprentices:

Item, ils sount chargés des issues pur apprentices en lour accompt, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Edmond, <i>servant</i> de William Stevenys –	ii s.
Robert Newelle, <i>servant</i> de Thomas Gosse –	ii s.
Johan Broun, <i>servant</i> de Thomas Stele –	ii s.
Johan Stanforthe, <i>servant</i> de Robert Damyan –	ii s.
Robert Multon, <i>servant</i> de Everard Flete –	ii s.
Richard Turpyrn, <i>servant</i> de Alysaunder Orable –	ii s.
Richard Caxton, <i>servant</i> de Johan Harowe –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> –	xiii s.

516 The initial 'C' is ornate, has been given two lines' depth, and is decorated with delicate tracery pen-flourishing above and to the sides. Some exaggerated ascenders also adorn the top line of the text.

517 Once again, this sum does not tally with that above. The £6 missing is explained later as being in John Roo's hands, see below, f. 156r.

This is the account of Richard Riche, John Cotford, John Rankyn, and Robert Baron, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up until the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 25 Henry VI [24 June 1447].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. Thomas Wandesford, alderman, William Cantelowe, John Roo, and Thomas Duckmanton, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, i.e. 24 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account – £67 11s. 1d.

The second year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare from various men of the mercers' mistery for their admission-fees at the beginning of this year, i.e.

Thomas Boston –	6s. 8d.
William Denton –	6s. 8d.
John Donne –	6s. 8d.
William Redeknape –	6s. 8d.
John Smythe –	6s. 8d.
John Arthur –	6s. 8d.
William Henage –	6s. 8d.
Nicholas Hatton –	6s. 8d.
Thomas Pery –	6s. 8d.
John Chacombe –	6s. 8d.
William Heende –	6s. 8d.
Richard Hayward –	6s. 8d.
John Adam –	6s. 8d.
Edward Welles –	6s. 8d.

Total – £4 13s. 4d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare from the issues of apprentices, in their account, i.e.

Thomas Edmond, servant ³⁵¹ of William Stephens –	2s.
Robert Neville, servant of Thomas Gosse –	2s.
John Brown, servant of Thomas Steele –	2s.
John Stanford, servant of Robert Damian –	2s.
Robert Multon, servant of Everard Fleet –	2s.
Richard Turpyn, servant of Alexander Orable –	2s.
Richard Caxton, servant of John Harrow –	2s.

Total – 14s.

351 Instead of the usual 'apprentice of', each man named in this list is termed the 'servant of' a certain master. The word may be used as an alternative simply to 'apprentice' but since this word is used normally in the next list, it may well be that all these ex-apprentices are now in the paid employ as serving-men of the masters listed. Cf. usage in the Goldsmiths' accounts and see Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. xxxiv–xxxv.

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Entrés d'apprentices:

Item,⁵¹⁸ ils sont chargés pur argent ressu dez entrees de apprentices en lour temps:

Johan Condon apprentice of William Oliver –	ii s.
Johan Coke apprentice de Thomas Brys –	ii s.
William Adam apprentice de Richard Everley –	ii s.
Robert Heuworth	} apprentices de Johan Sturgeon –
William Gambon	
Piers Norom	
William Stowe apprentice de William Hatter –	ii s.
Johan Johannes apprentice [de] Johan Martyn –	ii s.
Nicholas Howlak apprentice de Johan Renkyn –	ii s.
Robert Cok apprentice de Johan Cotford –	ii s.
Johan Spirlyng apprentice de Nicholas Hatton –	ii s.
Johan Copyng apprentice de Rauf Marche –	ii s.
Johan Mercer apprentice de Thomas Hurst –	ii s.
Richard Cheshand apprentice de Thomas Hurst –	ii s.
Robert Erme apprentice de Johan Frost –	ii s.
Thomas Ryvere apprentice de Johan Ryvere –	ii s.
Thomas Heshaut apprentice de Richard Clavere –	ii s.
Richard ⁵¹⁹ Copley apprentice de Richard Clavere –	ii s.
Richard Taillour apprentice de Thomas Fyler –	ii s.
Johan Multon apprentice de Johan Colet –	ii s.
Thomas Berby apprentice de Rauf Verney –	ii s.
Henry Colshille ⁵²⁰ apprentice de William Myles –	ii s.
William Morton apprentice de William Myles –	ii s.
William Yarom apprentice de Thomas Chalton –	ii s.
Robert Strode [apprentice] de Richard Heyworth –	ii s.
Johan Borman apprentice de Richard Everley –	ii s.
Johan Asteley apprentice de Austyn Stratton –	ii s.
Johan Sandes apprentice de Roger Middilmore –	ii s.
Thomas Kitwilde apprentice de Johan Penne –	ii s.
Johan Bankwelle apprentice de Richard Bonyfaunt –	ii s.
Robert Southwode	} apprentices de Thomas Muschamp –
Johan Castelle	
Herry Colet apprentice de Johan Colet –	ii s.
Johan Brodde	} apprentices de Johan Brodde –
Richard Pope	
Summa – iii li. x s.	

Mercimentes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur lez mercimentes que ount receu cest aune:

De Johan Broddesworthe –	vi d.
De Edwarde Welles –	vi d.
De Johane Stokton –	vi d.
De Johan Dodenhale –	vi d.

518 This first initial 'I' on this page is elaborate and flourished.

519 This name may be an error for 'Roger'. See Name Index.

520 This surname has been written, in the scribe's own hand and the same ink, above the underlined name 'Cocelle'.

Admission of apprentices:

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Item, they declare money received from the admission of apprentices during their term of office:

John Condon apprentice of William Olyver –	2s.	
John Coke apprentice of Thomas Brice –	2s.	
William Adam apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.	
Robert Heuworth	} apprentices of John Sturgeon –	6s.
William Gambon		
Piers Norom		
William Stowe apprentice of William Hatter –		
John Johannes apprentice of John Martyn –	2s.	
Nicholas Howlak apprentice of John Rankyn –	2s.	
Robert Cok apprentice of John Cotford –	2s.	
John Sperlyng apprentice of Nicholas Hatton –	2s.	
John Copyng apprentice of Ralph March –	2s.	
John Mercer apprentice of Thomas Hurst –	2s.	
Richard Cheshand apprentice of Thomas Hurst –	2s.	
Robert Erme apprentice of John Frost –	2s.	
Thomas Ryvere apprentice of John Ryvere –	2s.	
Thomas Heysand apprentice of Richard Claver –	2s.	
Richard Copley apprentice of Richard Claver –	2s.	
Richard Taillour apprentice of Thomas Fyler –	2s.	
John Multon apprentice of John Colet –	2s.	
Thomas Barby apprentice of Ralph Verney –	2s.	
Henry Colshille apprentice of William Miles –	2s.	
William Morton apprentice of William Miles –	2s.	
William Yarom apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	2s.	
Robert Strode apprentice of Richard Hayward –	2s.	
John Borman apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.	
John Asteley apprentice of Austin Stratton –	2s.	
John Sandes apprentice of Roger Middlemore –	2s.	
Thomas Kitwilde apprentice of John Penne –	2s.	
John Bankwelle apprentice of Richard Bonefaunt –	2s.	
Robwert Southwood	} apprentices of Thomas Muschamp –	4s.
John Castelle		
Henry Colet apprentice of John Colet –	2s.	
John Brodde	} apprentices of John Brodde –	4s.
Richard Pope		
Total – £3 10s.		

Fines:

Item, they declare the fines which they have received this year:

from John Brodsworth –	6d.
from Edward Welles –	6d.
from John Stockton –	6d.
from John Dodenhale –	6d.

De William Gronde pur spekyng whan the M. knokid þe malet –	i d.
De Thomas Niche –	xx d.
De Robert Strangways –	xx d.
De Robert Hallum –	xx d.
De Johan Lambard –	ii s. iiiii d.
De Johan Dunne –	xvi d.
De Richard Heyworthe –	vi d.

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De Robert Hallum –	viii d.
De Rogger Middelmores –	vi s. viii d.
De Johan Grene –	vi d.
De Johan Lok –	xii d.
De Johan Chacombe –	vi d.
De Mathewe Foucher –	viii d.
De Robert Coksale –	vi s. viii d.
De William Myles –	iiii s.
De Thomas Tanton –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Thomas Bryce –	xx d.
De William Redeknape –	vi d.
De Johan Chacombe –	vi d.
Summa –	xxxvii s. xi d.

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur l'entrees de plusours gentes en fraunchise del mercery:

Richard Alrede

William Port⁵²¹

Item, ils sont chargés pur plusours fynes:

De John Litelton for he wold not goo to Gravesend to huyre soldeours – vi s. viii d.

De John Burton & John Harowe for wordes spoken in þe court – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, ils ont ressu de Johan Goodson pur divers restes de condyt – v li. x s.

Item, de Johan Middleton *et* Thomas Muschamp, Richard Claver, *et* Rauf Marche de une rest de conduyt – xliiii s. ix d.

Item, sont chargés pur i resceipt de Geffrey Boleyn, viscount, pur son mynstrelx – xl s.

Rentes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur toutz lé rentes de la mercery pur un aune, come appiert per l'acompst de Johan Brampton, collectour del mesme la rente – xxxv li. ix s. viii d.

521 No sums of money are given for these two men.

from William Grond, for speaking when
 the Master knocked the mallet³⁵² – 1d.
 from Thomas Nyche – 20d.
 from Robert Strangeways – 20d.
 from Robert Hallom – 20d.
 from John Lambard – 2s. 4d.
 from John Donne – 16d.
 from Richard Heyward – 6d.

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from Robert Hallom – 8d.
 from Roger Middlemore – 6s. 8d.
 from John Grene – 6d.
 from John Locke – 12d.
 from John Chacombe – 6d.
 from Matthew Foucher – 8d.
 from Robert Cogsale – 6s. 8d.
 from William Miles – 4s.
 from Thomas Stanton³⁵³ – 3s. 4d.
 from Thomas Brice – 20d.
 from William Redeknape – 6d.
 from John Chacombe – 6d.
 Total – 37s. 11d.

Fees:

Item, they declare for the admission of several people to the freedom of the
 mercers' mistery:

Richard Alrede
 William Port

Item, they declare several fines:

from John Littleton because he did not wish to go to Gravesend to hire soldiers
 – 6s. 8d.
 from John Burton and John Harrow for words spoken in the court – 26s. 8d.

Item, they have received from John Goodson for various balances from conduct-
 levies – £5 10s.

Item, from John Middleton and Thomas Muschamp, Richard Claver, and Ralph
 March, the balance of a conduct-levy – 44s. 9d.

Item, they declare receipt from Geoffrey Boleyn sheriff, for his musicians – 40s.

Rents:

Item, they declare all the mistery's rent-monies for one year, as appears by the
 account of John Brompton, collector of the same rent – £35 9s. 8d.

352 See ff. A2v–A3r above for the 1376 ordinance concerning this. Note also that the 'M' is an abbreviation for 'Master' but that this word is used in the sense of 'warden' and does not necessarily indicate the prime warden (although it might).

353 The text's 'Tanton' must refer to this man and the spelling surely reveals aural 'interference' in the scribe's understanding of the elision between 'Thomas Stanton'.

Legattes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur la quest de William Estfeld – xx li.

Item, pur la quest de Johan Goodson – xx marcs.

Summa – xxxiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis de loure charge – Clviii li. x s. ix d.

Item,⁵²² ressu de William Thornhille pur un rest a Gravesende, *summa* – xx s.

Summa de loure charge – Clix li. x s. ix d.

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Cy⁵²³ commence lour discharge:

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaudent allowaunce q'ils ont paié

a Sir Richard Combe pur un an entier passé – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ils [ount] payé a Sir Richard Combe pur le lyverey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, ount payé a Sir Thomas Colyston pur iii quarter

de un an – v li.

Item, payé a le nouvelle chapeleyn⁵²⁴ pur i quarter – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xliiii li.

Almoignes:

Item, ils demaudent⁵²⁵ allowaunce q'ils ont paié en almoignes:

En primes, a Richard Seteryngton pur un an – v li. iiiii s.

Item, a Roger Russelle pur un an – iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Rumbald pur un an – iii li. viii d.

Item, a William Herdwyk pur un an – iii li. viii d.

Item, a Johan Secheforthe⁵²⁶ pur un an – iii li. xviii s.

Item, a Johan Secheforthe pur son lyverey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xviii li. xvii s. iiiii d.

Vacacions et reparacions:

Item, ils demaudent allowaunce dez vacacions del

rentz de mercery – x s.

Item, en reparacions faitz – xxi s. iiiii d.

Item, Johan Kyng demandent pur reparacions – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xliiii s. viii d.

522 The initial 'T' of this word and the 'S' of the 'Summa' just above and that just below are all notably large and ornate.

523 The initial 'C' is very highly extended with very delicate tracery pen-flourishing all around and into the LH margin.

524 This is presumably James Ireland, see below f. 156v.

525 MS: demaundement.

526 John Sedgford was the beadle and these two payments under the alms section certainly represent his salary, previously listed under the salaries section. Compare the similar cases of William Willesdon and Richard Box.

Legacies:

Item, they declare William Eastfield's bequest – £20

Item, John Goodson's bequest – 20 marks

Total – £33 6s. 8d.

Sum total of their receipts – £158 10s. 9d.

Item, received from William Thornhill for a balance [of money] at Gravesend,
total – 20s.

Total of their receipts – £159 10s. 9d.

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid

Sir Richard Combe for a whole past year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, they have paid Sir Richard Combe for the livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, have paid Sir Thomas Colyston for 3 quarters of a year – £5

Item, paid to the new chaplain for 1 quarter – 33s. 4d.

Total – £14

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms:

Firstly, to Richard Settrington for a year – £5 4s.

Item, to Roger Russell for a year – £3 8d.

Item, to William Rumbold for a year – £3 8d.

Item, to William Hardwick for a year – £3 8d.

Item, to John Sedgeford for a year – £3 18s.

Item, to John Sedgeford for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Total – £18 17s. 4d.

Vacancies and repairs:

Item, they ask for allowance for vacancies in

the mistery's rental properties – 10s.

Item, for repairs carried out – 21s. 4d.

Item, John King asks for repairs – 13s. 4d.

Total – 44s. 8d.

Quyte rentz:

Item, ils demaundent allowance q'ils ount pay[é] *pur quite rentz pur un an*:

En primes, a lez collectours de Seint Giles – vi s. viii d.

Item, a lez collectours de Seint Elyns – xviii s.

Item, a lez collectours de Cristchirche – xix s.

Item, a lez collectours de Halywelle – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, a lez collectours de Westmoustier – xx s.

Item, a lez collectours de Seint Mary Overey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Foreyn expenses:

Item, ils demaundent⁵²⁷ allowaunce pur ii barges pur viscount – xi s. viii d.

Item, pur viii mynstrelx – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé a Maister Thomas Kent pur le copy de *nostre appoyntementes* del peas – xl s.

Item, pur viii chaprons *et dimi* pur lez mynstrelx – xv s. viii d.

Item, pur xvi mynstrelx pur le maire – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, pur xvi chaprons pur lé mesme mynstrelx – xxviii s. iiiii d.

Item, in boire pur lez mynstrelx – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur un barge a aler al dirige de roy – vii s.

Item, pur wassing *et* pur cariage de dust de hor le chapelle – xiii d.

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Foreyn expenses:

Item, in payn *et* vin pur lez scottes – ix d.

Item, pur talghe candelle – iiiii d.

Item, pur boire allé mynstrelx – iii s. vii d.

Item, pur wex al candeler pur *nostre* chapelle – iiiii s. iii d.

Item, païé as prestes *et* clerkes de Seint Thomas pur eir masse de requiem *et* dirige *pur nous freres* – x s.

Item, pur roos garlondes – vi d.

Item, pur inke *et* paper – vii d.

Item, païé a Bale, scryvener, pur writyng de cest accompt deux foitz *et* pur un altre escript de letters – vi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur copieng del appoyntementes de Andwerp – x s.

Summa – xv li. iiiii s. ix d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – liii li. xvii s. i d.

Et ainsi remainent en sa mains – Ciiii li. xiii s. viii d.

⁵²⁷ MS: demaundement.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents for a year:

Firstly, to the collectors of St Giles –	6s. 8d.
Item, to the collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
Item, to the collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
Item, to the collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the collectors of Westminster –	20s.
Item, to the collectors of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Total –	£4 10s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for 2 barges for the sheriff³⁵⁴ – 11s. 8d.

Item, for 8 musicians – 53s. 4d.

Item, paid to Master Thomas Kent³⁵⁵ for the copy of our treaty agreements³⁵⁶ – 40s.

Item, for 8½ hoods for the musicians – 15s. 8d.

Item, for 16 musicians for the mayor – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, for 16 hoods for the same musicians – 28s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for the musicians – 4s. 4d.

Item, for a barge to go the King's obit – 7s.

Item, for washing, and for the taking of rubbish³⁵⁷ out of the chapel – 13d.

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Item, for bread and wine for the scots³⁵⁸ – 9d.

Item, for tallow candles – 4d.

Item, for drinks for the musicians – 3s. 7d.

Item, to the Chandler for wax for our chapel – 4s. 3d.

Item, paid to the priests and clerks of St Thomas's for their requiem mass and obit for the fraternity – 10s.

Item, for rose-garlands – 6d.

Item, for ink and paper – 7d.

Item, paid to Bale, scrivener, for the writing of this account twice and for writing of another set of letters – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid for copying of the Antwerp agreements – 10s.

Total – £15 4s. 9d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £54 17s. 1d.

And thus there remains in their hands – £104 13s. 8d.

³⁵⁴ Geoffrey Boleyn.

³⁵⁵ He was later admitted as a freeman of the mystery (see below, f. 192v), and was an important man of his time. See his entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 31, p. 324, and for his involvement with mercers see Sutton, *The Mercery*, *via* Index.

³⁵⁶ Literally, 'appointments of the treaty'. See also the further expenses on this just below, and see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 251–2, 306.

³⁵⁷ The word 'dust' is used at this date for any kind of debris, refuse or rubbish; see *MED*.

³⁵⁸ The precise occasion is unclear, but see *OED* for the now obsolete term 'scot' = 'A payment, contribution, "reckoning"; esp. payment for entertainment; a or one's share of such payment; ... A customary tax laid on, or a contribution paid by subjects according to their ability; a custom paid to the use of a sheriff or bailiff; a local or municipal tax.'

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First, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þarerage of his last acompte – lxx li.
ix s. v d. ob.⁵²⁸

Item, for þe rente for þe said yeer – CCxliiii li. v s.

Item, for þ^e quyte rente ovir þ^e xi s. viii d. unpaied – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa resseyved – CCCxx li. vii d. ob. – Wherof

Is paied as aperith aftir – Clxx li. xv s. iii d. That is to saie: In quyte rente – v li.
v d. In vacacions – vi li. iii s. vi d. In dimunicon of þ^e rentes – iii li. xiii s. x d. In
reparacion – xxii li. viii s. ix d. In stuff – iii li. x s. v d. In *pensions* & almes peple
of þ^e colage – Cii li. xvii s. iii d. In Whitengtons dirige – xxxiiii s. x d. In fees &
lyvreis – xxv li. vi s. ii d.

– Clxx li. xv s. iii d.

Summa paied – Clxx li. xv s. iii d. – So

þer is due to þ^e mercerie – Cxlix li. v s. iii d. ob.

1447–48 C'est⁵²⁹ l'acompt de Geffrey Feldyng, Johan Sturgeon, Raulyn Verney, et Johan
f. 154v Penne, gardeins del mestier de mercerie pur un an entier passé a la Nativité de
Saint Johan Baptiste l'an du Roy Henry sisme xxvi^e.

Argent seke:

En primes, ils sount chargés en argent seke a eux deliveré *per* lours predecessours,
c'est assavoir Richard Riche, Johan Cotford, Johan Reynkyn, et Robert Baron, qui
furent guardens de la dit meistier de mercery en l'an proschoin devant, c'est asavoir
le xxv an du roy, come appiert en la pé de lour accompt – Ciiii li. xiii s. viii d.

Le secund an de lez entrees en la lyverey:

Item, ils sount chargés pur plusours gentz de la mercery pur le entré a le
commensement de cest an, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Boston –	vi s. viii d.
William Denton –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Donne –	vi s. viii d.
William Redeknape –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Smyth –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Arthour –	vi s. viii d.
William Henage –	vi s. viii d.
Nicholas Hatton –	vi s. viii d.
Thomas Pery –	vi s. viii d.
Johan Chacombe –	vi s. viii d.
William Hynde –	vi s. viii d.

⁵²⁸ It seems that 6s. 8d. has gone missing.

⁵²⁹ The initial 'C' is ornate but without the elaborate tracery around as found on this writer's previous pages. Throughout this year's account one notes less decorative pen-flourishing, but some 'key' initials are still made large and ornate.

The account of the aforesaid William Thornhill for a year up to Michaelmas 26 [Henry VI] [29 September 1447]:

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Firstly, he declares money received from the outstanding balance of his last account – £70 9s. 5½d.

Item, for the said year's rent – £244 5s.

Item, for quit-rents over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Total of receipts – £320 7½d. Of which

Has been paid out, as appears below – £170 15s. 3d. i.e. for quit-rents – £5 5d. For vacancies – £6 3s. 6d. For decrease in rents – £3 13s. 10d. For repairs – £22 8s. 9d. For materials – £3 10s. 5d. For pensions and alms-people of the college – £102 17s. 4d. For Whittington's obit – 34s. 10d. For fees and liveries – £25 6s. 2d.

– £170 15s. 3d.

Total paid out – £170 15s. 3d. Therefore

There is due to the mercers' mistery – £149 5s. 4½d.

This is the account of Geoffrey Fielding, John Sturgeon, Ralph Verney, and John Penne, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up until the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 26 Henry VI [24 June 1448].

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Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors, i.e. Richard Riche, John Cotford, John Rankyn, and Robert Baron, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, i.e. 25 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account – £104 13s. 8d.

The second year of admission to the livery:

Item, they declare from various men of the mercers' mistery for their admission-fees at the beginning of this year, i.e.

Thomas Boston – 6s. 8d.

William Denton – 6s. 8d.

John Donne – 6s. 8d.

William Redeknape – 6s. 8d.

John Smythe – 6s. 8d.

John Arthur – 6s. 8d.

William Henage – 6s. 8d.

Nicholas Hatton – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Pery – 6s. 8d.

John Chacombe – 6s. 8d.

William Heende – 6s. 8d.

Richard Heyworth – vi s. viii d.
 Johan Adams – vi s. viii d.
 Erkenold Welles – vi s. viii d.
Summa – iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Issues de apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés pur issues de apprentices in lour accompt, c'est assavoir:

Thomas Barette servant of William Yrwilliam – ii s.
 Robert Moyne servant of William Melrethe – ii s.
 William Groveman servant of Robert Baron – ii s.
 William Remay servant of Johan Penne – ii s.
 Thomas Walker servant of Alisaundre Orable – ii s.
Summa – x s.

Entrés de apprentices:

Item, ils sont chargés pur argent ressu pur entrez de apprentices, c'est assavoir:

William Capman	} apprentices de Geffrey Feldyng –	iiii s.
Thomas Grafton		
William Purdauns	} apprentices de Rauf Verney –	iiii s.
William Baldewyn		
Robert Coufeld apprentice de Johan Penne –		ii s.
Robert Weston apprentice de Johan Andrewe –		ii s.
Robert Goldsmythe	} apprentices de Johan Lok –	iiii s.
Johan Edward		
Johan Doket apprentice de Philip Spyr –		ii s.
Thomas Gybbys apprentice de William Tounlond –		ii s.
William Alborowe apprentice de Johan Reynkyn –		ii s.
Johan Pynder apprentice de Johan Asshe –		ii s.
Johan Rowland apprentice de Thomas Rykes –		ii s.

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Entrés de apprentices:

Richard Parker	} apprentices de William Herte –	iiii s.
Thomas Cletherowe		
Johan Lewys apprentice de Robert Baron –		ii s.
Johan Baker	} apprentices de Randolf Strete –	iiii s.
Johan Grace		
Johan Fissher apprentice de Johan Adam –		ii s.
Richard Herward apprentice de Rauf Marche –		ii s.
William Russelle apprentice de Johan Robert –		ii s.
Johan Stampe apprentice de Richard Everley –		ii s.
William Ludworthe	} apprentices de Mathewe Leek –	iiii s.
Johan Stanle		
Richard atte Wode apprentice de Johan Smythe –		ii s.
Thomas Sowle apprentice de Stephen Tychemersshe –		ii s.
Robert Ivry apprentice de Gerard Rede –		ii s.
Johan Trynde apprentice de William Pykeryng –		ii s.
Richard Gardener apprentice de William Stevenes –		ii s.

Richard Hayward – 6s. 8d.
 John Adam – 6s. 8d.
 Erkenwald³⁵⁹ Welles – 6s. 8d.
 Total – £4 13s. 4d.

Issues of apprentices:

Item, they declare for the issues of apprentices, in their account, i.e.

Thomas Barret servant of William Irwilliam – 2s.
 Robert Moyne servant of William Meldreth – 2s.
 William Groveman servant of Robert Baron – 2s.
 William Remy servant of John Penne – 2s.
 Thomas Walker servant of Alexander Orable – 2s.
 Total – 10s.

Admission of apprentices:

Item, they declare money received for the admission of apprentices, i.e.

William Capman	}	apprentices of Geoffrey Fielding –	4s.
Thomas Grafton			
William Purdaunce	}	apprentices of Ralph Verney –	4s.
William Baldewyn			
Robert Coufeld apprentice of John Penne –			2s.
Robert Weston apprentice of John Andrew –			2s.
Robert Goldsmythe	}	apprentices of John Locke –	4s.
John Edward			
John Doket apprentice of Philip Spire –			2s.
Thomas Gibbes apprentice of William Townland –			2s.
William Alburgh apprentice of John Rankyn –			2s.
John Pynder apprentice of John Asshe –			2s.
John Rowland apprentice of Thomas Ryke –			2s.

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Richard Parker	}	apprentices of William Harte –	4s.
Thomas Clitheroe			
John Lewys apprentice of Robert Baron –			2s.
John Baker	}	apprentices of Randolph Street –	4s.
John Grace			
John Fisher apprentice of John Adam –			2s.
Richard Herward apprentice of Ralph March –			2s.
William Russell apprentice of John Robert –			2s.
John Stampe apprentice of Richard Everley –			2s.
William Ludworth	}	apprentices of Matthew Leek –	4s.
John Stanley			
Richard atte Wood apprentice of John Smythe –			2s.
Thomas Sowle apprentice of Stephen Titchmarsh –			2s.
Robert Ivry apprentice of Gerard Reed –			2s.
John Trynde apprentice of William Pickering –			2s.
Richard Gardener apprentice of William Stephens –			2s.

³⁵⁹ He has previously been referred to as 'Edward' but this must be the same man. See Name Index.

Johan Harreys apprentice de Roger Roos –		ii s.
William Borford apprentice de Robert ⁵³⁰ Crispe –		ii s.
Thomas Hore	} apprentices de Johan Arthour –	iiii s.
William Kokman		
Johan Teylowe. Robert Grene.	} apprentices de Harry Frowyk –	xii s.
Johan Bysle. Hamond Sutton.		
Johan Johan al' Smythe. Thomas Roberton		
William Middilton apprentice de William Stevenes –		ii s.
Johan Highfeld apprentice de Thomas Boston –		ii s.
Robert Mercer. Johan Thurston	} apprentices de Thomas Stele –	viii s.
Rauf Cokke. Johan Appulby		
Edmond Cloys apprentice de Robert Sk[r]eyngham –		ii s.
Johan Barbur apprentice de Robert Frankes –		ii s.
Philip Brekenelle apprentice de Johan Harowe –		ii s.
Johan Elys apprentice de William Henege –		ii s.
William Traas apprentice de Johan Penne –		ii s.
Richard Rawson apprentice de Johan Olney –		ii s.
Richard Bonefaunt apprentice de Johan Asshe –		ii s.
Johan Harrys apprentice de Johan Boton –		ii s.
William Burton apprentice de Johan Burton –		ii s. ⁵³¹
Summa – v li. vi s.		

Mercymentes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur lez *mercymenz* qe sont ressu cest an:

Le primer court le xxx jour de Juylle –	v s.
Le xvi jour de August –	ii s. ii d.
Le xxvi jour de August –	v s. viii d.
Le xxix jour de August –	vii s. vi d.
Le iiiii jour de Septembre –	iii s. iiiii d.

De Thomas Boston –	xii d.
De William Olyver –	xi d. ob.
De Roger Middilmor <i>pur</i> le an –	vi s. viii d.
De Thomas Bryse –	xii d.
De Randolf Strete –	xii d.
De Johan Grene –	vi d.

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Mercimentes:

De Johane Chacombe <i>et</i> Thomas Stele –	viii d.
De Rauf Marche <i>et</i> William Stevenes –	viii d.
De Johan Grene –	viii d.
De Mathewe Fowchier <i>et</i> Richard Heyward –	viii d.
De Herry Dukmanton –	ii s.
De Robert Strothur –	iii d.
De Johan Lok <i>et</i> Johan Chacombe –	viii d.
De Thomas Boston –	xii d.

⁵³⁰ This name is almost certainly an error for 'Thomas'. See Name Index.

⁵³¹ This last line has been added slightly later in a different but contemporary hand.

John Harreys apprentice of Richard Roos –	2s.	
William Burford apprentice of [Thomas] Crispe –	2s.	
Thomas Hore	} apprentices of John Arthur –	4s.
William Kokman		
John Teylow. Robert Grene	} apprentices of	12s.
John Bysle. Hammond Sutton		
John John alias Smythe. Thomas Roberton		
William Middleton apprentice of William Stephens –	Harry Frowyk –	
John Highfield apprentice of Thomas Boston –		2s.
Robert Mercer. John Thurston		2s.
Ralph Cokke. John Appleby	} apprentices of Thomas Steele –	8s.
Edmund Cloys apprentice of Robert Scrayingham –		
John Barbour apprentice of Robert Frankysse –		2s.
Philip Brekenelle apprentice of John Harrow –		2s.
John Elys apprentice of William Henage –		2s.
William Trace apprentice of John Penne –		2s.
Richard Rawson apprentice of John Olney –		2s.
Richard Bonefaunt apprentice of John Asshe –		2s.
John Harrys apprentice of John Boton –		2s.
William Burton apprentice of John Burton –		2s.
Total – £5 6s.		

Fines:

Item, they declare the fines received this year:

The first court on 30 July –	5s.
16 August –	2s. 2d.
26 August –	5s. 8d.
29 August –	7s. 6d.
4 September –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Boston –	12d.
from William Olyver –	11½d.
from Roger Middlemore for the year –	6s. 8d.
from Thomas Brice –	12d.
from Randolph Street –	12d.
from John Grene –	6d.

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from John Chacombe and Thomas Steele –	8d.
from Ralph March and William Stephens –	8d.
from John Grene –	8d.
from Matthew Foucher and Richard Hayward –	8d.
from Harry Duckmanton –	2s.
from Robert Strother –	3d.
from John Locke and John Chacombe –	8d.
from Thomas Boston –	12d.

De William Denton –	xx d.
De Mathewe Leek <i>et</i> Robert Strothur –	viii d.
De William Shelton –	ii s.
De Johan Chacombe <i>et</i> Johan Lok –	viii d.
De Robert Baron <i>et</i> Mathewe Fowchier –	viii d.
De Randolf Strete <i>et</i> Roger Roos –	viii d.
De Johan Boton –	ii d.
De Johan Coke –	iii d.
De Robert Damyon –	ii d.
De Herry Dukmanton –	xii d.
De William Townlond <i>et</i> Philip Spyr –	viii d.
De Mathewe Leek <i>et</i> Johan Kirkeby –	viii d.
De William Pykeryng –	ii s.
De Thomas Nyche pur le an –	vi s. viii d.
De Philip Spyr <i>et</i> Johan Brod –	viii d.
De Philip Howelle <i>et</i> Thomas Hurst –	viii d.
De Johan Kirkeby <i>et</i> Richard Heyward –	viii d.
De Rauf Marche <i>et</i> Mathewe Fowchier –	viii d.
De William Denton <i>et</i> Johan Hurley –	viii d.
De Richard Heyward <i>et</i> Thomas Fyler –	xii d.
De Robert Hallum <i>et</i> Johan Stokton –	viii d.
De Johan Frost –	xii d.
De Saundre Orable <i>et</i> Johan Coke –	xii d.
De William Denton –	iiii d.
De Richard Everley <i>et</i> Johan Ward –	xvi d.
<i>Summa</i> – iii li. viii s. ob.	

Fynes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur plusours fynes:

En primes, de Thomas Shirwyn for a fyne to come ayen in to þe lyverey wher he was provid forsworn upon a boke afore all þe body of the craft at Seint Thomas for a mater of contract made bitwene Robert Skrayngham & þe doughter of John Goodson⁵³² – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Muschamp for a fyne of spenelle þat he bought of a spyneler, as by assent of all þe felauship at Seint Thomas that what persone of our felauship that bought it at a certeyn pris þat was made and sett ther by all þe felauship shuld pay to the box – xl s. And so Muschamp hadde it. – xl s.

Item, of Thomas Nyche for a fyne for cause þat he entrid a corf of ware comyng fro Bargh mart in þe custume in the name of John Adam, and þe same Adam was axed for þe custume of hit by þe custumers, and he complayned unto us. Upon whiche compleynt þe said Niche was examyned, and þe both parties put hem in our rewle, and we awarded þat Niche shuld pay to þe boxe – xxvi s. viii d.

⁵³² On this case, see further *CPMR 1437–57*, p. 100, for a bond dated 6 April 1447.

from William Denton –	20d.
from Matthew Leek and Robert Strother –	8d.
from William Shelton –	2s.
from John Chacombe and John Locke –	8d.
from Robert Baron and Matthew Foucher –	8d.
from Randolph Street and Roger Roos –	8d.
from John Boton –	2d.
from John Coke –	3d.
from Robert Damian –	2d.
from Harry Duckmanton –	12d.
from William Townland and Philip Spire –	8d.
from Matthew Leek and John Kirkeby –	8d.
from William Pickering –	2s.
from Thomas Nyche for the year –	6s. 8d.
from Philip Spire and John Brodde –	8d.
from Philip Howell and Thomas Hurst –	8d.
from John Kirkeby and Richard Hayward –	8d.
from Ralph March and Matthew Foucher –	8d.
from William Denton and John Hurley –	8d.
from Richard Hayward and Thomas Fyler –	12d.
from Robert Hallom and John Stockton –	8d.
from John Frost –	12d.
from Alexander Orable and John Coke –	12d.
from William Denton –	4d.
from Richard Everley and John Ward –	16d.
Total – £3 8s. ½d.	

Fines:

Item, they declare various fines:

Firstly, from Thomas Shirwynd for a fine to be re-admitted to the livery since he was proved to have perjured himself by an oath on the Gospels, and this before the whole assembled mistery at St Thomas's, over a matter of a contract between Robert Scrayningham and the daughter of John Goodson – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Muschamp for a fine over spinal that he bought from a spinal-merchant, since it had been agreed by the whole fellowship at St Thomas's that whoever of our company bought it at a certain price fixed then by the whole company should pay to the communal funds – 40s. And Muschamp had thus bought it – 40s.

Item, from Thomas Nyche for a fine because he entered a basket of goods coming from Barrow³⁶⁰ mart into the customs in the name of John Adam, and the same John Adam was asked by the customs-officers for the customs-due for it, and he complained to us. The said Nyche was questioned about this complaint, and both parties placed themselves under our jurisdiction, and we ruled that Nyche should pay to the communal funds – 26s. 8d.

³⁶⁰ Bergen-op-Zoom.

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Item, of William Hatter for a fyne for cause he was of counsaile and assent of þe pryve contract disseyvably made bitwene Robert Skrayngham and þe doughter of John Goodson – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, of Geffrey Boleyn for a fyne for cause Thomas Grene, chapman, snarlid *with ware* here in London and it was attachid & brought afore þe Chamberleyn and he was sworn þat he shuld hele ne snarle no more – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, de John Roo for a rest in his hand of cloth and ray – xxv s.

Item, de luy a rest of his rekenyng,⁵³³ þe which was graunt to a wyndowe makyng of þe yeld halle chapelle – vi li.⁵³⁴

Item, receyved de Letuse Shiffeld in party of payment of on obligacion of xx li. to pay xxxiii s. iiii d. a *quarter*. Receyved for Cristemasse, Estre, & Midsomere daren passé – C s.

Item, so ther is dewe behynde of the obligacion – xv li.

Item, of John Salman *pur* offens þat he went to Stirbrigge Fayr – xx s.

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Item, ils sont chargés pur lez entrés de plusours gentz in fraunchez del mercery:

Richard Sturgeon – xx s.

Johan Hert – xl s.

Thomas Frowyk⁵³⁶ –

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Rentes:

Item, ils sont chargés pur toutz lé rentz del mercery *pur* un an, come appiert *per* la count de Johan Brampton, collectour dé mesme rentz – xxxv li. iii s. viii d.

Summa de loure charge – Ciiii^xxiii li. xiii s. ob.

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Cy commence lour discharge:

Salaries:

En primes, ils demaudent allowaunce q'ils ount pay[é] a

Sir Richard Combe, preest, *pur* un an entier passé – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

533 John Roo was warden 1445–46, and it was in that capacity that these monies were entrusted to him.

534 On the building of the Guildhall chapel, including information on the glazing of various windows, see Barron, *Medieval Guildhall*, pp. 35–9.

535 No figure is filled in.

536 No figure is entered for his fee.

537 No figure is given.

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Item, from William Hatter for a fine because he was privy to and gave his agreement to the secret contract deceitfully made between Robert Scrayingham and the daughter of John Goodson – 26s. 8d.

Item, from Geoffrey Boleyn for a fine because Thomas Grene, chapman, was hawking goods here in London,³⁶¹ and they were confiscated and brought before the Chamberlain, and he had to take an oath that he would not practice concealment and deceit³⁶² ever again – 13s. 4d.

Item, from John Roo for a remainder in his hands of [plain] cloth and striped cloth – 25s.

Item, from him, a remaining balance of his account, the which was a grant for making a window in the Guildhall chapel – £6

Item, received from Lettice Sheffield as part-payment of a bond in the sum of £20 that she should pay 33s. 4d. per quarter. Received for last Christmas, Easter, and Midsummer – 100s.

Therefore there remains still to pay of this bond – £15

Item, from John Salman for the offence that he went to Stourbridge fair – 20s.

Total –

Item, they declare for the admission of several men into the freedom of the mercers' mistery:

Richard Sturgeon – 20s.

John Hert – 40s.

Thomas Frowyk –

Total –

Rents:

Item, they declare all the mistery's rent-monies for a year, as appears in the account of John Brompton, rent-collector of the same rents – £35 3s. 8d.

Total of their receipts – £193 13s. ½d.

Here begin their disbursements

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Salaries:

Firstly, they ask for allowance that they have paid

Sir Richard Combe, priest, for a whole past year – £6 13s. 4d.

361 See the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 5v for a penalty of £5 being set for such an offence: 'Also that noo persone under the sayde obeysaunce selle nor delyver to noo persone ony mercery ware whiche is a hawker, a berer aboutte, and a seller of þe same, withynne the fraunchese of the Citee, nor sende no envoye in þe countree to no chapman nor oper to selle withoutte hyt be firste bought, solde, bespoken, or sente fore, and so accorded of þe price ...'.

362 A 'snarler' is known as a word used sometimes for (illicit) pedlars and hawkers, but the verb to 'snarl' means to ensnare or entrap, or to trick people.

Item, pay[é] a luy pur son liverey – xx s.
 Item, païé a Jamys Irland, preest, pur iii quarter de un an – C s.
 Item, païé a luy pur son liverey – xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Almoignez:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce q'ils ount païé in almoignes:

En primes, Johan Cantlowe pur iii quarters
 d'une an to Midsomere darreine – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, a William Hardewike pur i an – iii li. viii d.
 Item, a William Rombold pur i an – iii li. viii d.
 Item, a William Halle pur dimi an to Midsomere – xxx s. iiiii d.
 Item, a Johan Segested⁵³⁸ pur i an – iii li. xviii s.
Summa – xv li. vii s. viii d.

Reparacions – Vacacion:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur reparacion *et* aultre expenses fait l'an suisdit, com appiert per le compt de Johan Brampton – iiiii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur vacacion in le mesme – xix s. vi d.

Quyte rentz:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce qu'ils ount païé pur quite rentz pur i an:
 En primes, a lez collectours de Seint Giles – vi s. viii d.
 Item, a lez collectours de Seint Elyns – xviii s.
 Item, a lez collectours de Cristchirche – xix s.
 Item, a lez collectours de Halywelle – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, a lez collectours de Westmoustier – xx s.
 Item, a lez collectours de Seint Mary Overey – xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Foreyn expenses:

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce pur i barge to Westm' for þe kynges dirige – vii s.
 Item, païé a Seint Thomas a preestes *et* clerkes pur nostre masse – x s.
 Item, païé pur i barge a Westm' pur le shrif – viii s.
 Item, païé pur i bote a Westm' pur le Maire – vii d.
 Item, to Cowbek, servant of þe Maires, to go for Stokker & Edmond – xii d.
 Item, to have a playnt of chevere in to þe Maires court ii tymes – xvi d.
 Item, to Crowe, chaundeler, pur wex per i an – iiiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, a Stone, joynour, pur makyng de chestes a Seint Thomas – xxxi s. x d.
 Item, païé a luy pur viii cofyns pur evydens – vi s. viii d.
 Item, païé a le glasyer pur makyng þe glas cum maydens hede – xii d.

⁵³⁸ The odd form of his name here must be a transcription error of the scrivener in copying from his paper version of the account.

Item, paid to him for his livery –	20s.
Item, paid to James Irland, priest, for 3 quarters of a year –	100s.
Item, paid to him for his livery –	13s. 4d.
Total – £13 6s. 8d.	

Alms:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid in alms:	
Firstly, John Cantelowe for 3 quarters of the year up until last Midsummer –	£3 18s.
Item, to William Hardwick for 1 year –	£3 8d.
Item, to William Rumbold for 1 year –	£3 8d.
Item, to William Halle for half a year until Midsummer –	30s. 4d.
Item, to John Sedgeford for 1 year –	£3 18s.
Total – £15 7s. 8d.	

Repairs – Vacancies:

Item, they ask for allowance for repairs and other expenses incurred during the aforesaid year, as appears by John Brompton's account – £4 7s. 4½d.

Item, they ask for allowance for vacancies in the same – 19s. 6d.

Quit-rents:

Item, they ask for allowance that they have paid for quit-rents for 1 year:	
Firstly, to the collectors of St Giles –	6s. 8d.
Item, to the collectors of St Helen's –	18s.
Item, to the collectors of Christchurch –	19s.
Item, to the collectors of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the collectors of Westminster –	20s.
Item, to the collectors of St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Total – £4 10s. 4d.	

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, they ask for allowance for a barge to Westminster for the King's obit – 7s.
 Item, paid to St Thomas's to the priests and clerks for our mass – 10s.
 Item, paid for a barge to Westminster for the sheriff – 8s.
 Item, paid for a boat to Westminster for the Mayor – 7d.
 Item, to Cowbek, serjeant of the mayor, to fetch Stokker and Edmond – 12d.
 Item, for entering a plaint concerning 'chaffer'³⁶³ in the Mayor's court twice – 16d.
 Item, to Crowe, Chandler, for wax for 1 year – 4s. 4d.
 Item, to Stone, joiner, for the making of chests at St Thomas's – 31s. 10d.
 Item, paid to him for 8 boxes for documents – 6s. 8d.
 Item, paid to the glazier for making the glass with a maiden's head – 12d.

³⁶³ An obsolete term for trading or for merchandise: The *MED* lists its meanings as '1. Trade in goods, buying and selling, commerce, bargaining. 2. Any transaction or agreement involving an exchange, a bargain or deal; any kind of dealings or doings, also unfair dealings. 3. Goods in trade, merchandise, ware'. The *CPMR* 1437–57 contains references to likely such cases, but it has not seemed possible to identify anything with certainty.

Item, païé a Baldewyn Boteler, fisshmonger, *pur* ple co[untre]⁵³⁹ lé persones – xl s.
 Item, païé *pur* wasshyng de ii aubes *et* autre thynges – viii d.
 Item, païé *pur* Shiffeldys obligacion *with* condicion *et* i quyntance – viii d.
 Item, *pur* wex ruge *et* papir – iii d.
 Item, *pur* white vestmentes, chesible & aultre clothes – xxxix s. vi d.

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Foreyn Expenses:

Item, païé come appiert *per* le counte de le lyverey *que* fuist doné ultre le geine – lviii s. ii d.
 Item, païé a Rumbold *pur* masonry in þe chapelle – vi d. ob.
 Item, païé a Bale, scrivener, *pur* entrer cest accompt in le graund lyvre *et* aultres writyng – vi s. viii d.
Summa – x li. xviii s. iii d. ob.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *que* Erkenwold Welles doit come ters an *pur* le lyverey – vi s. viii d.

Item, ils demaundent allowaunce *pur* Maistre Frowyk *pur* son apprentice – vii s. vi d.

Summa – xliii s. ii d.

Summa de lour discharge – L li. iii s.

Et ainsi remaint en sa mains – Cxliii li. ix s.

Item, lez acomptans suisdictes ount deliverez a lez gardeins de la rest de conduytes come appiert *per* l'accompt de lez gardeins de lez ditz conduytes, *summa* – viii li. ii d.⁵⁴⁰

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Thacompte of þ^e said William Thornehille for a yer at Mighelmas anno xxvii^o.

First, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of

pararege of his last acompte –

Cxlix li. v s. iii d. ob.

Item, of þ^e rente for þe same yeer –

CCxliiii li. v s.

Item, of þencrees of þe rente þe same yeer –

xxxv s. iii d.

Item, of rente of assise ovir þ^e xi s. viii d. unpaied –

v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa resseyved – CCCC li. xi s. x d. ob. – [Wherof]

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Is paied & allowed as apereth aftir – CCxvii li. ii s. iii d. That is to saie, by Geffrey Feldyng & opir þ^e wardeins by þem allowed for certeyn reparacions – xxvi li. xix s. In quyte rente – v li. v d. In vacacions – vii li. xvii s. ix d. In dimunicion of þe rente – iii li. v s. viii d. In reparacions – xxvi li. iii s. xi d. In stuff – ix li. xliii s. In pensions & almes [peple]⁵⁴¹ of þe colage – Cii li. xvii s. iii d. In Whitengtons dirige – xxxiiii s. ii d. In fees & lyvreys – xxii li. xliii s. iii d. In reparacions in Morelane – ix li. xvi s. viii d. – CCxvii li. ii s. iii d.

539 MS: coin' / com'.

540 In very faint ink, against this sum, a contemporary hand has written 'lix^{li} ix^s'.

541 This word supplied by analogy with other parallel entries.

Item, paid to Baldwin Boteler,³⁶⁴ fishmonger, for a plea against the parsons³⁶⁵ – 40s.

Item, paid for the washing of 2 albs and other things – 8d.

Item, paid for Sheffield's bond obligatory with conditions, and 1 acquittance – 8d.

Item, for red wax and paper – 4d.

Item, for white vestments, a chasuble and other clothes – 39s. 6d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, paid as appears by the livery account, of what was given over and above the profit – 58s. 2d.

Item, paid to Rumbold for masonry in the chapel – 6½d.

Item, paid to Bale, scrivener, for entering up this account in the big record book and for writing other things – 6s. 8d.

Total – £10 18s. 3½d.

Item, they ask for allowance that Erkenwald Welles owes for the third year of the livery – 6s. 8d.

Item, they ask for allowance for Master Frowyk, for his apprentice – 7s. 6d.

Total – 14s. 2d.

Total of their disbursements – £50 4s.

And thus there remains in their hands – £143 9s.

Item, those aforesaid rendering their account have handed over to the wardens, from the outstanding balance of conduct-levies, as appears by the account of those in charge of the said conduct-levies, total – £8 2d.

The account of the said William Thornhill for a year at Michaelmas 27 [Henry VI].

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Firstly, he declares money received from the

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outstanding balance of his last account – £149 5s. 4½d.

Item, from the rent-monies for the same year – £244 5s.

Item, from the increases in the rent for the same year – 35s. 4d.

Item, from rents of assise, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Total received – £400 11s. 10½d. [Of which]

has been paid out and allowed, as appears below – £217 2s. 3d. i.e. by Geoffrey

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Fielding and the other wardens, allowed by them for certain repairs – £26 19s.

For quit-rents – £5 5d. For vacancies – £7 17s. 9d. For decreases in the rents – £4

5s. 8d. For repairs – £26 3s. 11d. For materials – £9 14s. For pensions and for the

almsfolk of the College – £102 17s. 4d. For Whittington's obit – 34s. 2d. For fees

and liveries – £22 13s. 4d. For repairs in Moor Lane – £9 16s. 8d.

– £217 2s. 3d.

³⁶⁴ References to him are also found e.g. in *CPMR* 1437–57, pp. 162, 174, 176; *CPR* 1436–41, p. 360; *CPR* 1441–46, p. 57.

³⁶⁵ The text seems to say 'with' and not against, but the latter seems more likely as there was a long dispute over fees paid to them for various ceremonies. See for instance *CLB*, 'K', pp. xxvi – xxviii and 360–61. See also the further expenses below listed on f. 165r.

Item, paid in redy mony to þ^e wardeins of þ^e mercerie – xl li.⁵⁴²

Summa paid – CClvii li. ii s. iii d. – So

þer is due to þ^e mercerie – Cxliii li. ix s. vii d. ob.

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C'est l'accompt de Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steell, John Kirkeby, *et* John Lok, gardeins del mestier de le mercery, pour un an entier passé a la Nativitee de Saint John Baptist l'an du Roy Henry sisme puis la conquest xxvii.

Receiptz:

En primes, ils sont chargés en argent seke a eux deliveré per Geoffrey Feldyng, John Sturgeon, Rauf Verney, *et* John Penne, qui furent gardeins de la dit mestier de mercery en l'an proschein devant, c'est assavoir le xxvi^e an du Roy, come appiert en la pee de loure accompt – Cxxviii li. ix s.⁵⁴⁴

Item, they receyved for rent for iii quarters of a yere
of Shefeld wyf –

C s.

Item, receyved in an obligacion of Shefeld wyf –

x li.

Item, receyved in money of conductes –

viii li.

Summa totalis receyved – Cli li. ix s.

Rentes:

Item, þey ben chargen of receipt of the conduit gadered in the yere of oure lord M'CCCCxlviii^{ti} for three martz, that is to say Pasche, Sanxen, and Bawmole Marte – viii li. xvii s. vi d.

Item, receyved of John Bruton for the rentes of the mercery – xxxv li. xvi s. viii d.

Item, receyved of William Thornhille for Whityngdons rent – xl li.

Summa – iii^{xx} li. xiii s. ii d.

Mercymenz:

Thise been the mercymenz receyved for defautz of court dayes:

Mathewe Fowcher – iiiii d.

Richard Heywarde – vi d.

542 See below, f. 157v, for this to be recorded in the wardens' accounts.

543 Although at first sight it appears as if a new hand starts here, this year's account has again been written by Robert Bale, but for most pages he has adopted a very much larger script and a layout leaving much more blank space between sections. This year's account is very largely in English, which may be one reason for the changes to format and script. Bale continues to make very extensive and very florid use of cadel flourishes and exaggerated extenders upwards to letters on the first line of a section, but not using the fine tracery-line flourishing around. The initial 'S' of each 'Summa' is for this year even more highly ornate and large, and a thicker nib, with much broader pen-strokes, has been used. Especially ornate is the whole phrase 'Summa totalis of theire holle charge' on f. 159r, which uses very exaggerated and flourished ascenders to the letters of the words and of descenders to the figures of the sum. The first line of each page is also given exaggerated ascenders each time, as are several other sub-sections, all for this year set out with a great deal of blank space around, allowing room to the decoration. The only page not to be thus is f. 161r, which is again in his very small script, packing in almost all of the long list of 'foreyn expenses' for that year. Folio 161v has the three central totals elaborately flourished with very high and large initials ('S', 'S' and 'A'), while the other writing on that page is the more usual small script of this writer.

544 This sum does not correspond with the one above.

Item, paid out in ready money to the wardens of the mercers' mistery – £40

Total paid out – £257 2s. 3d. So

there is due to the mercers' mistery – £143 9s. 7½d.

This is the account of Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kirkeby, and John Locke, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 27 Henry VI. 1448–49
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Receipts:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by Geoffrey Fielding, John Sturgeon, Ralph Verney, and John Penne, who were wardens of the said mercers' mistery in the immediately preceding year, i.e. 26 Henry VI, as appears at the foot of their account – £128 9s.

Item, they have received for rent for three quarters of the year

from Sheffield's wife – 100s.

Item, received as a bond obligatory from Sheffield's wife – £10

Item, received in money from conduct-levies - £8

Sum total received – £151 9s.

Rents:

Item, they declare receipt of the conduct-levies collected in the year of our lord 1448 for three marts, i.e. Easter, Synxon, and Balms marts³⁶⁶ – £8 17s. 6d.

Item, received from John Bruton for the rent [from the properties] of the mercers' mistery – £35 16s. 8d.

Item, received from William Thornhill for the Whittington estate rents – £40

Total – £84 14s. 2d.

Fines:

These are the fines received for defaults on court days:

Matthew Foucher – 4d.

Richard Hayward – 6d.

³⁶⁶ Three of the four main marts held in the Low Countries, the other being Cold Mart, in the Winter. Synxon (Saint John) was the summer mart, and the Balms Mart was in the autumn.

William Stevyns –	iiii d.
John Asshe þe yonger –	iiii d.
John Adams –	xii d.
John Lytelton –	vi d.
John Martyn –	vi d.
John Cook –	vi d.
Robert Hallum –	iiii d.

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Mercymentz:

John Assh –	xii d.
Thomas Fyler –	iiii s. vi d.
Henry Dukmanton –	iii s. ii d.
Richard Everesley –	xii d.
Thomas Bryce –	xii d.
Philip Spyre –	viii d.
Richard Bonyfaunt –	xii d.
Richard Denton –	xii d.
Austyn Stratton –	xii d.
William Lightholder –	xii d.
John Chacombe –	xx d.
Robert Scrayngham –	viii d.
John Stokton –	ii s.
Robert Gregory –	xx d.
Thomas Boston –	ii s. vi d.
John Frost –	viii d.
John Sayer –	vi d.
John Colet –	viii d.
Thomas Rykes –	vi d.
John Lambard –	iiii s.
Thomas Pery –	x d.
Thomas Niche –	v s.
William Hatter –	xx d.
William Hert –	viii d.

Summa totalis de mercymentz – xlii s. viii d.

Thise arn the issues of apprentices, that is to wete:

First, receyved of John Alburgh þe x th day of August –	ii s.
Item, of John Skele apprentice of John Brodde þe xvii day of August –	ii s.
Item, of John Neve þe first day of Septembre –	ii s.
Item, of Richard Hawley, with Reynkyn –	ii s.
Item, of John Kirton, with Everard Flete –	ii s.
Item, of Richard Stotevyle þe xix day of August –	ii s.
Item, of Robert Eburton –	ii s.

William Stephens –	4d.
John Asshe the younger –	4d.
John Adams –	12d.
John Littleton –	6d.
John Martyn –	6d.
John Cook –	6d.
Robert Hallom –	4d.

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John Asshe –	12d.
Thomas Fyler –	4s. 6d.
Henry Duckmanton –	3s. 2d.
Richard Everley –	12d.
Thomas Brice –	12d.
Philip Spire –	8d.
Richard Bonefaunt –	12d.
Richard Denton –	12d.
Austin Stratton –	12d.
William Lightholders –	12d.
John Chacombe –	20d.
Robert Scrayingham –	8d.
John Stockton –	2s.
Robert Gregory –	20d.
Thomas Boston –	2s. 6d.
John Frost –	8d.
John Sayer –	6d.
John Colet –	8d.
Thomas Rykes –	6d.
John Lambard –	4s.
Thomas Pery –	10d.
Thomas Nyche –	5s.
William Hatter –	20d.
William Hart –	8d.

Sum total from fines – 42s. 8d.

These are the issues of apprentices, i.e.

Firstly, received from John Alburgh on 10 August –	2s.
Item, from John Skele apprentice of John Brodde, on 17 August –	2s.
Item from John Neve on 1 September –	2s.
Item, from Richard Hawley, with Rankyn –	2s.
Item, from John Kirton, with Everard Fleet –	2s.
Item, from Richard Stutvile on 19 August –	2s.
Item, from Robert Eburton –	2s.

- f. 158v Issues of apprentices:⁵⁴⁵
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| Item, receyved of John Hurley – | ii s. |
| Item, of Robert Castel, <i>with</i> Robert Hallum – | ii s. |
| Item, of William Button, <i>with</i> Cantlowe – | ii s. |
| Item, of John Blakhal, <i>with</i> Geffrey Feldyng – | ii s. |
| Item, of William Ruddok, <i>with</i> Thomas Steelle – | ii s. |
| Item, of Philip Betttesham, <i>with</i> Alexaunder Orable – | ii s. |
| <i>Summa</i> – xxvi s. | |

Fynes:

Thise arn fynes, that ys to wite:

Furst, receyved of Henry Bunstede þe xxviii day of Marche – iii li.

Item, of Roger Middeldmore – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Petite þe iii^{de} day of May for he entred a pleynt upon William Olyver, mercer – xx s.

Summa – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Entres of apprentices:

Thise arn the receiptz of entrees of apprentices,⁵⁴⁶ that is to wete:

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|---|-------|
| Furst, receyved of Mathewe Fowcher for entryng of William Launsom, apprentice – | xx s. |
| Item, of Thomas Niche for entryng of William Richard, apprentice – | xx s. |
| Item, of Alexandir Orable for Thomas Wrongley, apprentice – | xx s. |
| Item, of Thomas Shirwyn for Robert Daynel & William Wytryng, apprentices – | xl s. |

f. 159r Entrees of apprentices:

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| Item, of William Belyngton, William Misterchamber & John Spyon, apprentices <i>with</i> Bonyfaunt – | iii li. |
| Item, of John Muklowe apprentice <i>with</i> Austyn Stratton – | xx s. |
| Item, of Thomas Byrom apprentice <i>with</i> Camvyle – | xx s. |
| Item, of Robert West apprentice <i>with</i> Chacombe – | xx s. |
| Item, of Thomas Shire apprentice <i>with</i> Shipton – | xx s. |
| Item, of William Bettz apprentice <i>with</i> John Warde – | xx s. |
| Item, of William Siggiswyk apprentice <i>with</i> Philip Howel – | xx s. |
| Item, of Alexaunder Prestaton <i>with</i> William Wydowson – | xx s. |
| Item, of Thomas Massyngberd apprentice <i>with</i> William Hynde – | xx s. |
| <i>Summa</i> – xvi li. | |

Item, receyved of the sheryf William Cantlowe – xl s.

Summa totalis of theire holle charge – ii^c lxi li. xviii s. v d.

545 MS: Issues of dapp'ntic'.

546 The fee has increased sharply from 2s. to 20s. No record survives of how this was decided, but a reference is made on f. 161r and again next year (f. 163v) to an ordinance. There is a later further increase to £3 6s. 8d. (also with no surviving record of the decision), and a yet later ordinance of 17 December 18 Edward IV (1478) which brings the admission fee down to 20s. yet again, with 2s. retained as the fee for sons of freemen if born in wedlock and if after the time that the father was a freeman. See *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 20r–21r.

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Item, received from John Hurley –	2s.
Item, from Robert Castelle, with Robert Hallom –	2s.
Item, from William Boton, with Cantelowe –	2s.
Item, from John Blackhall, with Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
Item, from William Ruddock, with Thomas Steele –	2s.
Item, from Philip Bettesham, with Alexander Orable –	2s.
Total –	26s.

Fines:

These are fines, i.e.

Firstly, received from Henry Bumpstead on 28 March – £3

Item, from Roger Middlemore – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Petit on 3 May, for having brought a complaint³⁶⁷ against William Olyver, mercer – 20s.

Total – £4 6s. 8d.

Admission of apprentices:

These are the receipts from the admission of apprentices, i.e.

Firstly, received from Matthew Foucher for the admission of William Launsom, apprentice –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Nyche for the admission of William Richard, apprentice –	20s.
Item, from Alexander Orable for Thomas Wrangle, apprentice –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Shirwynd for Robert Daynel and William Wightryng, apprentices –	40s.

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Item, from William Belyngton, William Misterchamber and John Spyon, apprentices with Bonefaunt –	£3
Item, from John Muklowe apprentice with Austin Stratton –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Byrom apprentice with Camvyle –	20s.
Item, from Robert West apprentice with Chacombe –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Shire apprentice with Shipton –	20s.
Item, from William Bettes apprentice with John Warde –	20s.
Item, from William Siggiswyk apprentice with Philip Howelle –	20s.
Item, from Alexander Prestaton, with William Widowson –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Massyngberd apprentice with William Heende –	20s.
Total –	£16

Item, received from the sheriff William Cantelowe – 40s.

Sum total of all their receipts – £261 18s. 5d.

³⁶⁷ Or 'plaint': a statement of grievance made in a court of law (whereas the complaint should have been brought before the wardens, see the 1347 ordinances, f. 1v).

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Here begynnyth theire discharge:

Preestes salaries:

First, paide to Richarde Combe, preest, for a yere –	vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, to him for his lyverey –	xiii s. iiiii .d
Item, to Thomas Broke, preest, for iii quarters –	v li.
Item, to him for his lyverey –	x s.
<i>Summa</i> – xii li. xvi s. viii d.	

Bedel salary:

Item, paid to John Seggeforde, bedelle, for a yere –	iii li. xviii s.
Item, to him for his lyverey –	xiii s. iiiii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiiii li. xi s. iiiii d.	

Amesses:

Item, paide to William Rombalde for a yere –	iii li. viii d.
Item, to John Cantlowe for a yere –	v li. iiiii s.
Item, to William Hardwyk for iii quarters –	xlvi s. vi d.
Item, to William Halle for di. yere –	xxviii s. vi d.
<i>Summa</i> – xi li. xviii s. viii d.	

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Quite rentz:

First, paid to Saint Elyns for quyte rent –	xviii s.
Item, to Westmynster –	xx s.
Item, to Saint Mary Overey –	xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, to þe Prioress of Halywel –	xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, to Saint Gyles –	vi s. viii d.
Item, to Cristchirche –	xix s.
<i>Summa</i> – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.	

Summa of the said discharge – xxxiiii li. xvii s.

Vacacions:

Thise arn the vacacions:

Robert Frankissh hous voyde þe termes of Midsomer and Michelmas –	xiiii s. iiiii d.
Item, the shoppe that Robert Cousyn hath Cristmas & Estir –	xiiii s. iiiii d.
Item, Chicheleys hous a quarter –	xiiii s.
Item, Sir William Devenysshe þe hal with þe gardyn Estir terme –	xx s.
Item, Tychemersshe chambre voyde Estir terme –	ii s. vi d.
Item, the celere by a yere –	vi s.
Item, þe chambre above þe celer fro Mighelmas til Candilmas, þat is to say a quarter and a half –	xxii d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> of vacacions – lii s. viii d.	

Here begin their disbursements

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Priests' salaries:

Firstly, paid to Richard Combe, priest, for a year –	£6 13s. 4d.
Item, to him for his livery –	13s. 4d.
Item, to Thomas Brook, priest, for three quarters –	£5
Item, to him for his livery –	10s.
Total –	£12 16s. 8d.

Beadle's salary:

Item, paid to John Sedgeford, beadle, for a year –	£3 18s.
Item, to him for his livery –	13s. 4d.
Total –	£4 11s. 4d.

Alms:

Item, paid to William Rumbold for a year –	£3 8d.
Item, to John Cantelowe for a year –	£5 4s.
Item, to William Hardwick for three quarters –	45s. 6d.
Item, to William Halle for half a year –	28s. 6d.
Total –	£11 18s. 8d.

Quit-rents:

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Firstly, paid to St Helen's for quit-rent –	18s.
Item, to Westminster –	20s.
Item, to St Mary Overy –	13s. 4d.
Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell –	13s. 4d.
Item, to St Giles –	6s. 8d.
Item, to Christchurch –	19s.
Total –	£4 10s. 4d.

Total of the said disbursements – £33 17s.

Vacancies:

These are the vacancies:

Robert Frankyshe's house vacant during the Midsummer and Michaelmas terms –	13s. 4d.
Item, the shop that Robert Cosyn has, during Christmas and Easter [terms] –	13s. 4d.
Item, Chicheley's house for a quarter –	14s.
Item, Sir William Devenyshe's hall ³⁶⁸ with the garden, during Easter term –	20s.
Item, Titchmarsh's chamber, vacant during Easter term –	2s. 6d.
Item, the cellar for a year –	6s.
Item, the chamber above the cellar, from Michaelmas until Candlemas, i.e. for 1½ quarters –	22d.
Sum total of vacancies –	52s. 8d.

³⁶⁸ William Devenyshe ran a school. See Appendix 1, p. 1023.

Dymynucions:

John Brodes hous by yere – xii d.
 Herry Chicheley by half a yere – xvi d.
Summa – ii s. iiiii d.

f. 160v Item, paide to John Kyng for money paide to
 the wehere for the Cite⁵⁴⁷ – iii s. iiiii d. } iii s. vii d.
 Item, to Thomas Northcroft for a key – iii d.
 Summa – iii s. vii d.

Reparacions:

Thise arn the reparacions:

First, to Isabel Flete for a newe keye – vi d.
 Item, to Nicholas Hatton for a newe keye – vi d.
 Item, to Gerarde for a newe key and amending of a lok – xii d.
 – ii s.

Item, for .ii. labourers makynge a synke at þe Pye – xviii d.
 Item, for to make þe water currant out of the kechin into þe strete, and for a
 þousand bryke *with* þe caryage – vi s. vi d.
 Item, for .ii. lode lyme and .ii. lode sande – iii s. ii d.
 Item, a mason .ii. dayes & a labourer⁵⁴⁸ .ii. dayes – ii s. ii d.
 Item, for iiiii lokkes – ii s. viii d.
 Item, to þe mason þat made þe welle, at .ii. tymes paide – x s.
 Summa – xxviii s.

Allowance:

Item, allowed to the Lumbard þat dwelled in þe same place befor Chicheley for
 reparacions þat he made by covenant of Thornhille – xii d.

Arrerage:

Memorandum, Mathewe Hayne owith for rent – x s.

Summa totalis of the said accompt of vacacions, reparacions, & dymunycions, as
 hit apperith before writen – iiiii li. xvii s. vii d.

f. 161r Foreyn expenses:

Thise arn forrein expenses:

First, paide for a barge to þe kynges dirige – viii s.
 Item, for a barge goyng *with* the shirif to Westmynster – viii s.
 Item, for vi verges of crymesyn for trumpettes hoodes – xiiii s.
 Item, paid to viii trumpettes – liii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for þeire drynkyng – ii s.
 Item, for poyntz to theire trumpettes – ii d.

547 The words 'wehere for the Cite' are written in very faint ink and small letters, but apparently by the scribe himself. It may be that this was a temporary entry awaiting the actual name of the official, who was Simon Street, a grocer. See Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, pp. 424, 456, 498–9.

548 MS: labourer.

Rent-reductions:

John Brodde's house per year – 12d.
 Harry Chicheley's per half-year – 16d.
 Total – 2s. 4d.

Item, paid to John Kyng for money paid to the City weigher – 3s. 4d.	} 3s. 7d.	f. 160v
Item, to Thomas Northcroft for a key – 3d.		
Total – 3s. 7d.		

Repairs:

These are the repairs:

Firstly, to Isabel Fleet for a new key – 6d.
 Item to Nicholas Hatton for a new key – 6d.
 Item, to Gerarde for a new key and the repair of a lock – 12d.
 – 2s.

Item, for 2 workmen making a sink at the Pye – 18d.
 Item, for making the water run out of the kitchen into the street, and for 1000
 bricks, with carriage – 6s. 6d.
 Item, for 2 loads of lime and 2 loads of sand – 3s. 2d.
 Item, a mason for 2 days and a labourer for 2 days – 2s. 2d.
 Item, for 4 locks – 2s. 8d.
 Item, to the mason who made the well, paid on 2 occasions – 10s.
 Total – 28s.

Allowance:

Item, allowed to the Lombard who lived in the same place as did Chicheley
 previously,³⁶⁹ for repairs that he made by agreement with Thornhill – 12d.

Arrears:

Memorandum, Matthew Hayne owes for rent – 10s.

Sum total of the said account for vacancies, repairs, and decreases, as appears
 above – £4 17s. 7d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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These are extrinsic expenditures:

Firstly, paid for a barge to go to the King's obit – 8s.
 Item, for a barge when going with the sheriff to Westminster – 8s.
 Item, for 6 yards of crimson for the trumpeters' hoods – 14s.
 Item, paid to 8 trumpeters – 53s. 4d.
 Item, for their drinks – 2s.
 Item, for points³⁷⁰ for their trumpets – 2d.

³⁶⁹ Literally 'the same place before Chicheley', which might mean the Lombard rented it before Chicheley.

³⁷⁰ Was this in the sense of 'tagged laces' or in that of musical notation? For the latter, see both the *MED* and the *OED*, but with the payment just below to 'the pointer' it is more probable that some attachment

- Item, for makyng of theire hoodes – ii s. x d.
 Item, to Maistir Trumpet to labour for his felawship – viii d.
- Item, for iiii staves for the baners of the mercery – viii d.
 Item, for ii baners & i. getun to þe poynter – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, to Robert Baron for bokeram to þe sokettes – xxi d.
 Item, for a yerd 3 dowble tarteron – v s.
 Item, to Thomas Gosse for iiii yerdes 3 3 quarter rede tartron – xviii s. vi d.
 Item, for ix unces frenge – x s.
 Item, to William Lacon for counsail, beyng *with* us dyvers tymes at Poules, Saint Thomas, and oþer places – xvi s. viii d.
 Item, to Richard Burgh for beryng of a *lettre* overe the see – vi s. viii d.
 Item, for asayeng of wyn for Whityngdons dirige, and to Fildynges botiller – viii d.
 Item, for hornys that were sent to Mergrave of Andwerp – viii s. iiii d.
 Item, for the *serche* of Lambe Johnson men – vi s. viii d.
 Item, paid to Symond, the lodysman, for a rest þat was owyng by Muschamp, entred by Thomas Steelle – xiii s. iiii d.
 Item, to the bedelle for wasshing of the auter clothes – ix d.
 Item, for rynges for the auter – vi d.
 Item, for candelles, pynnys, & bromys – iiii d.
 Item, for amending of a lok – ii d.
 Item, spent upon Thomas Acton whan the ship was huyred by Verney, Stokton, Grond, and John Lok – vii d.
 Item, for a bote to Westmynster ii tymes to huyre þe barges – iiii d.
 Item, spent upon Robert Langford for oure sutee – iii d. ob.
 Item, to Seggeford and Bastwyk for costes to fecche bowes, arowes, hukes at the shippes – xviii d.
 Item, spent in smale costes by Thomas Steelle – xv d.
 Item, spent at þe college for entryng of Nicholas – iiii d.
 Item, for viii botes rowyng to Lambhithe & to Westmynster for sute to þe Lordes for þe shippis, dyvers dayes *with* men of þe mercery – iii s. viii d.
 Item, for pennys, inke & paupir – v d.
 Item, spent upon the shipmen – ii d.
 Item, for costes rydyng to Wyndesore at dyvers tymes for þe delyverance of þe shippis – iii li. xvi s. v d.
 Item, to Thomas Downton ridyng to Hampton – xx s.
 Item, to Thomas Rykes man ii tymes rydyng to Hampton – xviii s. viii d.

Item, for the making of their hoods – 2s. 10d.

Item, to the chief trumpeter, for work with his company – 8d.

Item, for 4 staves for the mystery's banners – 8d.

Item, for 2 banners and 1 geton (small flag) to the 'pointer'³⁷¹ – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, to Robert Baron for buckram for the 'sokettes'³⁷² – 21d.

Item, for a 1½ yards of double tartarin³⁷³ – 5s.

Item, to Thomas Gosse for 4 and 5/8ths yards of red tartarin – 18s. 6d.

Item, for 9 oz. fringe – 10s.

Item, to William Lacon for counsel, being with us at various times at St Paul's, St Thomas's, and other places – 16s. 8d.

Item, to Richard Burgh for carrying a letter overseas – 6s. 8d.

Item, for the tasting of the wine for Whittington's obit, and to Fielding's butler – 8d.

Item, for horns that were sent to the Margrave of Antwerp – 8s. 4d.

Item, for the inspection of Lambe Johnson's men – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Simon, the steersman, for a balance owed by Muschamp, and entered by Thomas Steele – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle for the washing of the altar cloths – 9d.

Item, for rings for the altar – 6d.

Item, for candles, pins, and brooms – 4d.

Item, for the mending of a lock – 2d.

Item, spent upon Thomas Acton when the ship was hired by Verney, Stockton, Grond, and John Locke – 7d.

Item, for a boat to Westminster on two occasions, in order to hire the barges – 4d.

Item, spent upon Robert Langford³⁷⁴ for our lawsuit – 3½d.

Item, to Sedgford and Bastwyk for the costs of conveying bows, arrows, and hooks to the ships – 18d.

Item, spent on petty expenses by Thomas Steele – 15d.

Item, spent at the College³⁷⁵ for the admission of Nicholas – 4d.

Item, for 8 boats to row to Lambhithe and to Westminster for our suit to the Lords over the ships, on various days, with men of the mercers' mystery – 3s. 8d.

Item, for pens, ink, and paper – 5d.

Item, spent upon the shipmen – 2d.

Item, for the costs of riding to Windsor on various occasions for the release of the ships – £3 16s. 5d.

Item, to Thomas Downton for riding to Hampton – 20s.

Item, to Thomas Rykes's man for riding to Hampton twice – 18s. 8d.

to the trumpets is meant. Jeremy Montagu has also suggested to me the possibility that since medieval trumpets came in sections and might be folded, cords binding one part to another would have been needed. But here the Mercers were more probably paying for laces to bind banners to the instruments.

371 A 'pointer' can mean a maker of points or laces for fastening clothes, for attaching banners to trumpets as most probably here, or for innumerable other uses.

372 The *MED* lists this as 'a kind of binding used to fasten a flag to a staff'.

373 'Double' here indicates that the cloth was sold folded lengthwise in two.

374 A lawyer whose services were regularly employed (see Name Index) and see also e.g. the indexes to *CPMR* 1413–37, 1437–57 and 1458–82.

375 i.e. Whittington College.

Item, for iiij *lettres* makynge under þe maires sealle – xvii s. x d.
 Item, to Thomas Downton for his goynge over þe see – xl s.
 Item, to John Stevenys for goynge over þe see *with lettres* – xxvi s. viii d.
 Item, to þe skryvener for entree of the ordenance of prentis – iiij d.

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Forrein expenses:

Item, to the brethern *preestes* & *clerkes* of Saint Thomas for dirige & masse of requiem for the brethern of the said mistery – x s.
 Item, to Robert Bale, *scrivener*, for writing of this accompte – vi s. viii d.
 Item, for costes of the *parliament* – x li. xix s. ii d.
 Item, for costes doon to Wyndesore þat was unreconyd – xx d.
 Item, paid for peres & wyne at makynge of their accomptes – xviii d.

Summa totalis of foreyn expenses – xxxv li. xiii s. ob.

Summa totalis of their discharge – lxxiiii li. vii s. vii d. ob.

And so þere remaineth clere þe som of – Ciiii^{xx} vii li. x s. ix d. ob.

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Be hit remembred þat atte forsaid fest of Sainte John Baptist þe forsaide Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kyrkeby, and John Lok, atte þeire sopier holden in the hous of the said Henry Frowyk, named and chase þeire successours to be wardeyns for þe yere next to come, that is to say þe saide Henry Frowyk chase William Cantlowe, Thomas Steel chase John Harowe, John Kirkeby chase Thomas Muschamp, and John Lok chase Robert Hallum.

To þe which wardeins so chosen þe saide Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kirkeby, and John Lok have delyvered þe forsaid rest of – Ciiii^{xx} vii li. x s. ix d. ob.

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This is the acounte made by William Cantlow, John Haroo, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Halom, wardeynes of the felaschippe of the mercery fro the fest of Saint John Baptist in the yere of oure lord God Mⁱ CCCC^o xlix unto the said fest nexte folowyng than beyng the yere of oure lord God Mⁱ CCCC^o L, and in the yere of Kyng Henry the sixt after the conquest xxviiiⁱ.

First we charge us the same day wyth the rest of a counte of Henry Frowyk, Thomas Style, John Kyrby, and John Locke in redy mony – C lxxvii li. x s.

Item, we charge us *with* an obligacion of Emond Chefeld – x li.⁵⁵⁰

549 A new hand starts here, a more rounded one than the previous hand. His style of ornamenting initials is different and very much more restrained. He writes only this year's account and the list of brokerage rates and the extra list on f. 168v.

550 This line has been written by another hand in different ink.

Item, for 4 letters under the Mayor's seal – 17s. 10d.

Item, to Thomas Dounton for going overseas – 40s.

Item, to John Stevenys for going overseas with letters – 26s. 8d.

Item, to the scrivener for entering in the ordinance concerning apprentices³⁷⁶ – 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Item, to the brethren priests and clerks of St Thomas's for the obit and requiem mass for the said mistery's fraternity – 10s.

Item, to Robert Bale, scrivener, for the writing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Item, for the costs of the Parliament – £10 19s. 2d.

Item, for costs on going down to Windsor that had not been reckoned – 20d.

Item, paid for pears and wine at the rendering of their accounts – 18d.

Sum total of extrinsic expenditure – £35 13s. ½d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £74 7s. 7½d.

And thus there remains net the sum of – £187 10s. 9½d.

Memorandum that at the aforesaid feast of St John the Baptist, the aforesaid Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kirkeby, and John Locke, at their supper held in the said Henry Frowyk's house, named and chose their successors as wardens for the following year, i.e. the said Henry Frowyk chose William Cantelowe, Thomas Steele chose John Harrow, John Kirkeby chose Thomas Muschamp, and John Locke chose Robert Hallom.

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To the which wardens so chosen the said Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kirkeby, and John Locke have handed over the aforesaid balance of – £187 10s. 9½d.

This is the account rendered by William Cantelowe, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallom, wardens of the mercers' fellowship, from the feast of St John the Baptist in the year of our Lord 1449 until the next following said feastday, in the year of our Lord 1450, and in the year 28 Henry VI.

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Firstly, we declare that same day the balance from the account of Henry Frowyk, Thomas Steele, John Kirkeby, and John Locke, in ready money – £177 10s.

Item, we declare a bond obligatory of Edmund Sheffield – £10

³⁷⁶ The scrivener is presumably Robert Bale, and the ordinance, not surviving in the records, to make the admission fee for apprentices 20s. instead of 2s. as up until now. See above, p. 652, note 546.

Receytys:

Also, of John Stokton for the rest of a coundyght – xvi s viii d.

John Penne, William Gronde, and Richard Claver of a rest of a condyght – liiii s.

Nicholas Hagur for the rest of a condyght of Cold Marte – viii s. ix d.

John Yong, grosser, of the rest of a condyght – xiii s. iiiii d.

John Burton of the rest of a condyght – v s. vi d.

Raulyn Varney, John Locke, Richard Claver for the rest of a condyght of the last Cold Marte – xlv s.

– vii li. iii s. iii d.⁵⁵¹

William Denton of a rest of mony that was payed for saudeors whiche ware sent to Caleyce – vi s. viii d.

Thomas Tekyll for the same cause – x s.

William Holt for the same cause – xxxiii s.

Watkyn Aleyn for the same – vi s. viii d.

Elyce Davy for the same⁵⁵² –

Summa – ix li. xix s. xi d.

Auter clothis:⁵⁵³

Also, resseyvid of John Sturgen, Raulyn Varney, John Locke, & John Penne the rest of a condyght, for the auter clothes in the chapelle of the mercery at Saint Thomas of Acrys – xl s.

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Geffrey Boleyn of a rest of a condyght, of old dette – xx s.

Sir Richard Combe, shapeleyn of the mercery – xx s.

William Grond – x s.

Thomas Batayle – vi s. viii d.

Thomas Bylletter – iii s. iiiii d.

Richard Gardener – xx d.

Nicholas Hatton of the goodes of John Candyssh, mercer – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Robert Langford – iii s. iiiii d.

Thomas Rykys of the mony of his apprentice John Rowlond for his trespass to his mayster Thomas Rykys – xx s.

William Grond – vi s. viii d.

John Locke – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Raulyn Verney, John Locke and Richard Claver of the mony of a condyght – xx s.

Robart Halom by his man Robert Castell – xx s.

The said Robert Castell of a counte beyonde the see – xix s.

Thomas Onhand and Watkyn Dorwarde – iiiii li.

John Harro & William Clou pro Johanne Clerk, mercer⁵⁵⁴ – xl s.

John Adam – iii s. iiiii d.

551 This sub-total is written in lighter ink with a finer nib to the RH side of the figure of 45s.

552 No figure is given for this man. From the total below, it seems he did not hand over more than 4d.

553 This first item, and then the long list over the page on f. 162v are all of monies contributed towards the costs of the altar cloths for the chapel.

554 The phrase '& William Clou' has been added after an omission mark above the line, and the surname is very uncertain; the phrase 'pro Johanne Clerk, mercer' has also been added later but along the main line of the entry; both additions are in the same hand, not that of the main scribe.

Receipts:

Also, from John Stockton for the balance from a conduct-levy – 16s. 8d.

John Penne, William Grond, and Richard Claver for the balance from a conduct-levy – 54s.

Nicholas Agor for the balance from a conduct-levy for the Cold Mart – 8s. 9d.

John Young, grocer, for the balance from a conduct-levy – 13s. 4d.

John Burton, for the balance from a conduct-levy – 5s. 6d.

Ralph Verney, John Locke, Richard Claver for the balance from a conduct-levy for the last Cold Mart – 45s.

– £7 3s. 3d.

William Denton for a balance from money paid for soldiers sent to Calais – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Tickhill for the same reason – 10s.

William Holt for the same reason – 33s.

Walter Aleyn for the same – 6s. 8d.

Ellis Davy for the same –

Total – £9 19s. 11d.

Altar cloths:

Also, received from John Sturgeon, Ralph Verney, John Locke, and John Penne, the balance from a conduct-levy, for the altar-cloths in the mercers' chapel at St Thomas of Acon – 40s.

Geoffrey Boleyn from the balance from a conduct-levy, due of old – 20s.

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Sir Richard Combe, chaplain of the mercers' mystery – 20s.

William Grond – 10s.

Thomas Bataille – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Beleter – 3s. 4d.

Richard Gardener – 20d.

Nicholas Hatton from the goods of John Cavendish, mercer – £3 6s. 8d.

Robert Langford – 3s. 4d.

Thomas Rykes from the money from his apprentice John Rowland, for his offence against his master, Thomas Rykes – 20s.

William Grond – 6s. 8d.

John Locke – 23s. 4d.

Ralph Verney, John Locke, and Richard Claver from the money from a conduct-levy – 20s.

Robert Hallom, through his serving-man Robert Castelle – 20s.

The said Robert Castelle, from an overseas account – 19s.

Thomas Onehand and Walter Durward – £4

John Harrow and William Clou, for John Clerk, mercer – 40s.

John Adam – 3s. 4d.

Thomas Fyler – iii s. iiiii d.
 Philip Howell – iii s. iiiii d.
 John Rankyn⁵⁵⁵ –
 William Denton –
 Raulyn Verney –
 John Lambard –
 John Stocketon –
 John Burton –
 John Kyraby – v s. vi d.
 Richard Nedam⁵⁵⁶ –
 John Sturgen –
 John Ro –
 John Penne gaff therto a long pece of blewe bokeram

Summa totalis – xx li. xvi s. ii d. ob.⁵⁵⁷

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Bequestis:
 William Thornhill – xx s.
 John Serff by the handes of William Pekeryng – liii s. iiiii d.
Summa – iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Fynes:
 Thomas Dancaſter which was apprentyce *with* William Harte for ſellyng of his
 ware aʒenſt the ordynance of the crafte – xx s.
 John Chirche for his man was not entred at Saint Thomas of Acrys accordyng to
 oure ordynance – xx s.
 Also, for a fyne of the ſaid John, a ʒard of blew velewet *with* gold which was mad
 a pelow for the auter in the chapell of the mercere –
 William Axey for the hyryng of Rychard Folyot, mercer, out of his dwellyng
 howſe in Baſſyngys Hawe – xl s.
Summa – iiiii li.

Entres into þe levery the firſt yere:
 Sir Roger Marſſh, parſon of Mary Magdalens in Milke Strete – vi s. viii d.
 Thomas Cantlowe – vi s. viii d.
 John Warde – vi s. viii d.
 Robert Scrayingham – vi s. viii d.
 Robert Gregory – vi s. viii d.
 Robert Barley – vi s. viii d.

⁵⁵⁵ No figures are given for this or the next five men, and at the LH side they have been bracketed together and to the left of this is written 'Vacat'. It would appear that they may have promised money but then never paid(?).

⁵⁵⁶ No figure is entered for this or the next two men, and again at the LH side they have been bracketed together and to the left of this is written 'Vacat'.

⁵⁵⁷ This sum total has been written very scrappily in pale ink.

Thomas Fyler – 3s. 4d.
 Philip Howell – 3s. 4d.
 John Rankyn –
 William Denton –
 Ralph Verney –
 John Lambard –
 John Stockton –
 John Burton –
 John Kirkeby – 5s. 6d.
 Richard Nedam –
 John Sturgeon –
 John Roo –
 John Penne gave a long piece of blue buckram

Sum total – £20 16s. 2½d.

Bequests:

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William Thornhill – 20s.
 John Serff, through the hands of William Pickering – 53s. 4d.
 Total – £3 13s. 4d.

Fines:

Thomas Dancaſter who was William Harte's apprentice for ſelling his goods in contravention of the miſtery's ordinance³⁷⁷ – 20s.
 John Chirche becauſe his ſerving-man had not been admitted at St Thomas of Acon, in accordance with our ordinance³⁷⁸ – 20s.
 Also, for a fine from the ſaid John, a yard of blue velvet with gold [thread?], out of which was made a cuſhion for the altar in the mercers' chapel –
 William Haxay for evicting Richard Foliot, mercer, out of his dwelling-houſe in Baſſiſhaw – 40s.
 Total – £4

Admiſſions to the livery, firſt year:

Sir Roger Maſh, parſon of St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street³⁷⁹ – 6s. 8d.
 Thomas Cantelow – 6s. 8d.
 John Warde – 6s. 8d.
 Robert Scrayingham – 6s. 8d.
 Robert Gregory – 6s. 8d.
 Robert Barley – 6s. 8d.

³⁷⁷ See above, p. 428 note 360.

³⁷⁸ An earlier ordinance forbade the taking on of ſerving-men who had not been apprentices in the miſtery (ſee f. 2v above). Later ordinances (of the time of Edward IV) ſpecifically ſtate that an apprentice on becoming a freeman muſt be preſented to the wardens to take the oath (*Book of Ordinances*, ff. 20r–21r) and that, for thoſe who have not previously been apprentices in the miſtery, 'no ſtraunge perſone ne ſtraunger' can be taken on as a ſervant to be employed in the mercery trade until he has firſt been preſented to the wardens and aſſiſtants and been accepted by them (ff. 24v–25r).

³⁷⁹ He was rector of this church from 1441 to 1459 when he died. He was alſo a canon of St Stephen's Weſtmiſter. See Henneſſy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 268 and p. cxx; Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, pp. 539–40.

William Hatter – vi s. viii d.
 John Colett – vi s. viii d.
Summa – liii s. iiiii d.

Entres of apprentices:

	First, Robert Cobold apprentyce with Thomas Fyler –	xx s.
	Thomas Jod with Thomas Pery –	xx s.
	Stephan Freman with Robert Barley –	xx s.
	William Whyght with Richard Nedam –	xx s.
	Thomas Porter } apprentices with John Stokton –	xl s.
f. 163v	John Pope } with Henry Dogmanton –	xl s.
	Thomas Lee } with Henry Dogmanton –	xl s.
	Thomas Dogmanton }	
	John Hamner with John Penne –	xx s.
	John Wendy with Robert Scrayingham –	xx s.
	William Basset with John Tate for he knewe not our ordynaunce –	ii s.
	Harry Colwell with Seychemarssh for the same cause –	ii s.
	William Eston with John Smyth –	xx s.
	John Wryth with John Chirch –	xx s.
	Robert Nicolas with John Locke –	xx s.
	Thomas Subbury with William Redknap –	xx s.
	John Porchet with John Marteyn –	xx s.
	Robert Blakmeur with John Lynys –	xx s.
	Robert Lynd } apprentis with Hewe Wych –	iii li.
	Thomas Chilley }	
	Thomas Payne }	
	John Holme } apprentyce with Richard Rych –	iii li.
	Clement Otworth }	
	Thomas Waren }	
	John Thomas } with John Mydilton –	
	Roger Couper }	
	John Walkot with Thomas Chalkton –	
	John Odyarne } wyth William Denton –	
	John Thornhill }	
	John Elys with Geffrey Boleyn ⁵⁵⁸ –	
	<i>Summa</i> – xxii li. iiiii s.	

Issues of apprentices:

First, William Bancroft apprentyce with William Stevenys –	ii s.
Water Patsill with Geffrey Boleyn –	ii s.
Edmond Pettys with Rychard Wychingham –	ii s.
Thomas Godyng with Thomas Onhand –	ii s.
Philip Hamersam with John Stokton –	ii s.

⁵⁵⁸ No sums are given for the last six names in the list, and at the left hand side they have been bracketed to a note: 'Vacat quia postea'. See below, f. 168v.

William Hatter –	6s. 8d.
John Colet –	6s. 8d.
Total –	53s. 4d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, Robert Cobholt apprentice with Thomas Fyler –	20s.	
Thomas Judde with Thomas Pery –	20s.	
Stephen Freman with Robert Barley –	20s.	
William White with Richard Nedam –	20s.	
Thomas Porter } apprentices with John Stockton –	40s.	
John Pope }		
Thomas Lee } with Henry Duckmanton –	40s.	f. 163v
Thomas Duckmanton }		
John Hammer with John Penne –	20s.	
John Wendy with Robert Scrayingham –	20s.	
William Basset with John Tate, because he did not know of our ordinance ³⁸⁰ –	2s.	
Henry Colwell with Titchmarsh, for the same reason –	2s.	
William Easton with John Smyth –	20s.	
John Wryght with John Chirch –	20s.	
Robert Nicolas with John Locke –	20s.	
Thomas Sutbery with William Redeknape –	20s.	
John Porchet with John Martyn –	20s.	
Robert Blakmeur with John Lynes –	20s.	
Robert Lynd } apprentices with Hugh Wyche –	£3	
Thomas Shelley }		
Thomas Payne }		
John Holme } apprentices with Richard Riche –	£3	
Clement Otworth }		
Thomas Waryn }		
John Thomas } with John Middleton –		
Roger Couper }		
John Walcote with Thomas Chalton –		
John Odiane } with William Denton –		
John Thornhill }		
John Elys with Geoffrey Boleyn ³⁸¹ –		
Total –	£22 4s.	

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, William Bancroft apprentice with William Stephens –	2s.
Walter Patsill with Geoffrey Boleyn –	2s.
Edmund Bettes with Richard Witchingham –	2s.
Thomas Godyng with Thomas Onehand –	2s.
Philip Amersham with John Stockton –	2s.

³⁸⁰ This has not survived, see note above, p. 652.

³⁸¹ The note to these bracketed names indicates that these entries are annulled and that they appear below (as debtors).

	Thomas Muschamp with John Seymory –	ii s.
	Robert Crayngham <i>with</i> Austen Stratton –	ii s.
	Thomas Style ⁵⁵⁹ with Robert Large –	ii s.
	John Colet with William Kyrkton –	ii s.
	John Stormyn with Thomas Muschamp –	ii s.
	John Aleyn <i>with</i> Mathew Foucher –	ii s.
f. 164r	Robert Gregory with William Irwilliam –	ii s.
	Richard Gardener with William Stevenys –	ii s.
	Nicholas Golenge with Robert Arnwey –	ii s.
	John Assh with William Stevenys –	ii s.
	Thomas Rayson with John Kyrkby –	ii s.
	William Grond <i>with</i> John Notbron –	ii s.
	Roger Bonyfaunt <i>with</i> Geffrey Boleyn –	ii s.
	John Norlong <i>with</i> John Bottomsell –	ii s.
	William Sauster <i>with</i> John Saymor –	ii s.
	William Borton <i>with</i> William Thornhyll –	ii s.
	Richard Lesyngham <i>with</i> William Flete –	ii s.
	Richard Hulle <i>with</i> Richard Rych –	ii s.
	Raff Kemp with John Burton –	ii s.
	Roger Hyde with John Olney –	ii s.
	John Coldwell with Thomas Onhand –	ii s.
	John Fuller <i>with</i> John Locke –	ii s.
	Robert Overton <i>with</i> Thomas Schalkton –	ii s.
	John Screvyn <i>with</i> Geffrey Fildyng –	ii s.
	Symond Daudley <i>with</i> John Burton –	ii s.
	Thomas Dankaster <i>with</i> William Harte –	ii s.
	William Freng <i>with</i> Nicholas Drayton –	ii s.
	Henry Massingham <i>with</i> Everad Flete –	ii s.
	Thomas Cantlow <i>with</i> William Cantlow –	ii s.
	Gerad Rede <i>with</i> John Peking –	ii s.
	John Borowth <i>with</i> Thomas Style –	ii s.
	William Pratte <i>with</i> John Abbot –	ii s.
	Henry Lytilton <i>with</i> John Lytilton –	ii s.
	John Pekeryng <i>with</i> Raulyn Verney –	ii s.
	John Bron <i>with</i> Raulyn Varney –	ii s.
	John Mylys <i>with</i> William Mylys –	ii s.
	Thomas Philip <i>with</i> John Abbot –	ii s.
	John Wryght <i>with</i> John Chirch –	ii s.
	Water Ray <i>with</i> Hew Wych –	ii s.
	<i>Summa</i> – iiii li. viii s.	

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	John Aleyn –	xii d.
	Thomas Onhand –	ii s.
	John Pene –	xviii d.

⁵⁵⁹ This is a late payment, see Name Index.

Thomas Muschamp with John Somery –	2s.	
Robert Scrayingham with Austin Stratton –	2s.	
Thomas Steele with Robert Large –	2s.	
John Colet with William Kirton –	2s.	
John Sturmyn with Thomas Muschamp –	2s.	
John Aleyn with Matthew Foucher –	2s.	
Robert Gregory with William Irwilliam –	2s.	f. 164r
Richard Gardener with William Stephens –	2s.	
Nicholas Golenge with Robert Arneway –	2s.	
John Asshe with William Stephens –	2s.	
Thomas Rayson with John Kirkeby –	2s.	
William Grond with John Nutbroun –	2s.	
Roger Bonefaunt with Geoffrey Boleyn –	2s.	
John Norlong with John Bothumselle –	2s.	
William Sewester with John Seymour –	2s.	
William Burton with William Thornhille –	2s.	
Richard Lesyngham with William Fleet –	2s.	
Richard Hille with Richard Riche –	2s.	
Ralph Kemp with John Burton –	2s.	
Roger Hyde with John Olney –	2s.	
John Goldewelle with Thomas Onehand –	2s.	
John Fuller with John Locke –	2s.	
Robert Overton with Thomas Chalton –	2s.	
John Screveyne with Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.	
Simon Daudley with John Burton –	2s.	
Thomas Dancaster with William Harte –	2s.	
William Freng with Nicholas Drayton –	2s.	
Henry Massingham with Everard Fleet –	2s.	
Thomas Cantelowe with William Cantelowe –	2s.	
Gerard Reed with John Pickering –	2s.	
John Borowth with Thomas Steele –	2s.	
William Pratte with John Abbot –	2s.	
Henry Littleton with John Littleton –	2s.	
John Pickering with Ralph Verney –	2s.	
John Brown with Ralph Verney –	2s.	
John Miles with William Miles –	2s.	
Thomas Philip with John Abbot –	2s.	
John Wryght with John Chirch –	2s.	
Walter Roy with Hugh Wyche –	2s.	
Total – £4 8s.		

Fines:

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John Aleyn –	12d.
Thomas Onehand –	2s.
John Penne –	18d.

William Grond –	xviii d.
William Hatter ⁵⁶⁰	
Philip Spyre –	vi d.
Roger Middylmor –	vi s. viii d.
Henry Massingham –	vi d.
Roger Rosse –	vi d.
Thomas Bryse –	vi d.
Philip Nowell –	iiii d.
William Redknap –	ii s.
John Sturgeon –	iiii d.
Thomas Gosse –	xii d.
Thomas Nych –	iii s.
Richard Claver –	viii d.
Thomas Boston –	xii d.
Thomas Cryspe –	xviii d.
John Rankyn –	vi d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> – xxv s.	

Summa totalis of oure hole charge – CC lvi li. ix s. ix d. ob.

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Here begynnyth the dyscharge of this acounte:

First, we discharge us of the selary of John Secheforth, bedell of the crafte of the mercery – iii li. xviii s.

Also, to John Fray a yard and an half scarlet at xii s. – xviii s.

Master Thomas Ebrall, the mayster of Rychard Whittingtonys Colege, a 3ard & an half blewe – vii s. vi d.

The mayster of Saint Thomas of Acrys, a 3ard & an half of blewe – viii s. vi d.⁵⁶¹

William Chadworth, iiii 3ardys *quarter* and an half of blewe at v s., *summa* – xxi s. vii d. ob.

Also, half a 3ard & half a *quarter* scarlet – vi s. iii d.

Robert Langforth, iiii 3ardys & an half and half a *quarter* blew and half a 3ard & half a *quarter* scarlet – xxvii s. vi d.

Syr Richard Combe, chapeleyn of the mercery, iiii 3ardys of blewe – xx s.

Syr John Benet, chapeleyn of the said craft, iiii 3ardys blew – xx s.

John Secheforth, iii 3ardys and iii *quarter* & an half of blew & half a 3ard & half a *quarter* scarlet – xxv s. vii d.

Syr Thomas Brok, chapeleyn, for his lyvery for the 3er before – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xi li. xix s. vii d. ob.

⁵⁶⁰ No figure is given and a note to the LH side of his name says 'vacat'.

⁵⁶¹ A shilling more than the previous entry is the correct reading but the two men were probably given the same.

William Grond –	18d.
William Hatter ³⁸² –	
Philip Spire –	6d.
Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
Henry Massingham –	6d.
Roger Roos –	6d.
Thomas Brice –	6d.
Philip Nowell –	4d.
William Redeknape –	2s.
John Sturgeon –	4d.
Thomas Gosse –	12d.
Thomas Nyche –	3s.
Richard Claver –	8d.
Thomas Boston –	12d.
Thomas Crispe –	18d.
John Rankyn –	6d.
Sum total –	25s.

Sum total of all our receipts – £256 9s. 9½d.

Here begin the disbursements of this account:

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Firstly, we declare the salary of John Sedgeford, beadle of the mercers' mystery – £3 18s.

Also, to John Fray, 1½ yards of scarlet cloth, at 12s. [per yard] – 18s.

Master Thomas Ebralle, the master of Richard Whittington's College, 1½ yards of blue cloth – 7s. 6d.

The Master of St Thomas of Acon, 1½ yards of blue cloth – 8s. 6d.

William Chadworth,³⁸³ 4 and three eighths yards of blue cloth at 5s. [per yard]. total – 21s. 7½d.

Also, five eighths of a yard of scarlet cloth – 6s. 3d.

Robert Langford,³⁸⁴ 4 and five eighths yards of blue cloth and five eighths of a yard of scarlet cloth – 27s. 6d.

Sir Richard Combe, chaplain of the mercers' mystery, 4 yards of blue cloth – 20s.

Sir John Benet, chaplain of the said mystery, 4 yards of blue cloth – 20s.

John Sedgeford, 3 and seven-eighths yards of blue cloth and five eighths of a yard of scarlet cloth – 25s. 7d.

Sir Thomas Brook, chaplain, for his livery for the previous year – 6s. 8d.

Total – £11 19s. 7½d.

³⁸² The entry has been annulled.

³⁸³ William Chadworth or Chedworth was one of the executors of John Carpenter's will. He was also chamberlain's clerk and then, very briefly, controller of the Beam. See Brewer, *Memoir*, p. 144 and Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, p. 456. See Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 183–4, 363, and also the various references to him (via the index) in e.g. *CPR* 1452–61 and in *CPMR* 1437–57.

³⁸⁴ He succeeded Wm Chedworth as chamber clerk this year. See Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 183–4, 363.

Payed to John Myddylton by a prest as it apperyth by ii oblygacyons of the said somme – xxx li.

Also payed to Robert Baron & Thomas Muschamp, overseers of the lyvelod – xl li.

To Bawdewyn Boteler ff. & Humfrey Hayward, goldsmyth, for the seute of the citte ayenst the curatys of London – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa – lxxiii li. vi s. viii d.

We discharge us to Robert Baron & Muschamp to the lyflod of Richard Withengton – x li.⁵⁶²

Auter clothis:

First, payed to a galyman for a womanys gowne of crymesyn velvet playn, the slevys lyned *with* grene velvet playne⁵⁶³ – xii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Also, payed to Henry Torret,⁵⁶⁴ goldsmyth, for ii^c x perle at i d. ob. & for xxx large perlys at ii d. – xxxi s. iii d.

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Also, payed for ii uncys & an half of perle – xxxvi s. viii d.

Payed to John Curson for the resurreccyon of nedill wark – v li.

Payed to the said John for vi^{xx} vii perlys – x s. vii d.

Payed to the said John for vii^{xx} xviii powderyngys branchis for the auter clothis – viii li. x s. viii d.

Payed to William Mylis for a crucifix *with* Mari & John for the secund auter – xxvi s. viii d.

Payed to the said John Curson for purfelyng of the sayd crusifix & setting of the purfill upon the sayd crucifix – xii s.

Also, to the said John for ii maydens hedys – xi s. viii d.

Payed for an unce & an half gold of Venys for the frendge of the frontelles – vi s. viii d.

Payed for frenge of silk to the sayd frontellys & curteyns, for vi uncys at xv d. the unce, *summa* – vii s. vi d.

For ii uncys of reban for the said curteyns – ii s. vi d.

Payed for iiiii 3ardys of red & iiiii 3ardys grene tartern for curteyns – xxi s. iiiii d.

Payed to John Cave for sowyng of the sayd curteyns & for ryngys – ii s. viii d.

Payed to the said John Curson for makyng & sowyng of the said auter clothes – iii s. iiiii d.

Payed for vi ellys braban cloth to the said frontellys – iii s. vi d.

Payed for vi 3ardys of blew bokeram for the lynyng of the said auter clothes – iii s.

– to the which lynyng John Penne gaff a pece of bokeram

Summa – xxxv li. iii s. iiiii d.

562 This line has been inserted, by a different but contemporary hand, into what had been a blank space before the next section.

563 Watney, *Some Account*, 2nd edn, p. 43, suggests that this was perhaps for a statue of the Virgin, but it is more likely that it was to make feast-day altar-cloths, or vestments. Recycling of costly gowns, both those of men and of women, into liturgical vestments was common.

564 For two references to his earlier career see Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. 406, 440.

Paid to John Middleton as an advance, as appears by 2 bonds obligatory for the said sum – £30

Also paid to Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp, supervisors of the estates – £40

To Baldwin Boteler, fishmonger, and Humphrey Hayward, goldsmith, for the City's lawsuit against the curates of London³⁸⁵ – £3 6s. 8d.

Total – £73 6s. 8d.

Paid to Robert Baron and Muschamp for the Richard Whittington estate – £10

Altar cloths:³⁸⁶

Firstly, paid to a galleyman³⁸⁷ for a woman's gown of plain crimson velvet, the sleeves lined with plain green velvet – £12 13s. 4d.

Also, paid to Henry Torret, goldsmith, for 210 pearls at 1½d. and for 30 large pearls at 2d. – 31s. 3d.

Also, paid for 2½ oz. of pearls – 36s. 8d.

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Paid to John Curson for a needle-work 'Resurrection' – £5

Paid to the said John for 127 pearls – 10s. 7d.

Paid to the said John for 158 powdering branches for the altar cloths – £8 10s. 8d.

Paid to William Miles for a crucifix with Mary and John for the second altar – 26s. 8d.

Paid to the said John Curson for making an embroidered border³⁸⁸ for the said crucifix and for attaching this 'purfle' to the said crucifix – 12s.

Also, to the said John for two maiden-heads – 11s. 8d.

Paid for 1½ oz. of Venetian gold thread for the fringe of the frontals – 6s. 8d.

Paid for silk fringe for the said frontals and curtains, for 6 oz. at 15d. an oz., total – 7s. 6d.

For 2 oz. of ribbon for the said curtains – 2s. 6d.

Paid for 4 yards of red and 4 yards of green tartarin for curtains – 21s. 4d.

Paid to John Cave for sewing the said curtains and for rings – 2s. 8d.

Paid to the said John Curson for making and sewing the said altar cloths – 3s. 4d.

Paid for 6 ells of Brabant cloth for the said frontals – 3s. 6d.

Paid for 6 yards of blue buckram for the lining of the said altar cloths – 3s.

– for the which lining John Penne donated a length of buckram –

Total – £35 3s. 4d.

385 See also the earlier expenses over this matter recorded on f. 156v and the note to that page.

386 The following list of expenses on the Mercers' chapel is presented in (not always entirely accurate) English translation in Watney, *Some Account*, pp. 37–9 (2nd edn, pp. 43–5).

387 See *OED*; quoting Edward Phillips, *The New World of English Words* ..., 6th edn, ed. J. Kersey (1706): 'Galley-men, certain Genoese Merchants formerly so call'd, because they usually arriv'd in Galleys, landed their Goods at a Place in Thames-street, nam'd Galley-key, and traded with their own small Silver Coin call'd Galley-half-pence.' One may note also how much earlier is the usage of the word here than the first example cited in the *OED*.

388 Or 'purfling': see *OED*: 'To border; to decorate with a wrought or ornamental border; *esp.* to adorn (a robe) with a border of thread work or embroidery; to trim with gold or silver lace, pearls, fur, etc.'

Chapell:

First, payed to John Silkwith, carpenter in Wodstrete, for iii perclosis of tymbre for the iii archis of the chapell of the mercery – xvi s. viii d.

Also, payed for xl barrys of ilyn, the weyght of iii^{xx} xv ll. at i d. ob. the ll. – xi s. x d. ob.

Payed for ii iren casses for the glas wyndowys at Saint Thomas of Acrys in the chapell of the mercery – xviii d.

Payed for the setting of the glasse into the cassis, & for mendyng & makyng clene of the said wyndowys – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Payed for mattyng & for hassockys to the said chapell – xx d.

f. 166r Payed to John⁵⁶⁵, peyntor in Algate Strete, for peyntyng of ii tabelys and ii crestys of the said chapell – xxxiiii s. iiiii d.

Payed for the portage of the said tabelys to his howse and agayne – xii d.

Payed to the said peyntor for peyntyng of the ii wallys above the auters at Saint Thomas & ii smale tabelys afore the said auters *with* makyng blak and vernessyng of the forsaidd iii parclosis – xxxiiii s.

Payed for a carpent of ii 3ardys & an half long and a 3ard & an half brod to the said chapell – ix s.

Payed for a paxbred of coper & gylt – iiiii s.

Payed for a peyre of aundyors and a peyre tongys for the chambre of the mercery at Saint Thomas of Acrys – ix s.

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The secunde auter clothis:

First, payed for a 3ard of baudekyn of Sypres rych for frontellis – xxiiii s. iiiii d.

Also, payed for vi 3ardys of holand cloth for the said frontellys – iii s.

Payed for iiiii curteyns to the sayd auters, iiiii 3ardys of rede tarteryn, iiiii 3ardys of 3elow tarteryn, at iii s. the tartren dowble – xxiiii s.

Payed for vi uncys & an half reban & frenge for the sayd frontellys and curteyns – viii s. i d. ob.

Payed for bokeram for the sayd frontellys – xviii d.

Payed for sowyng of the frontellys with the said cloth and for sowyng of the said iiiii curteyns with the ryngys – iiiii s. viii d.

Payed for iiiii 3erdys & an half of blew bokeram for redellys for the ii crestys in the chapell at Saint Thomas, and for poyntyng of the same, the sowyng *with* the ryngys – iiiii s. vii d.

⁵⁶⁵ A gap follows this name, left for the surname to be filled in when found.

Chapel:

Firstly, paid to John Silkwith, carpenter in Wood Street, for 3 wooden parclose³⁸⁹ for the 3 arches of the mercers's chapel – 16s. 8d.

Also, paid for 40 iron bars, weighing 95 lb., at 1½d. per lb. – 11s. 10½d.

Paid for 2 iron frames for the glass windows in the mercers' chapel at St Thomas of Acon – 18d.

Paid for setting the glass into the frames, and for repairs and cleaning of the said windows – 4s. 4d.

Paid for matting and for hassocks for the said chapel – 20d.

Paid to John , painter in Aldgate Street, for the painting of 2 paintings on board³⁹⁰ and 2 paintings on linen cloth³⁹¹ for the said chapel – 33s. 4d. f. 166r

Paid for carrying the said boards to his house and back again – 12d.

Paid to the said painter for the painting of the 2 walls above the altars at St Thomas's and of 2 small boards in front of the said altars, and also for blackening and varnishing the aforesaid 3 parclose – 34s.

Paid for a carpet³⁹² 2½ yards in length and 1½ yards in width for the said chapel – 9s.

Paid for a pax of gilded copper – 4s.

Paid for a pair of andirons³⁹³ and a pair of tongs for the mercers' chamber at St Thomas of Acon – 9s.

Total – £6 6s. 4½d.

The second set of altar cloths:

Firstly, paid for a yard of rich baudekin³⁹⁴ with Cyprus silver-gilt thread for frontals – 23s. 4d.

Also, paid for 6 yards of Holland cloth for the said frontals – 3s.

Paid for 4 curtains for the said altars, 4 yards of red tartarin, 4 yards of yellow tartarin, at 3s. for double tartarin – 24s.

Paid for 6½ oz. of ribbon and fringe for the said frontals and curtains – 8s. 1½d.

Paid for buckram for the said frontals – 18d.

Paid for the sewing of the frontals with the said cloth and for the sewing of the said 4 curtains with the rings – 4s. 8d.

Paid for 4½ yards of blue buckram for curtains³⁹⁵ for the 2 paintings on linen-cloth in the chapel at St Thomas's, and for 'pointing'³⁹⁶ of the same, for sewing, with the rings – 4s. 7d.

389 See *OED*: 'A partition, screen, or railing, serving to enclose or shut off a space in a building; *esp.* (now only) a screen or railing in a church enclosing an altar, a tomb, etc., or separating a chapel, etc. from the main body of the church.'

390 The word used is 'tables', now obsolete, but meaning a painting on a wooden board base.

391 See *OED* for the word 'crest' meaning some kind of linen cloth.

392 This might have been for the floor, but at this date and in this context it is more likely that it was to be used as a table or altar covering.

393 Or 'fire-dogs'.

394 See *OED*: 'A rich embroidered stuff, originally made with warp of gold thread and woof of silk; *later*, with wider application, rich brocade, rich shot silk.'

395 The word used is 'redell' = 'ridel' a word often used specifically for altar-curtains, thus indicating perhaps that these paintings were to be used on, behind, or in front of this altar. (Watney, *Some Account*, 2nd edn, p. 44, mistakenly glosses these as 'red lilies'.)

396 i.e. adding 'ties' or tagged laces or cords. (Watney, *Some Account*, p. 39 (2nd edn p. 44), has read 'painting' in error.)

Payed for iii zardys and an half of blew bokeram for a curteyn in the chapell next the dore – xxi d.

For ryngys, lyre, and makyng of the said curteyn – viii d.

Payed for i almery to ley in the auter clothes and vestmentis – xx s.

Payed for a chist & a forme to the sayd chapell – vii s. viii d.

Payed for ii keyes, i to the almery & another to the chest – vi d.

Payed for halowyng of iii new chesepill and a corporas cas to the chapell of the mercery – iii s.

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For[e]n expencis:

First, payed for wyne and bred at Saint Thomas of Acrys at resseyvyng of the mony of the mercery – iiiii d.

Also, payed for ii barges to Westmynster, on for the kyngys dyrige and another for the chrevys – xv s.

Payed to xvii trumpettys for the meyrys rydyng, Thomas Chalkton, by the handys of Thomas Chaterys & William Bradstrott – v li. vi s. viii d.

Payed for hodes to the sayd trompettys – xxviii s. viii d.

Payed for her drynk to Westmynster – ii s.

Payed for bred and wyne to the wardeyns and Robert Langforth at the seyng of the evydencys – vi d.

Payed for a dyner at William Chadworthis howse to the wardeyns for the entent to resseyve the grete bokys of our evydencys – iiiii s. viii d.

Payed for a dyner to John Roo and Robert Langforth for the entent to have yn the testament of John Fray⁵⁶⁶ – iiiii s. viii d.

Payed for ale to the parsons that were at the seling of the testament of the said John Fray, for the lyflod of John Abot – vii d.

Payed for mendyng of a lock of the ilyn chest in the chapell – iiiii d.

Payed for i. ll. talow candell to the said chapell – i d. ob.

Payed for tapers and small candell to the sayd chapell – viii s. x d. ob.

Payed to Sir Robert, prest of Saint Thomas, for parchemyn and wrytyng of the comon roll of the felachip – xii d.

Payed for a *quarter* of fagottys & a *quarter* of colys to the chambre at Saint Thomas – xiiii d.

Payed for makyng clene of a payre candelstykkys of laton – ii d.

Payed for wyne to my master Cantlowe & Geffrey Fildyng, beyng at Saint Thomas upon the accounte of William Thornhill – vi d.

Payed to John Secheforth for waschyng of auter clothis and aubys – xii d.

⁵⁶⁶ His will is dated 12 February 1449: see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 574: to the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mercers' Craft, Fray left certain tenements he had held in trust in Catte Street (now Gresham Street), charged with the maintenance of a chantry in the church of Farthingho (Northants) for the souls of John Abbot and others.

Paid for 3½ yards of blue buckram for a curtain in the chapel, next to the door – 21d.

For rings, for lyre,³⁹⁷ and for the making of the said curtain – 8d.

Paid for 1 cupboard in which to lay the altar-cloths and vestments – 20s.

Paid for a chest and a bench for the said chapel – 7s. 8d.

Paid for 2 keys, 1 for the cupboard and the other for the chest – 6d.

Paid for the blessing of 3 new chasubles and a corporas-case³⁹⁸ for the mercers' chapel – 3s.

Total – £5 2s. 9½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, paid for wine and bread at St Thomas of Acon at the receipt of money of the mercers' mystery – 4d.

Also, paid for 2 barges to Westminster, one for the King's obit, and the other for [the procession with] the sheriffs – 15s.

Paid to 17 trumpeters for the Mayor Thomas Chalton's procession, paid through Thomas Chaterys and William Bradstrott – £5 6s. 8d.

Paid for hoods for the said trumpeters – 28s. 8d.

Paid for their drinks on the route to Westminster – 2s.

Paid for bread and wine for the wardens and Robert Langford at the inspection of the deeds³⁹⁹ – 6d.

Paid for a dinner at William Chadworth's house for the wardens, with the purpose of receiving the large books of our deeds – 4s. 8d.

Paid for a dinner for John Roo and Robert Langford, with the purpose of obtaining the will of John Fray – 4s. 8d.

Paid for ale for the persons present at the sealing of the said John Fray's will, for the estate of John Abbot – 7d.

Paid for mending a lock of the iron chest in the chapel – 4d.

Paid for 1 lb. tallow candles for the said chapel – 1½d.

Paid for tapers and small candles for the said chapel – 8s. 10½d.

Paid to Sir Robert, priest⁴⁰⁰ of St Thomas's, for parchment and the writing of the common roll of the fellowship – 12d.

Paid for a quarter of faggots (firewood) and a quarter of coals for the chamber at St Thomas's – 14d.

Paid for the cleaning of a pair of latten candlesticks – 2d.

Paid for wine for [William] Cantelowe and Geoffrey Fielding, at St Thomas's for the rendering of William Thornhill's account – 6d.

Paid to John Sedgford for the washing of altar cloths and albs – 12d.

397 Cloth from Lier in Brabant.

398 A case for the 'corporas' or 'corporal' = 'A cloth, usually of linen, upon which the consecrated elements are placed during the celebration of the mass, and with which the elements, or the remnants of them, are covered after the celebration' (*OED*).

399 Literally: 'the seeing of the evidences'.

400 This might just possibly be Sir Robert Skydby, who appears in the accounts in 1463–64. It is also possible that this should read 'Sir Robert Prest' as the surname exists, but I have no record of such a person.

Payed to the Mayster of Saint Thomas and his bretheryn the v day of July for dryge of the brothered and systers of the mercery – x s.

Payed for pauper and ynk – viii d.

Payed for wrytyng of this accounte into this bocke – vi s. viii d.

Summa – ix li. xiii s. vii d.

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f. 167r Be it remembred for as moch as that grete dysacord & varyans fell bytwene the gaderers of the condythys of the mercery and the wardeyns of the fysschemongers, therfor a soper was made at the Kyngys Hed in Chepe, at the desyre and request of the said wardens, for contynewans of good love bytwix both partys, beyng ther þe said wardeyns of fysschemongers and the wardeyns of the mercery, Geffrey Fyldyng, William Cantlow, John Haroo, John Lok, William Grond, Robert Baron, and Thomas Muschamp, for whiche soper the wardens of the mercery payed for theyre part – xiii s. ix d.

Summa totalis of oure dyscharge – Clii li. vi s. [i] d. ob.⁵⁶⁷

And so þere remayneth clere the som of – C L iii li. iii s. viii d.

1450 Also, it is to be remembred that for as moch as the fals capteyn of Kenten, John Cade,⁵⁶⁸ and the comunialte of Kent at the fest of Saint John Baptyst wer come to Blakheth and at the fest of Saint Thomas come in to the cite, wherfor it was accorded by the hole felaschip of the mercery ther schuld þat 3er no fest be kepte. Wherfor þe said wardeyns than beyng, William Cantlow, John Haro, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Halom, with all the hole felaschip of the mercery beyng in the consell chambre aut Saint Thomas, ther the said wardeyns chase theyr successors for the 3er folowyng, that is to say William Cantlow chase Hew Wych, John Haroo chase Thomas Downton, Thomas Muschamp chase John Stockton and Robert Halom chase William Grond, to þe which so chose þe said William Cantlowe, John Haroo, Thomas Muschamp, and Rober[t] Halom have delyvered the rest of – C L iii li. iii s. viii d.

f. 167v⁵⁶⁹ First, of all maner lynen cloth sold by the broker, the broker schall have for brokage of every xx s. in valew – iii d.

Also, of cardes, bokeramys, fustyans, cloth of gold and of silk, velvettes, sattayns, taffat, tarterayns, kevercheffys and for all maner soch mercery sold by the broker, the broker schall have for brokage of every xx s. in valewe – iii d.

Also, of all maner jowell, precyous stonys and perlys sold by the broker, þe broker schall have for brokage of every xx s. in valewe – vi d.

⁵⁶⁷ This sum has been written in slightly later by a different hand, as have the amounts after 'C L' of the sums below. There is a hole in the parchment at one point.

⁵⁶⁸ On these events a good account is that of Harvey, *Jack Cade's Rebellion*.

⁵⁶⁹ Brokerage rates were set by the City authorities and various lists of these survive. See e.g. the references in *CLB*, 'I', p. 264 and *CLB*, 'K', pp. 350–52. London, PRO, MS E163/9/21 contains an almost identical list, except that the whole is in French wording, with the same figures (with one or two exceptions) for the rates.

Paid to the Master of St Thomas's and his brethren on 5 July for the obit for the [deceased] members of the brotherhood and sisters of the mercers' mistery⁴⁰¹ – 10s.

Paid for paper and ink – 8d.

Paid for the writing of this account into this book – 6s. 8d.

Total – £9 13s. 7d.

Memorandum that whereas great discord and disagreement arose between the collectors of the conduct-levies of the mercers' mistery and the wardens of the Fishmongers,⁴⁰² for that reason a supper was held at the King's Head in Cheap, at the wish and the request of the said wardens, in order to preserve good relations between the two parties, those present being the said wardens of the Fishmongers and the mercers' wardens, Geoffrey Fielding, William Cantelow, John Harrow, John Locke, William Grond, Robert Baron, and Thomas Muschamp, for the which supper the mercers' wardens paid as their share – 13s. 9d.

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Sum total of our disbursements – £152 6s. 1½d.

And so there remains net the sum of – £154 3s. 8d.

Item, memorandum that whereas the false captain of Kent, John Cade, and the men of Kent had reached Blackheath at the feast of St John the Baptist, and on the feastday of St Thomas [3 July]⁴⁰³ they entered the City, and therefore it was agreed by the whole of the fellowship of the mercers' mistery that no feast should be held that year. Therefore the said current wardens, William Cantelow, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallom, present with all the fellowship of the mistery in the council chamber at St Thomas's, the said wardens there chose their successors for the following year, i.e. William Cantelow chose Hugh Wyche, John Harrow chose Thomas Downton, Thomas Muschamp chose John Stockton, and Robert Hallom chose William Grond, and to these men thus chosen the said William Cantelow, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallom have handed over the balance of – £154 3s. 8d.

1450

Firstly, for all types of linen cloth sold by a broker, the broker shall have for brokerage, for every 20s. in value – 3d.

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Item, for cardes, buckram, fustian, for cloth of gold, for silk, velvet, satin, taffeta, tarterin, kerchief-cloths and for all types of such mercers' ware sold by a broker, the broker shall have for brokerage, for every 20s. in value – 3d.

Item, for all types of jewels, precious stones and pearls sold by a broker, the broker shall have for brokerage, for every 20s in value – 6d.

401 The text here clearly mentions women as equal members of the mercers' mistery, an interesting point to be noted.

402 On these troubles see Sutton, *The Mercery*, e.g. pp. 259–60.

403 The feast of the translation of St Thomas the apostle.

Also, for fyne wollen clothis of London makynge, that is to say scarlettis, clothis in greyned and fyne whyttys, of xviii or xx or xxii marke the cloth, the broker schall have for brokage of every soch cloth – xl d.

Also for medelclothis of London makynge, of every soch cloth sold by the broker the broker schall have for his brokeage – xii d. of a denisein

xx d. of a alen

Also, of clothys of Ludlowe makynge and of Northampton and clothis called fyn brodes of Essex makynge, of every soch cloth sold be the broker the broker schall have for brokage – vi d. of a denisein

xii d. of a alen

Also, for streytis of Taunton and Bryggewater, of every dosein sold by the broker he schall have for brokage – i d.

Also, of clothes called brodys of West Contre makynge, as well colors as blankettys and bastardys, sold by the broker, the broker schall have of every soch clothe for his brokage – iiiii d.

Also, for every cloth of Gildford sold by the broker the broker schall have for his brokage – ii d.⁵⁷⁰

Peper for the bale –	xii d.
Gyngyr for the bale –	xii d.
Safferon for the ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Clowys for the ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Maces for the ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Graynys for the ll. in wheyght –	q ^a
Nutmygges for þe ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Synamun for þe ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Canell grosse for the bale –	xii d.
Sugre in cas for the cas –	xii d.
Seugre pot for the bale –	iiiiii d.
Vartegresse for the sacke –	vi d.
Var[m]ylon ⁵⁷¹ for the lof –	iiiiii d.
Quyksylver for the bullyon –	vi d.
Raysons corans for þe barell –	xii d.
Preunys for the barell –	vi d.
Galyngale for þe ll. in weyght –	q ^a
Pynes for the barell –	vi d.
Cotton thred for the bale –	xii d.
Arsnyk for the barell –	vi d.

570 The list that follows below is set out in two parallel columns, Peper to Preunys and Galyngale to Saunders.

571 MS: Varnylon.

Item, for fine woollen cloths made in London, i.e. scarlets, cloth in grain, and fine white-cloth, for cloths at 18 or 20 or 22 marks, the broker shall have for brokerage of each such cloth – 40d.

Item, for medley cloth⁴⁰⁴ made in London, for each such cloth sold by a broker, the broker shall have for his brokerage – 12d. for a denizen

20d. for an alien

Item, for cloths made in Ludlow and Northampton, and for cloths called fine broadcloths made in Essex, for each such cloth sold by a broker, the broker shall have for brokerage – 6d. for a denizen

12d. for an alien

Item, for 'straits' (single-width cloth)⁴⁰⁵ from Taunton and Bridgwater, for every dozen sold by a broker, he shall have for brokerage – 1d.

Item, for [woollen] cloths called 'broads' made in the West Country, both coloured cloth and white cloth and 'bastards', sold by a broker, the broker shall have for each such cloth for his brokerage – 4d.

Item, for each cloth of Guildford sold by the broker, the broker shall have for his brokerage – 2d.

Pepper, per bale – 12d.

Ginger, per bale – 12d.

Saffron, per lb. in weight – ¼d.

Cloves, per lb. in weight – ¼d.

Mace, per lb. in weight – ¼d.

'Grains',⁴⁰⁶ per lb. in weight – ¼d.

Nutmegs, per lb. in weight – ¼d.

Cinnamon per lb. in weight – ¼d.

'Canella'⁴⁰⁷ whole, per bale – 12d.

Sugar in cases, per case – 12d.

'Pot' sugar, per bale – 4d.

Verdigris⁴⁰⁸ per sack – 6d.

Vermilion⁴⁰⁹ per loaf – 4d.

Quicksilver per bullion – 6d.

Currants per barrel – 12d.

Prunes per barrel – 6d.

Galingale per lb. in weight – ¼d.

Pine-seeds per barrel – 6d.

Cotton thread per bale – 12d.

Arsenic per barrel – 6d.

404 A cloth woven with wools of different colours or shades (OED).

405 See OED: "'broad cloths", two yards within the lists, are distinguished from "streits", one yard wide within the lists.'

406 In context this must refer to 'grains of Paradise': 'The capsules of *Anomum Melegueta* of Western Africa (cf. cardamom b), used as a spice and in medicine; called also *Guinea grains*' (OED).

407 Cinnamon or Cassia bark.

408 'A green or greenish blue substance obtained artificially by the action of dilute acetic acid on thin plates of copper (or a green rust naturally forming on copper and brass), and much used as a pigment, in dyeing, the arts, and medicine; basic acetate of copper' (OED).

409 'Cinnabar or red crystalline mercuric sulphide, esp. in later use that obtained artificially, much valued on account of its brilliant scarlet colour, and largely used as a pigment or in the manufacture of red sealing-wax; also, any red earth resembling this and similarly used as a pigment. In early use rendering *L. minium* and occas. confused with "red lead"' (OED).

	Cotton woll for the bale –	xii d.
	Drogges for þe ll. in valew –	iii d.
	Grene gynger for the barell –	xii d.
	Paper scrybale for þe bale –	vi d.
	Paper spendable for the rem –	q ^a
	Brasyle for the bale –	ii s.
	Grayn for scarlet for the pype –	ii s.
	Silk raw & colors for the ll. –	iii d.
	Mader for the bale –	iii d.
	Alym for the bale –	iii d.
	Sope in cas for the cas –	iii d.
	Saunders for the ⁵⁷² –	viii d.
f. 168r ⁵⁷³	Blak sope for the barell –	ii d.
	Wax of Poloin for the pece –	iiii d.
	Wax in bale for the bale –	viii d.
	Comyn for the bale –	iiii d.
	Aneys for the bale –	iiii d.
	Almons for the bale –	iiii d.
	Rys for the bale –	iiii d.
	Datys for the bale –	iiii d.
	Oynenet for the bale –	iiii d.
	Wod in toun for the toun –	ii s.
	Wod in bale for the bale –	iiii d.
	Wodasshis for the last –	xii d.
	Oyle for the toun –	xx d.
	Canvas of Normonde or of Bretaygne for the C. –	iiii d.
	Coper red or gray for þe valu of every xx s. in mony –	ii d.
	Salsmot for the barell –	iii d.
	Wyne of Gaskyn or Rochell for the toun –	xii d.
	Swete wyne for þe but –	xii d.
	Tyn for the pece –	ii d.
	Baterye for the bale –	xii d.

572 A blank space follows.

573 The brokerage amounts for the following commodities are also set out in two columns, of unequal length, from 'Blak sope' to 'Tar' and from Heryng' to 'Lond or rent'.

Cotton wool per bale –	12d.	
Medicinal substances, per £ in value –	3d.	
Green ginger per barrel –	12d.	
Writing paper per bale –	6d.	
Wrapping paper per ream –	¼d.	
Brazil ⁴¹⁰ per bale –	2s.	
Scarlet grain, ⁴¹¹ per pipe ⁴¹² –	2s.	
Raw silk, and coloured (dyed) silk, per pound –	3d.	
Madder per bale –	3d.	
Alum per bale –	3d.	
Soap in cases, per case –	3d.	
Sandalwood, per –	8d.	
Black soap ⁴¹³ per barrel –	2d.	f. 168r
Wax from Poland, per piece –	4d.	
Wax in bales, per bale –	8d.	
Cumin per bale –	4d.	
Anise ⁴¹⁴ per bale –	4d.	
Almonds per bale –	4d.	
Rice per bale –	4d.	
Dates per bale –	4d.	
Ointment per bale –	4d.	
Woad in tuns, per tun –	2s.	
Woad in bales, per bale –	4d.	
Woad-ashes ⁴¹⁵ per last –	12d.	
Oil per tun –	20d.	
Canvas from Normandy or Brittany, per 100 –	4d.	
Copper, red or grey, ⁴¹⁶ for each 20s. money value –	2d.	
Salted smolt ⁴¹⁷ per barrel –	3d.	
Wine from Gascony or La Rochelle, per tun –	12d.	
Sweet wine, per butt –	12d.	
Tin, per piece –	2d.	
'Battery' ⁴¹⁸ per bale –	12d.	

410 Used for dyeing: 'the name of the hard brownish-red wood of an East Indian tree, known as Sappan (*Cæsalpinia Sappan*), from which dyers obtain a red colour. After the discovery of the New World, the name was extended and gradually transferred to the similar wood of a South American species (*C. echinata*), which has given its name to the land of Brazil' (*OED*).

411 The kermes, or alkermes, an insect, the female of *coccus ilicis*, formerly supposed to be a berry (hence 'grain', from the French 'graine'), and used in dyeing; a highly prized and very expensive item in the Middle Ages.

412 A large cask.

413 The *OED* quotes: '1704 *Dict. Rust.*, etc. (1726) s.v., For black Soap, 'tis made with strong Lye..and Whale or Fish-Oil, commonly called Train-Oil.'

414 'An umbelliferous plant (*Pimpinella Anisum*), a native of the Levant, cultivated for its aromatic and carminative seeds. Confused by the ancients with the Dill (*Anëthum graveolens*), which was probably the 'anise' of the Bible of 1611, where Wyclif has 'anete' [v.r. anese]. *oil of anise*, the essential oil obtained from aniseed by distillation with water, the source of many important chemical derivatives' (*OED*).

415 The ashes of burnt wine-lees, used by dyers; or the ashes of burnt wood used to make a lye. See *OED*.

416 Grey copper is an antimonio-sulphide or arsenio-sulphide of copper. See *OED*.

417 'A young salmon in the stage intermediate between the parr and the grilse, when it becomes covered with silvery scales and migrates to the sea for the first time' (*OED*).

418 i.e. kitchen and cooking equipment.

Pytch for the last –	iiii d.
Tar for the last –	iiii d.
Heryng whyt or red for the last –	viii d.
Eles salt for the barell grete –	iiii d.
Sturgeon for the barell –	vi d.
Iren for the M ^l –	iiii d.
Stell for the barell –	xii d.
Osmond for the last –	vi d.
Led for the fothre –	vi d.
Salt for the way –	vi d.
Hydes of Ireland, of Spayn, or of Berwyck, for the last –	ii d.
Cordewayn for the doseyn –	ii d.
Baseyn for the doseyn –	ii d.
Flex for the pype –	vi d.
Flex for the bale –	i d.
Woll for the sarpler –	xii d.
Schepfell for the C –	iiii d.
Lamfell for the C –	i d.
Passelarge for the C – ⁵⁷⁴	
Lond or rent for the valu of every xx s. – ⁵⁷⁵	

- 1449–50 These be þe auter clothis of wyght damask inbrouderyd *with* red lyles & rosis ordeyned and made by Robert Baron & Thomas Muschamp:
 First, to the chapell of the mercery at Saint Thomas of Acrys, for the which auter clothis of our lady, a womanys gowne of wyght damask, pryse – viii li. vi s. viii d.
 Also, iiii 3erdys of new whyght damask for a chesepil & a corperas cas – xxxix s.
 A crosse & a langette to the said chesepill, with the browdery – xxvi s. viii d.
 Also, an emage of our lady of hyr assencyon – xl s.
 Also, xvii trees of red rosis & red lylees, the pece vi s. viii d., *summa* – v li. xiii s. iiii d.
- f. 168v Also, ii frontell with ii mayden hedys, with the browdery of a trayle of red rosis – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Also, viii 3erdys double tarteren chanchable – xxvi s. viii d.
 Also, vii uncys of frenges to the said frontell at xv d. þe unce, *summa* – viii s. ix d.
 Also, bokeram for the lynyng of the said auter clothes & schesepill – xii s.
 Also, vi ell holand cloth to the said frontell – iii s. iiii d.
 Also, for schapyng and sowyng of the said auter clothis – vi s. viii d.
 Also, for lyre and ryngges and for sewyng of the curteynys – iiii s.
 Also, for inbrowderyng of red rosys & red lyles on the schesepill – xxvi s. viii d.
 Also, v ell of braban cloth for the aube and the amyte – ii s. vi d.
 Also, a chesepill of red baudekyn *with* gold and an aube & the amyte – xlvi s. viii d.

⁵⁷⁴ No figure is given.

⁵⁷⁵ No figure is given.

Pitch, per last –	4d.
Tar, per last –	4d.
Herrings, white or red, per last –	8d.
Salted eels, per large barrel –	4d.
Sturgeon per barrel –	6d.
Iron, per 1000 –	4d.
Steel per barrel –	12d.
Osmund ⁴¹⁹ per last –	6d.
Lead per fother –	6d.
Salt per wey –	6d.
Hides from Ireland, Spain, or Berwick, per last –	2d.
Cordwain per dozen –	2d.
Basins per dozen –	2d.
Flax per pipe –	6d.
Flax per bale –	1d.
Wool per sarplier ⁴²⁰ –	12d.
Sheep fleeces per 100 –	4d.
Lambs' fleeces per 100 –	1d.
Very large ones, per 100 –	
Land or rents, for each 20s. in value –	

These are the altar cloths of white damask embroidered with red lilies and roses, 1449–50
that were ordered and made by Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp –
Firstly, for the mercers' chapel at St Thomas of Acon, for altar cloths of the Virgin
Mary, a woman's gown of white damask, price – £8 6s. 8d.
Item, 4 yards of new white damask for a chasuble and a corporas case – 39s.
A cross and a languet for the said chasuble, with their embroidery – 26s. 8d.
Item, a painting of the Assumption⁴²¹ of Our Lady – 40s.
Item, 17 'trees' of red roses and red lilies, each at 6s. 8d., total – £5 13s. 4d.
Item, 2 frontals with 2 maiden-heads, with embroidery of a wreath of red roses f. 168v
– £3 6s. 8d.
Item, 8 yards of 'changeable'⁴²² double tartarin – 26s. 8d.
Item, 7 oz. of fringe for the said frontals at 15d. an oz., total – 8s. 9d.
Item, buckram for the lining of the said altar cloths and chasubles – 12s.
Item, 6 ells of Holland cloth for the said frontals – 3s. 4d.
Item, for the shaping (cutting-out) and the sewing of the said altar cloths – 6s.
8d.
Item, for lyre and rings and for the sewing of the curtains – 4s.
Item, for embroidering red roses and red lilies on the chasubles – 26s. 8d.
Item, 5 ells of Brabant cloth for the alb and the amice – 2s. 6d.
Item, a chasuble of red baldekyn with gold thread and an alb and amice – 46s.
8d.

419 'A superior quality of iron formerly imported from the Baltic regions, in very small bars or rods, for the manufacture of arrow-heads, fish-hooks, bell-gear, etc.' (*OED*).

420 'A large sack of coarse canvas for wool; a sack or bale of wool containing eighty tods; also used as a measure of quantity for wool' (*OED*).

421 The word used is here 'Ascension'.

422 i.e. 'showing different colours under different aspects; "shot", changing-coloured' (*OED*).

Also for the scripturys of velvt and velle *with* gold xvii, ich rad viii d., *summa* – x s. viii d. wyth iiiii markys of blak silk, ich of hem viii d., *summa* – ii s. viii d.

Also, a scochyn of armys – ii s.

Also, xxiiii perlys large at ii d. the pece, *summa* – iiiii s.

Also, alf an unce perle – viii s.

Also, an ell of lynen cloth for a corporas – xviii d.

Summa – xxx li. xviii s. v d.

Wherof Robert Baron, mercer, 3aff therto – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

And Thomas Muschamp, mercer, gaf all the rest of the sayd *somme*, that is to say the *somme* of – xxiiii li. v s. i d.

These been dettours dieue to the mercerie for peire entereng:⁵⁷⁶

John Thomas	} apprentys of John Middelton –	xl s.
Rogger Coupure		
John Walkot	} apprentys of William Denton –	xl s.
John Odiarne		
John Thornhyll		
John Elys	apprentys of Geffrey Boleyn –	xx s.

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For⁵⁷⁸ a *perpetuell* memory to remayne & endure in the crafte or mystery of the mercery in the Citee of London, to pentent aloonly to write in þe rentall aswele of þe livelode nowe being of þe said mistery as to be heraftir, and þaccompt yerely to be made atte Midsomer of al maner rentes, reperacions, dimunucions, & vacacions of the same: This boke was made & ordeyned at Allhalowen tyde in þe yere of oure Lord M^o CCCC^o xlix and þe xxviii yere of the reigne of Kyng Herry þe sixte, by William Cantlowe, alderman, John Harou, Thomas Muschamp, & Robert Hallum, þan wardeins of þe same crafte – þe said Muschamp & Robert Baron being receyvours of þe rentes and supervisours of þe lyvelode abovesaide

576 See above, f. 163v. This heading and the following list of names and sums have been entered slightly later in a different hand, the same hand as wrote the extra entries on f. 162r and f. 165r and that entered the figures on f. 167r.

577 This introductory dedication of the Renter Wardens' account book is followed by a rental, a list of properties, tenants and rents paid, and for this see Appendix 1.

578 The initial 'F' is highly decorated with cadel flourishes and extends high above the first line of writing, its top parts indeed having been cropped off at some later period. Three further extended ascenders rise from letters in the first line, and two extended descenders flow from the last line of this paragraph. The paragraph is written in heavy black ink, in a large and ornate hand, and only a very few abbreviations are used.

Item, for the scriptures of velvet and vellum, with gold, 17 of them, each 'rad' 8d., total – 10s. 8d.⁴²³ with 4 markers of black silk, each of them 8d., total – 2s. 8d.

Item, an escutcheon of arms – 2s.

Item, 24 large pearls at 2d. each, total – 4s.

Item, ½ oz. of pearls – 8s.

Item, an ell of linen cloth for a corporas – 18d.

Total – £30 18s. 5d.

Of the which [sum] Robert Baron, mercer, gave towards it – £6 13s. 4d.

And Thomas Muschamp, mercer, gave all the rest of the said sum, i.e. the sum of £24 5s. 1d.

These men are in debt to the mercers' mistery for their admission:

John Thomas	} apprentices of John Middleton –	40s.
Roger Couper		
John Walcote	apprentice of Thomas Chalton –	20s.
John Odiarne	} apprentices of William Denton –	40s.
John Thornhill		
John Elys	apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	20s.

In order that a record may remain perpetually and endure in the craft or mistery of the mercery in the City of London, and for the sole purpose of writing in here the rental both of the present estates and properties belonging to the said mistery and those that may afterwards be, and also the accounts to be rendered annually at Midsummer of all manner of rents, repairs, rent-reductions, and vacancies of the same: this book was made up and ordered at All Hallows (1 November) in the year of our Lord 1449, in the regnal year 28 Henry VI, by William Cantelowe, alderman, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallom, then wardens of the same mistery – the said Muschamp and Robert Baron being receivers of the rents and supervisors of the aforesaid estates.

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⁴²³ This entry presents several problems. The 'scriptures' might well be a Bible, bound in velvet and written on vellum – but if so, no price is set for this. The silk 'markys' listed fit well with this interpretation and would indeed normally be provided for a Bible. A payment of 10s. 8d. is said to be for 17 'rads' at 8d. each, the sum actually indicating that the number should be 16 not 17. My only suggestion here would be that 'rad' should be read as either 'red' or 'radel' and indicating 'rubrics'. An alternative is that the scriptures were 'sayings of good counsel and moral or religious advice' embroidered perhaps on velvet, or written on vellum and with a velvet backing. But what purpose then did the silk markers serve?

1449–50 Thacompte of Robert Baron & Thomas Muschampe, rentiers for a yeer at
RW f. 7r Midsomer⁵⁷⁹ anno xxviii.

First, þei charge þem of mony *resseyved* of olde arrerages as apereth aftir – Ciii li. xix s. xi d. That is to saie: In obligacions for William Thornehille – xxxiii li. v s. i d. In an obligacion of Emond Sheffeld – x li. In olde dettes by John Brompton – xlii li. iii s. iiiii d. In dette of Alisaundir Palestre – vii li. xvi s. viii d. In divers opir dettours – x li. xiii s. x d.
– Ciii li. xix s. xi d.

Item, of þ^e lyveloode of Whitengtons for þ^e same yeer⁵⁸⁰ – CCxliiii li. v s.

Item, in encrees of þ^e same – xxxv s. iiiii d.

Item, in quyte rente ovir þ^e xi s. viii d. unpaied – v li. vi s. ii d.

Item, in mony *resseyved* of þe wardeins – xl li.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood given by Sir William Estfeld, knyght, for þ^e same yer – xv li. xv s. viii d.⁵⁸¹

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood purchaced by þ^e mercerie for þ^e same yeer⁵⁸² – xxxv li. xvi s. viii d.

Item, of Lowes Stroes toward þ^e makeng of a chemeny – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, of Sir Roger Mershe in lyke wise toward reparacions in his hous – xl s.

Summa resseyved – CCCCL li. v s. v d. [Wherof]

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Is paied for takeng downe of þ^e Pye in þ^e parish of
S. Martyn Otewiche & for makeng of þe fundament,
vawteng, framying, & stuff for to make hit newe in
þe said yeer –

Item, in quyte rente for þ^e lyvelode of Whitengton –

Item, in quyte rente for þe lyvelod of þ^e mercerie –

Item, in dimunicion of þ^e lyvelodes –

Item, in vacacion of þ^e lyvelod of Whitengton –

Item, in vacacion of þ^e lyvelod of þ^e mercerie –

Item, in vacacion of þe lyvelod of Estfeld –

Item, in pension & almes peple of þ^e colage –

Item, in almes men of þ^e mercerie –

Cxxxvii li. xiii d.

v li. ix d. ob

iiii li. x s. iiiii d.

v li. ii s. ii d.

vii li. ix s. vi d.

xxxi s. ii d.

xliii s. ii d.

iiii^{xx}xii li. ii s. viii d.

x li. iii s. viii d.

579 This date is difficult to reconcile with that of the previous and following years' accounts and it is possible that Michaelmas rather than Midsummer is meant, and that the confusion will have arisen because of the Midsummer date for the wardens' accounts, and also because of the original intention to have these accounts rendered also at Midsummer: see above, and Introduction, pp. 17–18. The date must be after November 1449 because of the reference on f. 7v to money paid for this account book.

580 A sixteenth-century hand has written in the LH margin beside this entry: 'M^e Whittingtons Lyvelyhod'.

581 A tick has been written in the RH column against the sum of money for this entry. Similarly, a tick has been written in the RH margin against each of the entries on the next three pages that refer to anything to do with Wm Eastfield's legacy. The ticks are in pencil, strongly written, and would appear to be fairly modern.

582 The same sixteenth-century hand has written beside this entry: 'Nota þe fyrst Barge of the Mercers lyvelyhod purchasid by themselves'. This is probably a misinterpretation of the entries on f. 161r of payments for the hire of barges. On barges, see Palmer, *Ceremonial Barges*.

583 At the top of this page are written the names of the two renters; and this practice then continues forward.

The account of Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp, renter-wardens, for a year up to Midsummer 28 [Henry VI].

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Firstly, they declare money received from old arrears, as appears below – £103 19s. 11d. i.e. bonds obligatory for William Thornhill – £33 5s. 1d. A bond obligatory for Edmund Sheffield – £10. Old debts from John Brompton – £42 3s. 4d. Debt of Alexander Palestre – £7 16s. 8d. Various other debtors – £10 13s. 10d.

– £103 19s. 11d.

Item, from the Whittington estate for the same year – £244 5s.

Item, from the increase of the same – 35s. 4d.

Item, from quit-rents, over and above 11s. 8d unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Item, money received from the wardens – £40

Item, money received from the estate donated by Sir William Eastfield, knight, for the same year – £15 15s. 8d.

Item, money received from the properties bought by the mercers' mistery, for the same year – £35 16s. 8d.

Item, from Lewis Stroes towards the making of a chimney (or fireplace) – 26s. 8d.

Item, from Sir Roger Marsh, likewise towards repairs in his house – 40s.

Total received – £450 5s. 5d. [Of which]

Has been paid out for the demolition of the Pye in the parish of St Martin Outwich and for the making of the foundations, the vaults, the timber-work, and for the materials for rebuilding it in the said year –

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£137 13d.

Item, for quit-rents on the Whittington estate –

£5 9½d.

Item, for quit-rents on the mistery's properties –

£4 10s. 4d.

Item, for decreases on the properties –

£5 2s. 2d.

Item, for vacancies in the Whittington estate –

£7 9s. 6d.

Item, for vacancies in the mistery's properties –

31s. 2d.

Item, for vacancies in the Eastfield estate –

43s. 2d.

Item, for pensions and the alms-people of the College –

£92 2s. 8d.

Item, for the almsmen of the mercers' mistery –

£10 3s. 8d.

- Item, in þ^e prestes of þ^e mercerie – xiii li. vi s. viii d. &
to oon of þem for his lyverey for half a
yeer – vi s. viii d. – xiii li. xiii s. iiiii d.
- Item, in Whitengtons dirige – xlii s. viii d.
- Item, in þ^e conservatours of Whitengtons lyvelod – iiiii li.
- Item, in þobite of Sir William Estfeld *with* his preest &
oþir – xi li. v s.
- Item, in fees & lyvraies – xxi li.
- Item, in a booke for makeng of þacompte of þ^e
lyvelode⁵⁸⁴ – xv s. viii d.
- Item, in stuff boght for reparacions – Lvi li. xvii s. viii d. ob.
- Item, in writeng of þis acompte – x s.
- Item, in reparacion of Whitengtons lyvelood ovir þ^e stuff aforsaid – xxii li. v s. vi d.
- That is to saie: In Milkestrete – vii li. ii s. vii d. In S. Laurence Jury – xvii s. vii d.
- In Bassingeshawe – iiiii s. v d. In Colmanstrete – xxxvii s. viii d. In S. Bartilmeus þ^e
litelle – iii li. x s. vii d. In Bisshopesgate extra – x d. In Tourehille – xxxi s. vii d. In
S. Donstons in þest – xii s. ix d. In Estchepe – ii s. iiiii d. In S. Laurence Pounteney
– iiiii li. v s. iiiii d. ob. In Budge Rowe – xxxiiii s. iii d. ob. In Baynardis Castelle –
v s. vi d.
- xxii li. v s. vi d.
- Item, in reparacion of þ^e lyvelod of þ^e mercerie – xxi li. xxiii d. That is to saie: In S.
Martyns Otewich for makeng of a grete chymeney & oþer grete necessities in þe
kochen & oþir places at Kynges hous – xxi li. vii d. In þ^e Crowne – xvi d.
- xxi li. xxiii d.
- Item, in reparacion of Estfeldes lyvelod – v li. v s. vi d. ob. That is to saie: In More
Lane – iiiii li. xiiii s. ix d. ob. In þe Thre Coupes – x s. ix d.
- v li. v s. vi d. ob.
- Summa paied – CCCCxxiiii li. xxii d. ob. – So
- þer is due to þ^e mercerie – xxvi li. iii s. vi d. ob. – Wherof
- Is due by obligacion of William Denton & R. Strother for þarest of William
Thornehille – xx li.
- Item, by Emond Sheffield by obligacion – iii li.

⁵⁸⁴ Note this self-reference: this is the cost of this same book of Renter Wardens' accounts.

Item, for the mistery's priests – £13 6s. 8d. and to one of them
 for his livery for a half-year – 6s. 8d. – £13 13s. 4d.
 Item, for Whittington's obit – 42s. 8d.
 Item, to the custodians of the Whittington estate⁴²⁴ – £4
 Item, for the obit of Sir William Eastfield, including for
 his priest and other [expenses] – £11 5s.
 Item, in fees and liveries – £21
 Item, for a book for writing up the estate accounts – 15s. 8d.
 Item, for materials bought for repairs – £56 17s. 8½d.
 Item, for the writing of this account – 10s.
 Item, for repairs to the Whittington estate, over and above the aforesaid materials
 – £22 6d. i.e. in Milk Street – £7 2s. 7d. In St Lawrence Jewry – 17s. 7d. In Bassishaw
 – 4s. 5d. In Coleman Street – 37s. 8d. In St Bartholomew the Less – £3 10s. 7d. In
 Bishopsgate Without – 10d. In Tower Hill – 31s. 7d. In St Dunstan's in the East
 – 12s. 9d. In East Cheap – 2s. 4d. In St Laurence Pountney – £4 5s. 4½d. In Budge
 Row – 34s. 3½d. In Baynard's Castle – 5s. 6d.
 – £22 5s. 6d.

Item, for repairs to the properties of the mercers' mistery – £21 23d. i.e. In St
 Martin Outwich for the construction of a large fireplace/chimney and other very
 necessary things in the kitchen and elsewhere at Kyng's house – £21 7d. At the
 Crown – 16d.
 – £21 23d.

Item, for repairs to the Eastfield estate – £5 5s. 6½d. i.e. in Moor Lane – £4 14s.
 9½d. At The Three Cups – 10s. 9d.
 – £5 5s. 6½d.

Total paid out – £424 22½d. Therefore

there is due to the mercers' mistery – £26 3s. 6½d. of which

Is owed by bond obligatory from William Denton and R[obert] Strother, for the
 arrears of William Thornhill – £20

Item, from Edmund Sheffield by bond obligatory – £3

424 i.e. the four wardens each year.

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This is the acompte made by Hewe Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Stokton, & William Gronde, wardeyns of the felawship of the mercery fro the fest of Seynt John the Baptest the yere of our lord M^l iiiii^C L^{ti} unto the feste of Seint John Baptest next folowyng, the yere of our lorde M^l iiiii^C li^{ti} & in the yere of Kyng Henry the vi^{le} after the conquest xxix^{ti}.

First, we charge us the same day with the reste of the acompte of William Cantelowe, John Harowe, Thomas Muschamp, & Robert Halom in redy mone, *summa* – C iiiii li. iii s. viii d.

Item, r' of John Lokke & of William Grond of a rest of a condyte, *summa* – iii li. xviii s. iiiii d.

Item, r' of Symond Reyham for his entreys in to oure felawship, *summa* – xl s.

Item, r' of John Middelton, shreve, toward the costis of the mynstralles, *summa* – xl s.

Item, r' of John Stokton & of William Gronde by cause they paid xx li. lesse to the allom than was beknowe to the felawship, *summa* – xl s.

nat *withstandyng* hit came by their meanes that hit was so savyd

Item, r' of John Fraye that was chief Baron, þat he yaf in redy mone to the felawship of the mercerye, *summa* – v li.

Summa – Cxix li. ii s.

Fynys

R' of Roger Myddelmore for a fyne for absentyng fro oure cortis for a yere, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Item, r' of William Haxey for absentyng fro cortis for *quarter* of a 3ere, *summa* – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, r' of William Hatter for arestyng of John Brodworth⁵⁸⁶ in to the towre of London & asked no leve of the wardeyns of the mercerye, *summa* – xl s.

Item, r' of Thomas Wotton for fightyng with Raf Marchis man, *summa* – xx d.

Item, r' of John Morell þat was prentyce with Bartholmewe Stratton, for a fyne whan he was made freman – xl s.

Summa – iiiii li. xi s. viii d.

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Entreis in to the levery the ii yere

Sir Roger Mersche, person of Mary Mawdelynnys in Milke Strete – vi s. viii d.

Thomas Cantelowe – vi s. viii d.

John Warde – vi s. viii d.

Robert Scraynham – vi s. viii d.

⁵⁸⁵ A new hand starts here and writes the next two years' accounts. The heading to the year's account is written in a large script, the following sections in a very much smaller script, but with the section-headings in the larger script, and placed mid-page rather than, as usual, in the LH margin. Significant initials are given an exaggerated size and decorated with pen-flourishing, the style again being different, and one might say of lesser artistic merit.

⁵⁸⁶ This surname has been filled in by another contemporary hand into a space left for it by the main scribe.

This is the account rendered by Hugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Stockton, and William Gronde, wardens of the mercers' fellowship, from the feast of St John the Baptist in the year of our Lord 1450 until the next following feast of St John the Baptist, in the year of our Lord 1451 and in the regnal year 29 Henry VI.

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Firstly, we declare for that same day the remaining balance on the account of William Cantelowe, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallum, in ready money, total – £104 3s. 8d.

Item, received from John Locke and William Grond, from the balance on a conduct-levy, total – £3 18s. 4d.

Item, received from Simon Reyham for his admission to our fellowship, total – 40s.

Item, received from John Middleton, sheriff, towards the costs of the musicians, total – 40s.

Item, received from John Stockton and William Grond, because they paid £20 less to the alms-chest [?] than had been made known to the fellowship, total – 40s.

notwithstanding that it was due to them that this money was thus saved

Item, received from John Fray who was Chief Baron [of the Exchequer], which he gave in ready money to the mercers' fellowship, total – £5

Total – £119 2s.

Fines

Received from Roger Middlemore as a fine for being absent from our courts for a year, total – 6s. 8d.

Item, received from William Haxay for being absent from courts for one quarter of the year, total – 3s. 4d.

Item, received from William Hatter for having John Brodsworth arrested and taken to the Tower of London,⁴²⁵ and he did not ask permission from the wardens of the mercers' mistery, total – 40s.

Item, received from Thomas Wotton for fighting with Ralph March's man, total – 20d.

Item, received from John Morielle, who had been an apprentice with Bartholomew Stratton, for a fee when he was made a freeman – 40s.

Total – £4 11s. 8d.

Admissions to the livery, second year

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Sir Roger Marsh, parson of St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street – 6s. 8d.

Thomas Cantelowe – 6s. 8d.

John Warde – 6s. 8d.

Robert Scrayingham – 6s. 8d.

⁴²⁵ This imprisonment is referred to in the City records: see *CPMR 1437–57*, p. 114: date of 11 February 1449: 'Petition of Richard, son of John Pope of Abdy, co. York, who had been apprenticed to John Broddesworth, mercer, for a term of eight years, praying to be exonerated from his apprenticeship and turned over to another master to learn his trade, on the ground that the said John had withdrawn from the franchise to privileged places and kept no shop in the City' (Roll A75, m. 12). See below also f. 186v.

Robert Grygorye –	vi s. viii d.
Robert Barlee –	vi s. viii d.
William Hatter –	vi s. viii d.
John Colet –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – liii s. iiiii d.	

Entreis of aprentysys

Thomas Fabyan apprentice <i>with</i> John Adams –	xx s.
Rychard Chirche apprentice <i>with</i> Raf Verney –	xx s.
Nicholas Waldef apprentice <i>with</i> Robert Baron –	xx s.
John Botiller apprentice <i>with</i> John Andrewe –	xx s.
William Coo apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Nyche –	xx s.
Robert Wattis apprentice <i>with</i> John Reynkyn –	xx s.
John Thornehyll apprentice <i>with</i> William Denton –	xx s.
John Pyvor apprentice <i>with</i> John Sturgeon –	xx s.
William ⁵⁸⁷ apprentice <i>with</i> William Gronde –	xx s.
<i>Summa</i> – ix li.	

Isseuys of

John Baker <i>with</i> John Adams –	ii s.
Thomas Cros <i>with</i> William Gladman –	ii s.
Richard Syffe <i>with</i> Robert Baron –	ii s.
Richard at Wode <i>with</i> John Smyth –	ii s.
William Walle <i>with</i> John Salmon –	ii s.
Hary Mewman <i>with</i> John Lokke –	ii s.
Thomas Apperle <i>with</i> John Rayner –	ii s.
William Chamboure <i>with</i> William Honage –	ii s.
John Ryche <i>with</i> Richard Ryche –	ii s.
Thomas Wotton <i>with</i> Rauf Verney –	ii s.
Harry Asshewell <i>with</i> Rauf Verney –	ii s.
f. 170r John Fairehede <i>with</i> William Stephenys –	ii s.
John Randolf <i>with</i> John Sturgeon –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – xxvi s.	

Mershementys

John Lytelton –	viii d.
William Denton –	vi d.
William Hatter –	vi d.
William Miles –	iiii d.
John Lambert –	vi s. viii d.
Item, in mershementis –	iii s. xi d.
John Warde –	viii d.
Richard Nedam –	xxii d.
Item, in mershementis –	iiii s.
Thomas Stel –	xii d.
John Colet –	ix d.

587 A blank space follows.

Robert Gregory –	6s. 8d.
Robert Barley –	6s. 8d.
William Hatter –	6s. 8d.
John Colet –	6s. 8d.

Total – 53s. 4d.

Admission of apprentices

Thomas Fabyan apprentice with John Adams –	20s.
Richard Chirche apprentice with Ralph Verney –	20s.
Nicholas Waldiff apprentice with Robert Baron –	20s.
John Botiller apprentice with John Andrewe –	20s.
William Coo apprentice with Thomas Nyche –	20s.
Robert Wattis apprentice with John Rankyn –	20s.
John Thornhill apprentice with William Denton –	20s.
John Pevir apprentice with John Sturgeon –	20s.
William apprentice with William Grond –	20s.

Total – £9

Issues of

John Baker with John Adams –	2s.
Thomas Crosse with William Gladman –	2s.
Richard Syffe with Robert Baron –	2s.
Richard at Wood with John Smyth –	2s.
William Walle with John Salman –	2s.
Harry Newman with John Locke –	2s.
Thomas Apperle with John Reyner –	2s.
William Chamber with William Henege –	2s.
John Riche with Richard Riche –	2s.
Thomas Wotton with Ralph Verney –	2s.
Harry Ashwell with Ralph Verney –	2s.
John Fairehede with William Stephens –	2s.
John Randolph with John Sturgeon –	2s.

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Total – 26s.

Fines

John Littleton –	8d.
William Denton –	6d.
William Hatter –	6d.
William Miles –	4d.
John Lambard –	6s. 8d.
Item, as fines –	3s. 11d.
John Warde –	8d.
Richard Nedam –	22d.
Item, as fines –	4s.
Thomas Steelle –	12d.
John Colet –	9d.

Thomas Ryke –	viii d.
Item, in mershementis –	xvi d.
John Warde –	xii d.
Austyn Stratton –	iiii d.
Item, in merschementis –	ii s. iiiii d.
John Reynkyn –	iiii d.
Richard Nedam –	iiii d.
John Lytelton –	vi d.
William Hatter –	xvi d.
John Reynkyn –	viii d.
Robert Strother –	vi d.
Rauf March –	xii d.
Rauf Verney –	iiii d.
Thomas Fyler –	vi d.
John Kyrkeby –	vi d.
John Reynkyn –	vi d.
Thomas Rycke –	vi d.
John Rayner –	iiii d.
Nicholas Hatton –	vi d.
William Redeknape –	vi d.
Summa – xxxiiii s. x d.	

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Owre dyscharge⁵⁸⁸

Paid for a barge to Westmyster to the kyngis derige, *summa* – viii s.
 Item, for a quayer of papyr & for ii keyes to the chapell durre – ix d.
 Item, for bote huyr to Westmyster – vi d.
 Item, wrytyng of a quytaunce of r[esseit] of mone of Thomas Fraye – ii d.
 Item, for botehuyr to Westmystyr to the kyngis counsaill – xv d.
 Item, for wasshyng of iiiii tonykyll, ii awbys, iii long awter clothis & iii towells – vii d.
 Item, for a newe rolle of parchemyne – viii d.
 Item, paid to John Sacheford for half a yerys selarye – xxxix s.
 Item, paid to John Stoktons man & to Robert Hallom ys man for to ride with John Alvers to Dovour – xi s.
 Item, paid for *quarter* of fagotte – xii d.
 Item, paid to John Middelton of Myddylborowe – vi s. viii d.
 Item, paid to Master Gerveys for wrytyng of iii *lettrez* to Serykke, to the Hawe, & to Hamsterdam – x s.
 Item, paid for bote huyr to Westmyster – xii d.
 Item, paid for wrytyng of an obligacion for John Symond, mercer – ii d.
 Item, paid for paper – iii d.

588 The following list is notably disordered, especially in comparison with the way previous years' accounts are arranged. Here it would appear that the scribe has a pile of bits of paper beside him and that he just copies the items from them as and when they surface, without doing any grouping or sorting.

Thomas Ryke –	8d.
Item, as fines –	16d.
John Warde –	12d.
Austin Stratton –	4d.
Item, as fines –	2s. 4d.
John Rankyn –	4d.
Richard Nedam –	4d.
John Littleton –	6d.
William Hatter –	16d.
John Rankyn –	8d.
Robert Strother –	6d.
Ralph March –	12d.
Ralph Verney –	4d.
Thomas Fyler –	6d.
John Kirkeby –	6d.
John Rankyn –	6d.
Thomas Ryke –	6d.
John Reyner –	4d.
Nicholas Hatton –	6d.
William Redeknape –	6d.
Total –	34s. 10d.

Our disbursements:

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Paid for a barge to Westminster to the King's obit, total – 8s.

Item, for a quire of paper and for 2 keys to the chapel door – 9d.

Item, for boat hire to Westminster – 6d.

Item, for the writing of a quittance for receipt of money from Thomas Fraye – 2d.

Item, for boat-hire to Westminster to the King's Council – 15d.

Item, for the washing of 4 tunicles,⁴²⁶ 2 albs, 3 long altar cloths and 3 towels – 7d.

Item, for a new roll of parchment – 8d.

Item, paid to John Sedgford for half a year's salary – 39s.

Item, paid to John Stockton's man and to Robert Hallom's man, for riding with John Alvers to Dover – 11s.

Item, paid for a quarter of faggots (firewood) – 12d.

Item, paid to John Middleton of Middelburg – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Master Gerveys⁴²⁷ for writing 3 letters to Zierikzee, to the Hague, and to Amsterdam – 10s.

Item, paid for boat-hire to Westminster – 12d.

Item, paid for the writing of a bond obligatory for John Symond, mercer – 2d.

Item, paid for paper – 3d.

⁴²⁶ 'A vestment resembling the dalmatic, worn by subdeacons over the alb (and also by bishops between the alb and the dalmatic) at celebrations of the Eucharist' (*OED*).

⁴²⁷ This is Master Gervase Le Vulre, 'one of the King's notaries and secretaries in his chancery of France' who was granted 50 marks yearly on 15 October 1461 'for his public service of 40 years and more in France and England'. See *CPR 1461–67*, pp. 79, 219.

Item, paid for botehuыр to the Bisshopisplace of Wynchestre atte dyvers tymes – iiiii d.

Item, paid for iii pownd candyll for the prestis of the chapell – iiiii d. ob.

Item, for swepyng & kepyng clene of the chapell – ii s.

Item, for wasshyng of iii long towellys, ii awbys, iii fanonys – vi d.

Item, paid to John Sacheford for his selary for half a yere – xxxix s.

Item, paid for a *lettre* undre the Mayers seall to the Lord Storton to Caleys – xii d.

Item, paid to John Stubbes for perys to the gentilwoman of the Duchesse of Burgeyn – vi d.

Item, paid to Tavener for an earnest peny of huryng of his shippe – iiiii d.

Item, payde to Roger Hyde, Rykes man, to bere a *lettre* over the see to owr felawship – xx s.

Item, paid for a key for a chest with evedensis – vi d.

Item, paid at the Shryves rydyng for viii trumpetis – liiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for viii hood clothys – xii s. ix d.

Item, for makyng of hem – ii s. x d.

Item, for a barge to Westmystre – vi s. viii d.

Item, for drynk to hem – xx d.

Item, for wyne at Seynt Thomas – v d.

Item, paid to John Sacheford for his levere – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, paid to the Master of Seynt Thomas of Acres for the dirige of the brotherheed of the mercerye – x s.

Item, for botehuыр to Westmyster to Hewe Wyche – iii s. viii d.

Item, paid to hym for a writ directe to Sandewyche for the gownys of the gentilwomans of the Duches of Burgeyn – ii s. vi d.

Item, paid for wrytyng of ii letters to Calays to the Lord Sturton & to the Maire of Calys – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, paid for the obyte of John Abbot – vi s. viii d.

Item, paid to John Holte, wexchaundeler, for i roll of wex of a li. – viii d.

f. 171r Item, for ii tapers of ii li., *pris* – xvi d.

Item, for ii tapers of i li., *pris* – viii d.

Item, for wrytyng of this our accompte – vi s. viii d.

Item, paid to Stodele, screvener, for wrytyng of a supplicacion to the Cardenall Chaunceler for ayenst hem *presumyng* takyng goodis comyng owte of Flaundres – ii s.

Item, paid for boat-hire to the Bishop of Winchester's House,⁴²⁸ at various times – 4d.

Item, paid for 3 lb. of candles for the chapel priests – 4½d.

Item, for sweeping and for keeping the chapel clean – 2s.

Item, for the washing of 3 long towels, 2 albs, 3 fanons⁴²⁹ – 6d.

Item, paid to John Sedgford for his salary for half a year – 39s.

Item, paid for a letter under the Mayor's seal to Lord Stourton⁴³⁰ in Calais – 12d.

Item, paid to John Stubbes for pears for the Duchess of Burgundy's gentlewoman⁴³¹ – 6d.

Item, paid to Tavener, as an earnest-penny⁴³² for the hiring of his ship – 4d.

Item, paid to Roger Hyde, serving-man of [Thomas] Ryke, for taking a letter overseas to the members of our company – 20s.

Item, paid for a key for a chest with documents – 6d.

Item, paid at the sheriffs' procession for 8 trumpeters – 53s. 4d.

Item, for 8 lengths of cloth for hoods – 12s. 9d.

Item, for the making of them – 2s. 10d.

Item, for a barge to Westminster – 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks for them – 20d.

Item, for wine at St Thomas's – 5d.

Item, paid to John Sedgford for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the Master of St Thomas of Acon for the obit for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.

Item, for boat-hire to Westminster for Hugh Wyche – 3s. 8d.

Item, paid to him for a writ sent to Sandwich for the gowns of the Duchess of Burgundy's gentlewomen⁴³³ – 2s. 6d.

Item, paid for the writing of 2 letters to Calais to Lord Stourton and to the Mayor of Calais – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid for John Abbot's obit – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to John Holte, wax-chandler, for a rowel⁴³⁴ of wax weighing 1 lb. – 8d.

Item, for 2 tapers weighing 2 lb., price – 16d.

Item, for 2 tapers weighing 1 lb., price – 8d.

Item, for the writing of this our account – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Stodeley, scrivener, for writing a supplication to the Cardinal Chancellor⁴³⁵ against his presumption of taking goods coming from Flanders – 2s.

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428 This was in Southwark, and is described by John Stow, with its wharf and landing-place, *Survey*, pp. 370, 371–2.

429 'An embroidered band, corresponding with the stole, but shorter, originally a kind of napkin, attached to the left wrist of the officiating priest or celebrant, and of the deacon and subdeacon at mass; a manipule' (*OED*).

430 Sir John Stourton, Lord Stourton of Stourton, appointed lieutenant of Calais in March 1450 and responsible for Calais until September 1451. See *ODNB*, vol. 52, p. 975.

431 The attendant or 'lady in waiting' of Isabella of Portugal, wife of Duke Philip (the Good) of Burgundy.

432 'A small sum of money (prob. orig. a literal penny) paid as earnest to secure a bargain' (*OED*).

433 Might the gowns perhaps have been for re-use as chapel vestments or altar cloths?

434 Both the *OED* and the *MED* list a 'rolle', 'roule', 'rouel(le)', etc. as = 'rowel' in the sense of a wheel-shaped chandelier; and the *MED* also gives a meaning of 'a candle used for such'. In context here and subsequently, however, given that a weight of wax is specified, it would seem likely that what the wax-chandler is supplying is a bundle of small candles to be used in the rowel, and being also referred to as a 'rowel'. One may note also that Latham lists 'ruellus' = 'rowel-light'.

435 John Kemp: see *ODNB*, vol. 31, pp. 172–6.

Item, for a note of a pair endentures betwene the crafte & Richard Ryche for the Mergrete⁵⁸⁹ –

Item, paid to Thomas Muschamp by William Grond for vii ellis *holand* at vii d. ob. þe elle for the reredose for Lentyn at ii awters of Seynt Thomas, *summa* – iiiii s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, paid in partye of payement of vi li. vi s. ii d. ob., the which ys dewe to Thomas Muschamp for a swete of blak for a mortuarye *with* a chesible – iiiii li. iii s. viii d.

Item, paid to the chaundeler in Hosyer Lane for a rolle i li. *quarter* – x d.

Item, ii tapers of ii li., prys – xvi d.

Item, ii tapers of ii li., prys – xvi d.

Item, i rolle of i li., pris – viii d.

Item, ii tapers of i li., pris – viii d.

Item, ii tapers of ii li., prys – xvi d.

Item, i rolle of i li., prys – viii d.

Item, iii tapers of iii li., pris – ii s.

Item, ii tapers of ii li., prys – xvi d.

Item, paid for botehuyr to Westmystre by William Grond – ii s. viii d.

Summa – xiiii li. x s. i d.

1451 Item, paid in redy mony atte delyveraunce of this accompte to John Middelton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, & to Thomas Ryke, wardeynes for the yere next folowyng, *summa* – C xxiiii li. iiiii s. v d.

Summa totalis of all our discharge – C xxxvii li. xiiii s. vi d.

f. 171v *Memorandum*, that Sir Roger Mersche owyth for his entreys for the second yere – vi s. viii d.

Item, John Sacheford owyth for the entreys of tho that he hath resseyved mony for which he hath not brougth in, *summa* – vi s. viii d.

Memorandum, John Sacheford bryng in to you for them that have not paid for their entreys in to owre levere, there ys behynde to paye for ii men for this yere – xiii s. iiiii d.

Memorandum, that Jefferry Feldyng & John Middelton owe to the box by an obligacion, *summa* – xxx li.

Memorandum, that John Symond, yeman of the crowne, owyth to the box by an obligacion, *summa* – v li.

Memorandum, that Thomas Muschamp hath an obligacion of the wedewe atte Hoole Bolle in Chepe, the summe therof xx li. that longith to the box – xx li.

Memorandum, that there ys an obligacion that William Mylred ʒaf to the box the which Harry Rewton, a man of Devenshire, ys bonde for the mone, the summe therof xx li. & odde money⁵⁹⁰ –

589 No sum is given for this. The 'Margaret' was a ship. Riche later claimed money and settled for £6 14s. 6d. 'of an arrerage of his fraght of the Margaret coming from Bowes and Berowe Martes the yere of our Lorde God Mⁱ iiiii^c li'. See *Acts of Court*, p. 46 and see below f. 191r for further details.

590 The phrase '& odde money' has perhaps been added as an afterthought by the scribe, and no sum is given to the RH side.

Item, for a note of a pair of indentures between the mistery and Richard Riche, for the Margaret –

Item, paid to Thomas Muschamp by William Grond for 7 ells of Holland cloth at 7½d. an ell, for the Lenten reredos for 2 altars at St Thomas's, total – 4s. 4½d.

Item, paid in part-payment of £6 6s. 2½d. which is due to Thomas Muschamp for a set of black clothes for a set of funeral vestments⁴³⁶ with a chasuble – £4 3s. 8d.

Item, paid to the chandler in Hosier Lane for a rowel weighing 1¼ lb. – 10d.

Item, 2 tapers of 2 lb., price – 16d.

Item, 2 tapers of 2 lb., price – 16d.

Item, 1 rowel of 1 lb., price – 8d.

Item, 2 tapers of 1 lb., price – 8d.

Item, 2 tapers of 2 lb., price – 16d.

Item, 1 rowel of 1 lb., price – 8d.

Item, 3 tapers of 3 lb., price – 2s.

Item, 2 tapers of 2 lb., price – 16d.

Item, paid for boat-hire to Westminster by William Grond – 2s. 8d.

Total – £14 10s. 1d.

Item, paid over in ready money at the rendering of this account to John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedom, and Thomas Ryke, wardens for the next following year, total – £123 4s. 5d. 1451

Sum total of all our disbursements – £137 14s. 6d.

Memorandum, that Sir Roger Marsh owes for the second year of his admission-fees – 6s. 8d. f. 171v

Item, John Sedgeford owes for the admission of those for whom he has received the money but has not brought it in, total – 6s. 8d.

Memorandum, John Sedgeford has to bring in to you for those that have not paid their admission fees to our livery, 2 men are behind in payments this year – 13s. 4d.

Memorandum, that Geoffrey Fielding and John Middleton owe to the communal funds, by a bond obligatory, total – £30

Memorandum, that John Symond, yeoman of the Crown, owes to the communal funds by a bond obligatory, total – £5

Memorandum, that Thomas Muschamp holds a bond obligatory from the widow at the Whole Bull in Cheap, in the sum of £20, which belongs to the communal funds – £20

Memorandum, that there is a bond obligatory which William Meldreth gave to the communal funds, by which Harry Rewton, a man from Devon, is bound to pay the sum of £20 and some odd money –

436 See also further below on f. 183v. The word 'mortuary' is not recorded in this sense, but it is the most likely meaning since it is 'with a chasuble'. An alternative is a pall or hearse cloth, but at this date these were by no means usually black. One such is shown in an illustration to Davies and Saunders, *History of the Merchant Taylors' Company*, p. 30 and Plate II, and another in the catalogue of Marks and Williamson, *Gothic Art for England*, plate 31, cat. no. 349.

Memorandum, that Robert Baron & Thomas Muschamp owe to the box, *summa* – xl li.

– þe which summe Thomas Muschamp toke whan he was wardeyn for the newe beldyng atte Pye, the mone longed to the lyflode of Richard Withengton.

Memorandum, þat ther be a dewe enqueraunce that every man that hath any apprentice that hath not paid his entreys, that he be brought afore you & pay his intreys xx s. every man, & yif ther be not dewe executyon doon that every man paye his entreys, hit wolle be grete hurt to the box & to all the crafte.

Memorandum, that John Stokton hath delyvered to Richard Nedam a byll of the revenewys of þe rent in Catton Lane that was late John Abbottis, mercer, for the tyme þat John Stokton hadde the rewle therof, & atte delyveraunce of the byll he delyvered to Richard Nedam in redy mone, *summa* – lvi s.⁵⁹¹

Item, the seid John delyvered to Richard Nedam in dettours for the seid rent which ys dewe & owyng be the tenauntes dwellyng in the seid rent at Crystemasse xxx^o, *summa* – vi li. vii s. xi d.

Item, Thomas Tellyll oweth for the rest of his rent of vi yere for the tyme that he dwellyd in the hows that nowe Richard Claver holdith, *summa*⁵⁹² –

Summa in redy money & in dettours for the said rente – xvi li. xvii s. xi d.

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Thacompte of the said Robert & Thomas for a yeer at Mighelmas *anno* xx[x]⁵⁹³

First, þei charge þem of divers dettours goven up in þeir last acompte of xxiii li. That is to saie: of William Denton & Robert Strother for þarest of William Thornehille, late rentier – xx li. Item, of Emond Sheffield – iii li.
– xxiii li.

Item, of William Morys & opir of mony *resseyved* of olde dette – iiiii li. xx d.

Item, of þ^e lyvelood of Whitengton as *apereth* [in] þ^e last acompte⁵⁹⁴ – CCxliiii li. v s.

Item, of þencrees as *apereth* in þ^e same acompte – xxxv s. iiiii d. Item, of þis yeer in encrees – xxi s. vii d. – *totalis* – lvi s. xi d.

Item, of þ^e lyvelood of þ^e mercerie as *apereth* in þ^e last acompte⁵⁹⁵ – xxxv li. xvi s. viii d.

Item, of þencrees of þ^e same, þis yeer – xxxi s. viii d.

Item, of þ^e lyvelood of Sir William Estfeld, knyght, as *apereth* [in] þ^e laste acompte – xv li. xv s. viii d.⁵⁹⁶

Item, of rente of assise ovir xi s. viii d. not paied – v li. vi s. ii d.

Item, of ii persones toward þ^e reparacions of þeir howseng – x s. iiiii d.

591 This property came to them through the bequest of John Fray; see also above, p. 676, note 566.

592 No figure is given.

593 MS: xx. This date must be viewed with caution, see Introduction, pp. 17–18.

594 The same sixteenth-century hand has noted in the LH margin beside this entry: ‘M. Whitington’.

595 The sixteenth-century hand has noted in the LH margin here: ‘the mercers lyvelyhod’.

596 The modern annotator has ticked this amount in the RH margin.

Memorandum, that Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp owe to the communal funds, total – £40

the which sum Thomas Muschamp took when he was warden for the new building at the Pye, and the money belonged to the Richard Whittington estate.

Memorandum, that there should be a due inquiry and that every man who has an apprentice for whom he has not paid for his admission, that he should be brought before you and should pay 20s. for each man's admission, and if it were not seen to that every man pay his admission, it would be great harm to the communal funds and to the whole mistery.

Memorandum, that John Stockton has handed over to Richard Nedam a list of the rent revenues in Catton Lane, the property that lately belonged to John Abbot, mercer, for the time that John Stockton was in charge of it, and at the time he handed over the list he handed over to Richard Nedam in ready money, total – 56s.

Item, the said John handed over to Richard Nedam as debts for the said rent, which is due and owing by the tenants living in the said rental property at Christmas 30 [Henry VI] [1451], total – £6 7s. 11d.

Item, Thomas Telyll⁴³⁷ owes for the remainder of his rent for 6 years, for the time he lived in the house that Richard Claver now occupies, total –

Total in ready money and in debts for the said rent – £16 17s. 11d.

The account of the said Robert [Baron] and Thomas [Muschamp] for a year up to Michaelmas 30 [Henry VI].

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Firstly, they declare several debts registered in their last account of £23, i.e. from William Denton and Robert Strother for the arrears of William Thornhill, former renter – £20. Item, from Edmund Sheffield – £3
– £23

Item, from William Morys and others, money received for old debts – £4 20d.

Item, from the Whittington estate, as appears in the last account – £244 5s.

Item, from the increases, as appears in the same account – 35s. 4d. Item, from increases this year – 21s. 7d. total – 56s. 11d.

Item, from the mistery's properties, as appears in the last account – £35 16s. 8d.

Item, from the increases of the same, this year – 31s. 8d.

Item, from the estate of Sir William Eastfield, knight, as appears in the last account – £15 15s. 8d.

Item, from rents of assise, over and above 11s. 8d. not paid – £5 6s. 2d.

Item, from 2 persons towards repairs to their houses – 10s. 4d.

⁴³⁷ This might possibly be a scribal error for Thomas Tekyll [Tickhill]; see Name Index.

Item, of mony borewed by obligacion of þ^e Tutour⁵⁹⁷ & þ^e porefolk of the collage toward þe bildeng of þ^e Pye in S. Martyns Otewich – xxxiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa resseyved – CCClxvi li. x s. ix d. – Wherof

Is paied in quyte rente for þ^e lyvelode of Whitengton – v li. ix d. ob.

Item, in pension to þ^e Maister & prestes & clerkes of þ^e colage – lxiii li.⁵⁹⁸

Item, to þ^e Tutour & xii opir pore peple of þe same – xxxix li. xvii s. iiiii d.

Item, in Whitengtons dirige – xxxvii s.

Item, to þ^e iiiii^e wardeins, conservatours of þ^e same – iiiii li.

Item, to þe rentiers, overseers & rulers of þ^e same, for þeir fees – xxi li.

Item, in for espenses for confirmacion of þe same – vi li.

Item, in dimunicions of þ^e same lyvelood þ^e tyme of Thornehille – iiiii li. xix s.

Item, in vacacions of þe same þe said yeer – xxi li. ix s. viii d.

Item, in reparacion of þ^e same lyvelood – xv li. xix s. ii d. ob. That is to saie: in Baynardis Castelle – xxiiii s. ix d. ob. In Milkestrete – ii s. vi d. In S. Laurence Jury – iii li. x s. In Bassingeshawe – iii li. iii s. iiiii d. In Colmanstrete – xxix s. iiiii d. In S. Bartilmews þe litelle – vi s. ii d. ob. In Tourehille – viii s. xi d. In S. Donstons in þest – lvii s. ix d. In Estchepe – xx s. ii d. In Seint Laurence Pounteney – vii s. ii d. In þ^e Ryalle – xxii s. ix d. ob. In Budge Rowe – vi s. iiiii d.

– xv li. xix s. ii d. ob.

In quyte rentes of þ^e lyvelood of þ^e mercerie – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

In dimunicion of þ^e same þ^e tyme of Thornehille – iii s. viii d.

In vacacions of þe same – vi li. xv s. iiiii d.

In reparacion of þ^e same & for þ^e new bildeng at þ^e Pye – Ciii^{xx}xviii li. xiii s. vii d. ob.

That is to saie: In þ^e Crowne – xx d. In S. Martyns Otewich for makeng of new shymeneys, walles of brike & opir grete þinges at Kynges – xviii li. xiii s. i d. ob.

Item, at þ^e Pye in new bildeng, werkmanship, & stuff – Clxxix li. xvii s. x d.

– Ciii^{xx}xviii li. xiii s. vii d. ob.

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Item, in ii prestes of þ^e same *with* þ^e lyvray of oon of þem – xiii li.

Item, in vacacions of þ^e lyvelood of Sir William Estfeld – liiii s. ii d.⁵⁹⁹

Item, in reparacions of þe same lyvelood at the Thre Coupes – xxxix s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in for espenses – xviii s. x d.

Item, in writeng & potacions for þ^e tenants – xxx s.

Item, for þobite of Sir William Estfeld & a preest & opir þingis – ix li. xi s. viii d.

Summa paied – CCCCxxxix li. xiii s. viii d.

597 The 'Tutor' at Whittington College was, as is clear from this and subsequent passages in these accounts, an almsman himself and in charge of all the other 12 almsmen. His role was defined in the 1424 ordinances for the College, and the election of the Tutor was reserved to the Mercers. See Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 31–2, 58–9, 112–13 on his duties and responsibilities.

598 This sum and the next two have a mark, of a circle with a cross through it, placed against them in the RH margin, apparently in a contemporary hand.

599 A tick has been made in the RH margin against this figure, the next one below, and that for Wm Eastfield's obit.

Item, from money borrowed by bond obligatory from the Tutor and the poor-folk of the College, towards the building of the Pye in St Martin Outwich – £33 6s. 8d.

Total received – £366 10s. 9d. Of which

Has been paid out for quit-rents for the Whittington estate – £5 9½d.

Item, for pensions to the Master and priests and clerks of the College – £63

Item, to the Tutor and 12 other poor people of the same – £39 17s. 4d.

Item, for Whittington's obit – 37s.

Item, to the 4 wardens, custodians of the same – £4

Item, to the renters, supervisors and managers of the same, for their fees – £21

Item, for expenses over the confirmation⁴³⁸ of the same – £6

Item, for rent-reductions in the same estate during Thornhill's time – £4 19s.

Item, for vacancies in the same for the said year – £21 9s. 8d.

Item, for repairs of the same estate – £15 19s. 2½d. i.e. in Baynard's Castle – 24s.

9½d. In Milk Street – 2s. 6d. In St Lawrence Jewry – £3 10s. In Bassishaw – £3 3s.

4d. In Coleman Street – 29s. 4d. In St Bartholomew the Less – 6s. 2½d. In Tower

Hill – 8s. 11d. In St Dunstan in the East – 57s. 9d. In East Cheap – 20s. 2d. In St

Laurence Pountney – 7s. 2d. In the Royal – 22s. 9½d. In Budge Row – 6s. 4d.

– £15 19s. 2½d.

For quit-rents on the mystery's properties – £4 10s. 4d.

For decreases in the same during Thornhill's time – 3s. 8d.

For vacancies in the same – £6 15s. 4d.

For repairs of the same and for the new building at the Pye – £198 13s. 7½d. i.e. at

the Crown – 20d. In St Martin Outwich for making new chimneys,⁴³⁹ brick walls,

and other large works at Kyng's house – £18 14s. 1½d. Item, at the Pye, for new

building works, for labour and for materials – £179 17s. 10d.

– £198 13s. 7½d.

Item, for the mystery's almsmen – £15 14s. 8d.

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Item, for 2 priests of the same, and for the livery of one of them – £14

Item, for vacancies in Sir William Eastfield's estate – 54s. 2d.

Item, for repairs of the same estate at The Three Cups – 39s. 4½d.

Item, for expenses – 18s. 10d.

Item, for writing and for drinks for the tenants – 30s.

Item, for Sir William Eastfield's obit, for a priest and other things – £9 11s. 8d.

Total paid out – £439 14s. 8d.

⁴³⁸ It is unclear but some form of legal confirmation must be meant.

⁴³⁹ The word can also mean fireplaces.

Item, Emond Sheffield oweth by obligacion – iii li. – So

pere is due to þe said acomptantes – lxxvi li. iii s. xi d.

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f. 172r This is the acounte made by John Middelton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, Thomas Ryke, wardeynes of the felawship of the mercerye of London, fro the fest of Seynt John Baptest in the yere of our lord Mⁱ CCCC li unto the seid fest next folowyng than beyng the yere of our lord God Mⁱ CCCC lii and in the yere of Kyng Henry the vi^{te} after the conquest xxx^o.⁶⁰⁰

First we charge us the same day *with* Cxix li. ix d. that we resseyved of Heugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Stokton, William Grond, wardeyns next before us of the mercery – Cxix li. ix d.

For issues of fremen

Resseyved of Robert Twygge apprentice <i>with</i> William Grond, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of John Rowley apprentice <i>with</i> Richard Ryche, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of William Clerk apprentice <i>with</i> John Frost, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Robert Serve apprentice <i>with</i> Harry Messyngham, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Thomas Teken apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Onhand, & for fyne ⁶⁰¹ –	iii s.
Resseyved of John Stourmer apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Nyche, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of John Rayner apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Hurst, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Richard Frankton apprentice <i>with</i> John Middelton, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Robert Cosyn apprentice <i>with</i> Richard Nedam, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Nicholas Hagar apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Ryke –	ii s.
Resseyved of Gefferey Blowar apprentice <i>with</i> John Roo, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
Resseyved of Robert Talbot apprentice <i>with</i> Stephen Stechmerssh, <i>summa</i> –	ii s.
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Entrez of apprentice

Resseyved de John Kervell apprentice <i>with</i> Robert Baron, <i>summa</i> –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Yppyng apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Gosse –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Rufford apprentice <i>with</i> John Kyrkeby –	xx s.
Resseyved of William Bedston apprentice <i>with</i> William Talbot –	xx s.
Resseyved of Nicholas Alwyn apprentice <i>with</i> John Broddesworth –	xx s.
Resseyved of William Shore apprentice <i>with</i> John Rankyn –	xx s.
Resseyved of Thomas Draper apprentice <i>with</i> Robert Hallom –	xx s.
Resseyved of William Cogan & Thomas Rewsson apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Fyler –	xl s.

600 This paragraph is bracketed to the RH side and where a sum of money is normally written is the sub-heading: 'Anno xxx^o'.

601 The words '& for fyne' are a later, but contemporary, addition in a different hand and written very faintly. The 'iii s.' is clearly written by the scribe himself, and this note will have been to explain the odd amount.

Item, Edmund Sheffield owes by bond obligatory – £3 Therefore

There is due to the said men rendering this account – £76 3s. 11d.

This is the account rendered by John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, Thomas Ryke, wardens of the mercers' mistery of London, from the feast of St John the Baptist in the year of our Lord 1451 until the next said feast in the year of our Lord 1452, and the regnal year 30 Henry VI. 1451–52
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Firstly, we declare £119 9d. that we received on that same day from Hugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Stockton, and William Grond, the previous wardens of the mercers' mistery – £119 9d.

For the issues of freemen

Received from Robert Twigge apprentice with William Grond –	2s.
Received from John Rowley apprentice with Richard Riche –	2s.
Received from William Clerk apprentice with John Frost –	2s.
Received from Robert Serff apprentice with Harry Massingham –	2s.
Received from Thomas Teken apprentice with Thomas Onehand, and for a fee –	3s.
Received from John Sturmer apprentice with Thomas Nyche –	2s.
Received from John Reyner apprentice with Thomas Hurst –	2s.
Received from Richard Frankton apprentice with John Middleton –	2s.
Received from Robert Cosyn apprentice with Richard Nedam –	2s.
Received from Nicholas Agor apprentice with Thomas Ryke –	2s.
Received from Geoffrey Blower apprentice with John Roo –	2s.
Received from Robert Talbot apprentice with Stephen Titchmarsh –	2s.
Total – 25s.	

Admission of apprentices

Received from John Kervell apprentice with Robert Baron –	20s.	f. 172v
Received from John Ippyng apprentice with Thomas Gosse –	20s.	
Received from John Rufford apprentice with John Kirkeby –	20s.	
Received from William Bedston apprentice with William Talbot –	20s.	
Received from Nicholas Alwyn apprentice with John Brodsworth –	20s.	
Received from William Shore apprentice with John Rankyn –	20s.	
Received from Thomas Draper apprentice with Robert Hallom –	20s.	
Received from William Cogan and Thomas Rawson apprentices with Thomas Fyler –	40s.	

Resseyved of Crestopher Crestesford apprentice <i>with</i> Roger Roos –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Selver apprentice <i>with</i> John Martyn –	xx s.
Resseyved of Thomas Don apprentice <i>with</i> Philip Howell –	xx s.
Resseyved of Robert Brown apprentice <i>with</i> Thomas Ryke –	xx s.
Resseyved of Richard Tuppyng apprentice <i>with</i> John Sturgeon –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Thomas apprentice <i>with</i> John Middelton –	xx s.
Resseyved of William Purdy apprentice <i>with</i> William Grond –	xx s.
Resseyved of Thomas Bakster apprentice <i>with</i> William Stevenes –	xx s.
Resseyved of Robert Arneway apprentice <i>with</i> John Stokton –	xx s.
Resseyved of Edmond Joosse apprentice <i>with</i> Geferay Boleyn –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Seman apprentice <i>with</i> John Chambre –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Basford apprentice <i>with</i> John Roo –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Seman apprentice <i>with</i> John Olney –	xx s.
Resseyved of John Odyarn apprentice <i>with</i> William Denton –	xx s.
Resseyved of Thomas Rooley apprentice <i>with</i> John Rooley –	xx s.
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Mercementis

Resseyved de Saunder Orable –	xii d.
Resseyved de John Ward –	xii d.
Resseyved de Robert Overton –	vi d.
Resseyved of William Chambre –	iiii d.
Resseyved of John Loke –	xii d.
Resseyved of Thomas Styll –	xii d.
Resseyved of Robert Barly –	xii d.
Resseyved of Richard Bonyfaunte –	vi d.
Resseyved of John Martyn –	vi d.
Resseyved of William Redeknap –	xii d.
Resseyved of John Goldwell –	ii s.
Resseyved of Thomas Nyche –	ii s.
Resseyved of Rauf Marche –	vi d.
Resseyved of John Ryche –	ii s.
Resseyved of Richard Claver –	vi d.
Resseyved of Thomas Goodyng & Symond Daudisle –	xx d.
Resseyved of Thomas Fyler –	vi d.
Resseyved of John Rankyn –	xii d.
Resseyved of Rauff Kemp –	xii d.
Resseyved of John Lytelton –	iiii d.
Resseyved of Richard Evyrley –	iiii d.
Resseyved of John Stokton –	iiii d.
Resseyved of John Artour –	xii d.
Resseyved of John Miles –	vi d.
Resseyved of Roger Middelmor –	vi s. viii d.
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Received from Christopher Crestesford apprentice with Roger Roos –	20s.
Received from John Silver apprentice with John Martyn –	20s.
Received from Thomas Donne apprentice with Philip Howell –	20s.
Received from Robert Brown apprentice with Thomas Ryke –	20s.
Received from Richard Tuppyng apprentice with John Sturgeon –	20s.
Received from John Thomas apprentice with John Middleton –	20s.
Received from William Purdy apprentice with William Grond –	20s.
Received from Thomas Bakster apprentice with William Stephens –	20s.
Received from Robert Arneway apprentice with John Stockton –	20s.
Received from Edmund Joosse apprentice with Geoffrey Boleyn –	20s.
Received from John Seman apprentice with John Chamber –	20s.
Received from John Basford apprentice with John Roo –	20s.
Received from John Seman apprentice with John Olney –	20s.
Received from John Odiarne apprentice with William Denton –	20s.
Received from Thomas Rowley apprentice with John Rowley –	20s.
Total – £24	

Fines

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Received from Alexander Orable –	12d.
Received from John Ward –	12d.
Received from Robert Overton –	6d.
Received from William Chamber –	4d.
Received from John Locke –	12d.
Received from Thomas Steele –	12d.
Received from Robert Barley –	12d.
Received from Richard Bonefaunt –	6d.
Received from John Martyn –	6d.
Received from William Redeknape –	12d.
Received from John Goldwell –	2s.
Received from Thomas Nyche –	2s.
Received from Ralph March –	6d.
Received from John Riche –	2s.
Received from Richard Claver –	6d.
Received from Thomas Godyng and Simon Daudley –	20d.
Received from Thomas Fyler –	6d.
Received from John Rankyn –	12d.
Received from Ralph Kemp –	12d.
Received from John Littleton –	4d.
Received from Richard Everley –	4d.
Received from John Stockton –	4d.
Received from John Arthur –	12d.
Received from John Miles –	6d.
Received from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
Total – 28s. 2d.	

Entres into the levery, the iii^{de} yere

Resseyved of Thomas Cantelowe for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
Resseyved of Robert Screinyngham for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
Resseyved of John Ward for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
Resseyved of Robert Barley for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
Resseyved of William Hatter for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
Resseyved of Robert Grygory for his levery –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – xl s.	

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The resseitis of John Abbott rentis⁶⁰²

En primis, resseyved of John Stokton for the rent of John Abbott as⁶⁰³ hit appereth by his resseites, wherof we have resseyved in mony of hym – lvi s.
 Resseyved of John Markant for Mydsomer rent & Michelmas rent – xvii s. vi d.
 Resseyved of Richard Claver for Cristemas rent – xxxv s.
 Resseyved of John Markant for Cristemas rent & Ester rent – xvii s. vi d.
 Resseyved of Richard Thurstyll in partye of payement of iii li. xv s. owyng in to Midsomer terme anno xxx^o – xxvi s. viii d.
 Resseyved of Richard Claver for Ester rent quarter – xxxv s.
Summa – ix li. vii s. viii d.

Item, we charge us *with* a rest of iiiii li. xii s. viii d. of an imposicion levyed among the felawship for sute made unto the Duk of Suffolk and to the preve seall, to thentent that we myght have hadde the custume in our handes for certeyn yeres, in the which were solicitours William Cantelowe, alderman, John Harowe, & Robert Barun, *summa* – iiiii li. xii s. viii d.

Item, for fine of John Lok – v s.

Summa totalis of the charge – C lxi li. xix s. iii d.

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Payementis

First, paide for i barge for the kyngis dirige – ix s.
 Item, for ii bootis to Westmynster – vi d.
 Item, to the carpenters at the Pye – xii d.
 Item, for wyne for the custumers – x d.
 Item, for i bote to Westmynster for Hewe Wyche – iii d.
 Item, for boote huyr to my lord Chaunceler – xiiii d.
 Item, for cariage of bowys, howsyng & porter – x d.
 Item, for paper – iii d.
 Item, for i barge to Westmynster goyng *with* the shreves – vi s. viii d.
 Item, for i cokett for the Marg[r]et & Peter Arehanson – iii s. iiiii d.

602 They are listed here, although the other account book where one might have expected to find these was in existence at this date. In subsequent years, however, the details of the Abbot estate do appear in the renter-wardens' accounts.

603 MS: as as.

Admission to the livery, third year

Received from Thomas Cantelowe for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Received from Robert Scrayingham for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Received from John Ward for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Received from Robert Barley for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Received from William Hatter for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Received from Robert Gregory for his livery –	6s. 8d.
Total –	40s.

Receipts from John Abbot's rental properties

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Firstly, received from John Stockton for John Abbot's rent, as appears by his receipts, and of which we have received in cash from him – 56s.
 Received from John Markaunt for Midsummer rent and Michaelmas rent – 17s. 6d.
 Received from Richard Claver for Christmas rent – 35s.
 Received from John Markaunt for Christmas rent and Easter rent – 17s. 6d.
 Received from Richard Thrustille in part-payment of £3 15s. owed up to Midsummer term 30 [Henry VI] – 26s. 8d.
 Received from Richard Claver for rent for the Easter quarter – 35s.
 Total – £9 7s. 8d.

Item, we declare a balance of £4 12s. 8d. from a levy placed upon the company for [the costs of] a petition to the Duke of Suffolk⁴⁴⁰ and the Privy Seal⁴⁴¹ with the object of obtaining that we should have the customs in our hands for certain years, and those negotiating for this were William Cantelowe, alderman, John Harrow, and Robert Baron, – total – £4 12s. 8d.

Item, for a fine from John Locke – 5s.

Sum total of receipts – £161 19s. 3d.

Disbursements

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Firstly, paid for a barge for the King's obit – 9s.
 Item, for 2 boats to Westminster – 6d.
 Item, to the carpenters at the Pye – 12d.
 Item, for wine for the customs officials – 10d.
 Item, for 1 boat to Westminster for Hugh Wyche – 3d.
 Item, for boat-hire to go to the Lord Chancellor⁴⁴² – 14d.
 Item, for carriage of bows, housing them and transporting them – 10d.
 Item, for paper – 3d.
 Item, for 1 barge to Westminster, accompanying the sheriffs – 6s. 8d.
 Item, for 1 cocket⁴⁴³ for the Margaret and Peter Addrianson – 3s. 4d.

⁴⁴⁰ This must be William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk (from 2 June 1448), who died 2 May 1450. See *ODNB*, vol. 44, pp. 732–8. His son was not granted the title of Duke of Suffolk until 1455.

⁴⁴¹ The Keeper of the Privy Seal, Bishop Adam Moleyns, was murdered in January 1450.

⁴⁴² This was John Kemp, archbishop of York, and Chancellor from February 1450.

⁴⁴³ 'A document sealed by the officers of the custom-house, and delivered to merchants as a certificate that their merchandise has been duly entered and has paid duty' (*OED*).

Item, to John Seggefford for Mychelmas terme – xix s. vi d.
 Item, to Sir William Atthewell, Abbottis prest, for Cristemas terme – xxxiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for bote huyr to Westmyster *with* the Mayr – xiii d.
 Item, for i peyr candelstykes of laton for the chapell – iiiii s.
 Item, for ii candelstykes for the hall at Seynt Thomas – xvi d.
 Item, to John Seggefford for Cristemas terme – xix s. vi d.
 Item, for a glas wyndowe in the Eld Hall⁶⁰⁴ – vii li. xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for John Abbottis obbett – vi s. viii d.
 Item, to John Seggefford for Ester terme – xix s. vi d.
 Item, for papir & mendyng of chestis – iiiii d.
 Item, for Herry Gegge costis from Armouth to London – xx s.
 Item, to John Seggefford for Midsomer terme – xix s. vi d.
 Item, for wesshyng of awter clothes – xi d.
 Item, to John Segefford for his levery – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for bote huyr to Westmynster *with* the Mair to my Lord Chaunceler – xviii d.
 Item, to Sir William Attewell, Abbottis prest, for Ester quarter – xxxiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for costis & amending of Markantes hows – ii s. iii d.
 Item, for i cople of acte of the parlement – iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, paid to John Stodeley for makyng of ii endentours bytwene Petyr Addrianson & felawship – iii s. v d.
 Item, paid to the prestis of Seynt Thomas for dirige for the yere – x s.
 Item, paid for wyn that we have spende – xvi d.
 Item, paid for wrytyng of our accompte and entre in the bok – vi s. viii d.

Summa del discharge – xix li. xviii s.

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Item, the xxvii day of Juyll Mⁱ iiiii^c liii^u, at the delyveraunce of this accompte to John Stokton in presence of Gefferey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, & John Lamberd, we the seid wardeyns, John Middelton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, and Thomas Ryke, delyvered & paid unto our successours wardeyns, that ys to wete the said Gefferey Feldyng, Burton, Gosse, & Lamberd, all the evedencis, bokis, remembrauncis & all other stuf, the which ys of custume used to abide & remayne in the custodye & kepyng of the wardeynes of the mercery, *with* C & xl li. in redy money.

Summa totalis of our charge – Clxi li. xix s. iii d.

Summa totalis of our discharge – xix li. xviii s.

Rest dewe to the mercery – C xlii li. xv d.

Therof delyvered & paid to the newe wardeyns, Gefferey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, & John Lamberd, the xxvii day in Juyll⁶⁰⁵ as sheweth here above writen upon this same side – C xl li.

⁶⁰⁴ See Barron, *Medieval Guildhall*, p. 38, and see above, p. 642.

⁶⁰⁵ A blank space follows, presumably for the year date to be filled in.

Item, to John Sedgeford for Michaelmas term – 19s. 6d.
 Item, to Sir William Atwell, Abbot's priest, for Christmas term – 33s. 4d.
 Item, for boat-hire to Westminster with the mayor – 13d.
 Item, for 1 pair of latten candlesticks for the chapel – 4s.
 Item, for 2 candlesticks for the hall at St Thomas's – 16d.
 Item, to John Sedgeford for Christmas term – 19s. 6d.
 Item, for a glass window in the Guildhall – £7 13s. 4d.
 Item, for John Abbot's obit – 6s. 8d.
 Item, to John Sedgeford for Easter term – 19s. 6d.
 Item, for paper and for repair of chests – 4d.
 Item, for Harry Gedge's costs from Yarmouth⁴⁴⁴ to London – 20s.
 Item, to John Sedgeford for Midsummer term – 19s. 6d.
 Item, for the washing of altar cloths – 11d.
 Item, to John Sedgeford for his livery – 13s. 4d.
 Item, for boat-hire to Westminster with the Mayor to the Lord Chancellor – 18d.
 Item, to Sir William Atwell, Abbot's priest, for the Easter quarter – 33s. 4d.
 Item, for the costs and the repair of Markaunt's house – 2s. 3d.
 Item, for 1 copy of an Act of Parliament – 3s. 4d.
 Item, paid to John Stodeley for drawing up 2 indentures between Peter Addrianson and the company – 3s. 5d.
 Item, paid to the priests at St Thomas's for this year's obit – 10s.
 Item, paid for wine consumed – 16d.
 Item, paid for the writing up of our account and entering it into the book – 6s. 8d.

Total of disbursements – £19 18s.

Item, on 27 July 1452, at the rendering of this account to John Stockton in the presence of Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, we the said wardens, John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, and Thomas Ryke, handed over and paid to our successors as wardens, i.e. the said Geoffrey Fielding, Burton, Gosse, and Lambard, all the documents, books, memoranda and all other material which customarily stays and remains in the custody and keeping of the wardens of the mercers' mistery, with £140 in ready money.

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Sum total of our receipts – £161 19s. 3d.

Sum total of our disbursements – £19 18s.

Remainder due to the mercers' mistery – £142 15d.

Of which there has been handed over and paid to the new wardens, Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, on 27 July [1452], as is shown above, written on this same page – £140

⁴⁴⁴ Or Arnemuiden.

1452 *Memorandum* that I, John Lamberd, have *resseyved* of Richard Nedam le vi jour de Novembre l'ane xxxi – xl s. xl d.

1452 *Memorandum* that we, John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, & Thomas Ryke, have *delyvered* by the assent of the hooll felawship of the mercery the ii day of Aprell the yere of our lord Mⁱ CCCC lii an obligacion of xxx li. st., the which ther ys bownden in William Combys, Gefferey Feldyng, William Cantelowe, John Middleton, the which obligacion the felawship was accorded that Robert Baron & Thomas Muschamp shall have hit for the garnessyng of the Pye, with all the which money was take owte of the box in William Cantelowe & John Harowe, Thomas Muschamp, Robert Halom is tymes when they were wardeynes.

Memorandum that John Stokton hath hadde in his handys a yere & di. xiiii li. sterling, the which mony ys longyng to the hooll felawship of the mercery that lent mony to the gerneysyng of the town and the seid money shuld be *delyvered* ageyn in *particion* among the felawship

Memorandum, that is paid to þe feleschip.⁶⁰⁶

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Item, we, the seid John & John, Richard & Thomas have *delyvered* to Gefferay Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, John Lamberd an obligacion of xx li. st., the which ther ys bowndyn in Herry Newton & John Newton, the which obligacion was brought in Gefferey Feldyng, John Sturgeon, Raulyn Verney, and John Penne ys tyme when they were wardeynes, by the handys of William Pekeryng by the quest of William Melreth, the wech shuld have bene in money.

These been the dettours of John Abbottis rente
Richard Claver oweth for i quarter rente, that ys to wite at Midsomer last paste anno xxxⁱⁱ, *summa* – xxxv s.

⁶⁰⁶ This line has been added in a different but contemporary hand and clearly records the settlement of the above matter.

Memorandum that I, John Lambard, have received from Richard Nedam on 6 November 31 [Henry VI] [1452] – 40s. 40d. 1452

Memorandum that we, John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, and Thomas Ryke, have handed over, with the agreement of the whole company of the mercers' mistery, on 2 April in the year of our Lord 1452, a bond obligatory for £30 sterling, the bond being in the names of William Combes, Geoffrey Fielding, William Cantelowe, and John Middleton, and it was agreed by the company that this bond should be had by Robert Baron and Thomas Muschamp for the fitting out⁴⁴⁵ of the Pye, and all this money was taken out of the communal funds during the time when William Cantelowe, John Harrow, Thomas Muschamp, and Robert Hallom were wardens. 1452

Memorandum that John Stockton has had in his hands for a year and a half £14 sterling, which money belongs to the whole company of the mercers' mistery, which lent money for the defence⁴⁴⁶ of the City, and the said money ought to be handed over again to be shared out among the company.

Memorandum, that is paid to the company

Item, we, John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, Thomas Ryke, have handed over a bond obligatory in the sum of £5 sterling to Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, the bond being in the name of John Symond and Janet his wife, and the said money belongs to the communal funds. 1452 f. 175r

Item, we, the said John and John, Richard and Thomas, have handed over to Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, John Lambard, a bond obligatory in the sum of £20 sterling, in the names of Henry Newton and John Newton, the which bond was brought in during the time when Geoffrey Fielding, John Sturgeon, Ralph Verney, and John Penne were wardens, and came via William Pickering from the bequest of William Meldreth,⁴⁴⁷ and it ought to have been in money.

These are the debtors from John Abbot's rents

Richard Claver owes rent for one quarter, i.e. for last Midsummer, in the year 30 [Henry VI] [1452], total – 35s.

⁴⁴⁵ The word used is 'garnishing' which could mean 'to equip', 'to furnish' as well as 'to decorate', and should probably be taken in general terms, getting things in order after the previous building works (see above, pp. 688–9, 702–5, 710–11).

⁴⁴⁶ The word used is again 'garnishing', here clearly referring to the measures taken against Jack Cade's rebellion.

⁴⁴⁷ For his will of 14 January 1445, proved 5 February 1445/6, see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, pp. 506–7. One notes many subsequent references to this bequest and the long delay in payment of this sum (see Name Index).

John Marcaunt, fow[n]dwr, oweth for i quarter rente at Midsomer last paste, *summa* – viii s. ix d.

John Badkoke, foundowr, oweth for rent fro Cristemas unto Mydsomer last was for iii quarters anno xxx^{ti}, *summa* – xxv s.

Richard Thurstyll, fowndowr, oweth for rent at Midsomer last passid anno xxx^{ti}, *summa* for i yere & i quarter, an noble over – xlviij s. iiij d.

Summa – v li. xvii s. i d.

Sept 1451– Thacompte of þ^e forsaied Robert & Thomas for half a year:

Easter 1452

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First, þ^e said *acomptantes* charge þem of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood of Richaert Whitengton for þ^e said half yeer – Cxxii li. ii s. vi d. Wherof is decresid þ^e same half yer – lvii s. þat is to saie: In Baynardis Castelle – vii s. viii d. In S. Laurence Jury – xxxiii s. x d. In Bassingeshawe – xx d. In Tourehille – iii s. iiij d. In S. Donstons in þest – iii s. iiij d. In Estchepe – vi s. viii d. In Budge Rowe – vi d. And hit is encresid – xxi s. ii d. þat is to saie: In Colmanstrete – vi s. ii d. In Bisshopgate withoute – xx d. In S. Laurence Pounteney – xiii s. iiij d.

So þ^e *resseit* is clerely – Cxx li. vi s. viii d.

Item, in quyte rente ovir xi s. viii d. unpaied – v li. vi s. ii d.

Item,⁶⁰⁷ of þ^e lyvelood of þe mercerie for þ^e said half yer – xvii li. xviii s. iiij d.

Item, hit is encresid – vi li. iiij s. That is to saie: in þ^e Crowne – x s. In S. Martyns Otewiche at þ^e Pye – v li. xiii s.

So þ^e *resseit* is clerely – xxiii li. ii s. iiij d.

Item, of þ^e lyvelood of Sir William Estfeld – vii li. xvii s. x d. Item, hit is encresid þ^e said half yeer – xliii s. viii d. þat is to saie: In þ^e Thre Coupes – xx s. In More Lane – xxiii s. iiij d.

So þ^e *resseit* is clerely – x li. xviii d.

RW f. 9r Item, þei charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Hopkens for an olde hous at S. Martyn Otewiche – xl s.

Item, of John Croppes for an olde hous in More Lane – xxiii s. iiij d.

Item, of Edward Stone, carpenter, for tymber – v li.

Summa resseyved – Clxviii li. xii s. x d. – Wherof

Is paied in quyte rente for Whitengtons lyvelood – iii li. xiii s. i d. ob.

Item, in þ^e prestis of þ^e colage – xxxi li. x s.

Item, in þe pore folke of þ^e same – xix li. xviii s. viii d.

⁶⁰⁷ A cross has been placed in the LH margin against this entry, probably by the sixteenth-century annotator.

John Markaunt, founder, owes for one quarter's rent at last Midsummer, total – 8s. 9d.

John Badcock, founder, owes for rent from Christmas until Midsummer last, for three quarters of the year 30 [Henry VI], total – 25s.

Richard Thrustille, founder, owes for rent up until last Midsummer 30 [Henry VI], total for 1 year and 1 quarter, over and above a noble⁴⁴⁸ – 48s. 4d.

Total – £5 17s. 1d.

The account of the aforesaid Robert [Baron] and Thomas [Muschamp] for half a year:

Sept 1451–
Easter 1452
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Firstly, the said men rendering account declare money received from Richard Whittington's estate for the said half year – £122 2s. 6d. Of which there have been rent-reductions in the same half year – 57s., i.e. in Baynard's Castle – 7s. 8d. In St Lawrence Jewry – 33s. 10d. In Bassishaw – 20d. In Tower Hill – 3s. 4d. In St Dunstan in the East – 3s. 4d. In East Cheap – 6s. 8d. In Budge Row – 6d. And there have been increases of – 21s. 2d. i.e. in Coleman Street – 6s. 2d. In Bishopsgate Without – 20d. In St Laurence Pountney – 13s. 4d.

Therefore the net receipts are – £120 6s. 8d.

Item, for quit-rents over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Item, from the mistery's properties for the said half year – £17 18s. 4d. Item, there have been increases of – £6 4s., i.e. at the Crown – 10s. In St Martin Outwich at the Pye – £5 14s.

Therefore the net receipts are – £24 2s. 4d.

Item, from Sir William Eastfield's estate – £7 17s. 10d. Item, there have been increases in the said half year of – 43s. 8d., i.e. at The Three Cups – 20s. In Moor Lane – 23s. 4d.

Therefore the net receipts are – £10 18d.

Item, they declare money received from John Hopkens for an old house in St Martin Outwich – 40s.

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Item, from John Croppes for an old house in Moor Lane – 23s. 4d.

Item, from Edward Stone, carpenter, for timber – £5

Total of receipts – £168 12s. 10d.

Of which

Has been paid out for quit-rents on the Whittington estate – £3 14s. 1½d.

Item, for the College priests – £31 10s.

Item, for the poor-folk of the same – £19 18s. 8d.

448 i.e. 6s. 8d.

Item, in Whitengtons dirige – xxxvi s. iii d.
 Item, in conservatours of þe same – iii li.
 Item, in fees for þ^e rentiers, overseers of þe same – x li.
 Item, in vacacions of þ^e lyvelood of þe same – xiii li. xiii s. i d.
 Item, in reparacion of þ^e same lyvelood – xiii li. v s. ii d. That is to saie: In Baynardis Castelle – xxiii s. In Milkestrete – xxii d. ob. In Seint Laurence Jury – vi s. ix d. ob. In Bassingeshawe – iii li. iii s. v d. In Colmanstrete – xxxviii s. iii d. In S. Bartilmeus þ^e lytelle – xxvii s. vii d. ob. In Tourehille – iii li. x d. In S. Laurence Pounteney – xxxiii s. vii d. In S. Donstons þest – v s. i d. In Estchepe – iii d. In Budge Rowe – iii s. iii d. ob.
 – xiii li. v s. ii d.

Item, in pobite of Sir William Estfeld, his prest & opir þinges – iii li. xvi s. viii d.
 Item, in vacacions of his lyvelood – xxiii s. iii d.
 Item, in reparacion of þ^e same lyvelood at þ^e Thre Coupes – ii s. iii d.

Item, in þe quyte rente of þ^e mercerie lyvelood – iii li. iii d.
 Item, in palmesmen of þ^e mercerie – viii li. xiii s. iii d.
 Item, in þe prestis of þ^e same – viii li.
 Item,⁶⁰⁸ in reparacion of þ^e lyvelood of þ^e same – iii s. ix d. ob. That is to saie: In þ^e Crowne – xvii d. ob. In S. Martyns Otewich – iii s. iii d. – iii s. ix d. ob.

Item, allowed to Richaert Nedam for his shop – vi s. viii d.
 Item, in writeng & potacion – xv s. x d.
 Item, allowed þem for desperate dettes – liii s.
 Item, allowed þem for opir þinges by Donton & Stokton – xlii s. vi d.
 Item,⁶⁰⁹ in vacacions of þ^e lyvelood of þ^e mercerie – vii li. iii s. iii d.

Summa paied & allowed – Cxxxix li. xvi d. – So

þere is due to þ^e mercerie – xxix li. xi s. vi d. Wherfor

RW f. 9v Is due to þ^e said acomptantes as apereth in þ^e foote of þeire acompte þ^e laste yeer – lxxvi li. iii s. xi d. – So

Alle þinges acompted there is due to þ^e forsaid acomptantes – xlvi li. xii s. v d.
 Wherfor

Is delivered to þ^e said Thomas in contentyng of alle dutes, divers creditours as apereth in þacompte of G. Feldyng, J. Burton & opir aftir – xxxv li. xiii s. iii d.⁶¹⁰

Allowed by auditours & quyte

⁶⁰⁸ A small 'b' has been written in the LH margin against this entry, apparently in the scribe's own hand.

⁶⁰⁹ A small 'a' has been written similarly against this entry. It would appear that the scribe is correcting the order of entries, vacancies usually being listed before repairs.

⁶¹⁰ See below, p. 734.

Item, for Whittington's obit – 36s. 3d.

Item, to the custodians of the same – £4

Item, for fees for the renters, supervisors of the same – £10

Item, for vacancies in the same estate – £14 14s. 1d.

Item, for repairs of the same estate – £13 5s. 2d., i.e. in Baynard's Castle – 23s. In Milk Street – 22½d. In St Lawrence Jewry – 6s. 9½d. In Bassishaw – £3 3s. 5d. In Coleman Street – 38s. 4d. In St Bartholomew the Less – 27s. 7½d. In Tower Hill – £3 10d. In St Laurence Pountney – 34s. 7d. In St Dunstan in the East – 5s. 1d. In East Cheap – 4d. In Budge Row – 3s. 3½d.

– £13 5s. 2d.

Item, for Sir William Eastfield's obit, his priest, and other things – £4 16s. 8d.

Item, for vacancies in his estate – 24s. 3d.

Item, for repairs of the same estate at The Three Cups – 2s. 4d.

Item, for the quit-rents on the mistery's properties – £4 4d.

Item, for the mistery's almsmen – £8 13s. 4d.

Item, for the priests of the same – £8

Item, for repairs of the properties of the same – 4s. 9½d., i.e. at the Crown – 17½d. In St Martin Outwich – 3s. 4d. – 4s. 9½d.

Item, allowance to Richard Nedam for his shop – 6s. 8d.

Item, for writing and for drinks – 15s. 10d.

Item, allowed to them for desperate debts⁴⁴⁹ – 53s.

Item, allowed them for other things, by Dounton and Stockton – 42s. 6d.

Item, for vacancies in the mistery's properties – £7 3s. 4d.

Total paid out and allowed – £139 16d.

Therefore

There is due to the mercers' mistery – £29 11s. 6d.

Of which

There is owed to the said men rendering this account, as appears at the foot of their account for last year – £76 3s. 11d. Therefore RW f. 9v

All things accounted, there is owed to the aforesaid men rendering their account – £46 12s. 5d. Therefore

There has been handed over to the said Thomas [Muschamp] in settlement of all dues, various creditors as appears in the account below of G. Fielding, J. Burton and others – £35 14s. 3d.

Approved by the auditors and quit

⁴⁴⁹ i.e. these are being written off.

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C'est la compte de Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, *et* John Lambard, gardeyns del mestere del mercerie pur une an entier passé a le fest del Nativité de Saint John Baptiste l'an du grace Mⁱ CCCClⁱⁱⁱ et del Roy Herry sizme puis le conquest xxxj^o.

La charge

Argent sek:

En *primez*, ils sount chargez en argent sek a eux deliverez *par* lour *predecessours* gardeyns *pur* la rest de lour charge, come apiert en la pee de lour acompte en l'an devant passé – Cxlii li. xv d.

Summa patet

Entré d'apprentices:

En <i>primez</i> , de John Box l'apprentis de William Groveman –	xx s.
De Thomas Hatfeld et	} l'apprentices de William Redeknape –
De Robert Richaert	
De Nicholas Albert l'apprentis de Geffrey Feldyng –	xx s.
De John Asche l'apprentis de William Stevens –	xx s.
De Nicholas Glover <i>et</i>	} l'apprentices de John Brodde –
De Richaert ⁶¹² Worcester	
De Thomas Garnoun <i>et</i>	} l'apprentices de John Goldewell –
De William Lovelas	
De John Elys	} l'apprentices de Geffrey Boleyn –
De Hugh Joye <i>et</i>	
De John Syute/Synte	iii li.
De William Hampdene l'apprentis de John Tate –	xx s.
De John Lodge l'apprentis de Robert Skrayngham –	xx s.
De William Thornehille <i>et</i>	} l'apprentices de Rauff Verney –
De Herry Davers	
De John Fletcher l'apprentis de Thomas Ryke –	xx s.
De Thomas Basynggham l'apprentis de John Lokke –	xx s.
De William Boller l'apprentis de Robert Twyg –	xx s.
De John Asshedene l'apprentis de Thomas Nyche –	xx s.
De Richaert Londone l'apprentis de John Reyner –	xx s.
De William Andrewe l'apprentis de John Stokdone –	xx s.
De Herry Reynold l'apprentis de Richaert Stutvile –	xx s.
De George Assheby l'apprentis de Thomas Walker –	xx s.
De William Catelyn l'apprentis de John Froste –	xx s.
De William Claver l'apprentis de Richaert Claver –	xx s.
De John Bradsha l'apprentis de William Bancroft –	xx s.

611 A new hand starts here, that of Richard Box, who writes the rest of this book of Wardens' Accounts and who also writes all of the Renter Wardens' Accounts from their start (on f. 5r) up to and including the account for 1469. Box was also the beadle and is remunerated separately for his main post and for his writing of the accounts. His approach is very business-like, clear and careful. His handwriting is small, and he manages to include a large amount on each page, using double-column layout when possible, for instance for fines and for admissions to the livery. The occasional initial is written large, but he does not use ornate pen-flourishing. One notes also that he returns here to the use of French for the wardens' accounts, and was clearly proficient in this language.

612 Whenever this scribe writes the name (his own name) 'Richard' in full, he spells it 'Richaert' and therefore all abbreviations of this name in this scribe's writing have been expanded thus.

This is the account of Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse and John Lambard, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1453 and the regnal year 31 Henry VI.

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare the ready money handed over to them by their predecessors as wardens, as the balance of their accounts,⁴⁵⁰ as appears at the foot of their account for the previous year – £142 15d.

Total, as above

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, from John Box apprentice of William Groveman –	20s.	
from Thomas Hatfield and	} apprentices of William Redeknape –	40s.
from Robert Richard		
from Nicholas Albert apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –		20s.
from John Asshe apprentice of William Stephens –		20s.
from Nicholas Glover and	} apprentices of John Brodde –	40s.
from Richard Worcester		
from Thomas Garnoun and	} apprentices of John Goldewelle –	40s.
from William Lovelace		
from John Elys	} apprentices of Geoffrey Boleyn –	£3
from Hugh Joye and		
from John Syute/Synte		
from William Hampdene apprentice of John Tate –		20s.
from John Lodge apprentice of Robert Scrayingham –		20s.
from William Thornhill and	} apprentices of Ralph Verney –	40s.
from Henry Davers		
from John Fletcher apprentice of Thomas Ryke –		20s.
from Thomas Basyngham apprentice of John Locke –		20s.
from William Boller apprentice of Robert Twigge –		20s.
from John Asshedene apprentice of Thomas Nyche –		20s.
from Richard London apprentice of John Reyner –		20s.
from William Andrew apprentice of John Stockton –		20s.
from Harry Reynold apprentice of Richard Stutvile –		20s.
from George Ashby apprentice of Thomas Walker –		20s.
from William Catelyn apprentice of John Frost –		20s.
from William Claver apprentice of Richard Claver –		20s.
from John Bradshawe apprentice of William Bancroft –		20s.

⁴⁵⁰ The word used is 'charge' which can refer to their whole responsibility as wardens but in context here is clearly to their financial responsibilities.

De Thomas Gladman l'aprentis de William Gladman –	xx s.
De Robert Say <i>et</i> } l'aprentices de Hugh Wiche –	xl s.
De John Sutton }	
De John Newton l'aprentis de John Riche –	xx s.
De William Umfray l'aprentis de Thomas Gosse –	xx s.
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Issues d'aprentices:

De William Trace jadis l'aprentis de John Penne –	ii s.
De John Baret jadis l'aprentis de John Sturgeon –	ii s.
De William Ferys jadis l'aprentis de John Lambard –	ii s.
De John Pikton jadis l'aprentis de Nicholas Hatton –	ii s.
De Robert Sampson jadis l'aprentis de William Gronde –	ii s.
De Thomas Bannowe jadis l'aprentis de John Harowe –	ii s.
De John Trengge jadis l'aprentis de William Pikeryng –	ii s.
De Richaert Yarom jadis l'aprentis de Thomas Chalton –	ii s.
De John Tame <i>et</i> } jadis l'aprentices de John Stokton –	iiii s.
De John Colyns }	
De Richaert Heynes jadis l'aprentis de John Harowe –	ii s.
Summa – xxii s.	

Dyvers fynes *et* bequestes:

De Herry Lytelton pur ceo q'il achate⁶¹³ son liveray a sa pleaser *et* non pas de nous – iii s. iiii d.

De Emond Redeknape pur mesme la cause – v s.

De Emond Bettes pur estre franke devant son terme d'aprenticialté – xx s.

De Roger Midelmore pur ceo q'il ne vient a lez courtes *par* tout l'an – vi s. viii d.

De Richaert Hayward pur mesme la cause – iii s. iiii d.

De Robert Twyg pur ceo q'il ad envoié divers darrés en la pais encountre l'ordenance – xxx s.

De Richaert Stutvile pur mesme la cause – xx s.

De William Pikeryng *par* l'enquest de William Milred (qe dieu assoile), en parti de paiement de xx li. – v li.

De John Lambard pur ceo q'il ala ovesque John Colet devant le quest de gardemote pur tesmoigner q'il fuist bone *et* loyalle homme, encountre l'ordenance⁶¹⁴ d'icelle faite *par* la mystere – iii li. vi s. viii d.

De John Ratheby de Chauncerie pur estre frier del mercerie – xx s.

Summa – xiii li. xv s.

613 One should perhaps edit this to 'achaté' as a past tense, but as above is also possible.

614 The ordinance is presumably that which forbids members of the mistery from going to court without first presenting the case to the wardens: see f. 1v above.

from Thomas Gladman apprentice of William Gladman – 20s.
 from Robert Say and } apprentices of Hugh Wyche – 40s.
 from John Sutton }
 from John Newton apprentice of John Riche – 20s.
 from William Humfrey apprentice of Thomas Gosse – 20s.
 total – £32

Issues of apprentices:

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from William Trace formerly apprentice of John Penne – 2s.
 from John Barret formerly apprentice of John Sturgeon – 2s.
 from William Ferys formerly apprentice of John Lambard – 2s.
 from John Pickton formerly apprentice of Nicholas Hatton – 2s.
 from Robert Sampson formerly apprentice of William Grond – 2s.
 from Thomas Bannowe formerly apprentice of John Harrow – 2s.
 from John Trengge formerly apprentice of William Pickering – 2s.
 from Richard Yarom formerly apprentice of Thomas Chalton – 2s.
 from John Tame and } formerly apprentices of John Stockton – 4s.
 from John Colyns }
 from Richard Haynes formerly apprentice of John Harrow – 2s.
 total – 22s.

Various fines, fees, and bequests:

from Harry Littleton, for buying⁴⁵¹ his livery as he liked and not from us – 3s. 4d.
 from Edmund Redeknape, for the same reason – 5s.
 from Edmund Bettes, to be made free before the end of his apprenticeship terms – 20s.
 from Roger Middlemore, for not coming to the courts for a whole year – 6s. 8d.
 from Richard Hayward, for the same reason – 3s. 4d.
 from Robert Twigge because he sent various goods out into the country [for sale] in contravention of the ordinance – 30s.
 from Richard Stutvile for the same reason – 20s.
 from William Pickering from the bequest of William Meldreth (may God absolve him), as part payment of £20 – £5
 from John Lambard because he went with John Colet before the wardmote inquest⁴⁵² to give evidence that he was a good and loyal man, in contravention of the mistery's ordinance concerning this – £3 6s. 8d.
 from John Ratheby of Chancery⁴⁵³ to become a 'brother' of the mercers' mistery – 20s.

Total – £13 15s.

⁴⁵¹ Or 'because he bought'.

⁴⁵² A wardmote is 'A meeting of the citizens of a ward; esp. in the City of London, a meeting of the liverymen of a ward under the presidency of the alderman', and a wardmote inquest is 'a judicial inquiry made by a wardmote' (*OED*).

⁴⁵³ Further mentions of him (as Raytheby) are to be found in e.g. *CCR 1447–54*, p. 184 and *CCR 1454–61*, pp. 38, 201, 438.

Mercementes:

De Thomas Dounton –	vi d.
De Saunder Orable –	vi d.
De Rauff Verney –	vi d.
De John Warde –	vi d.
De John Riche –	vi d.
De Thomas Nyche –	xii d.
De Thomas Brice –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Robert Baron –	xii d.
De Thomas Steell –	viii d.
De John Reynken –	ii s.
De John Stokton –	ii s.
De Richaert Stutvile –	viii d.
De Thomas Wotton –	xii d.
De Thomas Godyng –	xii d.
De John Martyn –	viii d.
De William Remy –	vi d.
De William Traace –	xii d.
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Entré en la lyveré le primer an:

De William Pykeryng –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Martyn –	vi s. viiii d.
De Rauff Kempe –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Riche –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Goldewelle –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Asshe –	vi s. viiii d.
De Emond Redeknape –	vi s. viiii d.
(De Richaert Burgh –	vi s. viiii d.
De William Caxton –	vi s. viiii d.) ⁶¹⁵
De John Norlong –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Shelley –	vi s. viiii d.
De William Pratte –	vi s. viiii d.
De Robert Cosyn –	vi s. viiii d.
De Richaert Wise –	vi s. viiii d.
De Herry Lytelton pur toutz iii ans –	xx s.
De Roger Bonyfaunt –	vi s. viiii d.
De John Marchall –	vi s. viiii d.
Summa –	v li. iii s. iiiii d.

Fynes d'eux queles ne chivacherent ovesque le maier Geffre Feldyng:

De William Myles –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Thomas Crispe –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Robert Twyg –	iii s. iiiii d.

⁶¹⁵ These last two entries, which are at the end of the first column of this list, have been scored through and a note at the LH side explains: 'quia inter debitores in fine compoti'.

Fines:

from Thomas Dounton –	6d.
from Alexander Orable –	6d.
from Ralph Verney –	6d.
from John Warde –	6d.
from John Riche –	6d.
from Thomas Nyche –	12d.
from Thomas Brice –	3s. 4d.
from Robert Baron –	12d.
from Thomas Steele –	8d.
from John Rankyn –	2s.
from John Stockton –	2s.
from Richard Stutvile –	8d.
from Thomas Wotton –	12d.
from Thomas Godyng –	12d.
from John Martyn –	8d.
from William Remy –	6d.
from William Trace –	12d.

Total – 17s. 4d.

Admission to the livery, the first year:

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from William Pickering –	6s. 8d.
from John Martyn –	6s. 8d.
from Ralph Kempe –	6s. 8d.
from John Riche –	6s. 8d.
from John Goldewelle –	6s. 8d.
from John Asshe –	6s. 8d.
from Edmund Redeknape –	6s. 8d.
(from Richard Burgh –	6s. 8d.
from William Caxton –	6s. 8d.) ⁴⁵⁴
from John Norlong –	6s. 8d.
from John Shelley –	6s. 8d.
from William Pratte –	6s. 8d.
from Robert Cosyn –	6s. 8d.
from Richard Wise –	6s. 8d.
from Harry Littleton for all three years –	20s.
from Roger Bonefaunt –	6s. 8d.
from John Marchall –	6s. 8d.

Total – £5 3s. 4d.

Fines from those who did not ride in the procession with the Mayor Geoffrey Fielding:⁴⁵⁵

from William Miles –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Crispe –	3s. 4d.
from Robert Twigge –	3s. 4d.

454 The note indicates that the deletion is 'because they are among the debtors at the end of the account'. See below, f. 177v.

455 On the £6 collected here, see further below, f. 191r, where these men are termed 'bachelors'.

De John Fairehed –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Thomas Dancastre –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Rauff Kempe –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Thomas Wotton –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Herry Newman –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Phelip Amersham –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Richaert Wyse –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Baker –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Thomas Brice –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Shelley –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Herry Bompsted –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Alburgh –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Marchall –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Donne –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Pratte –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Richaert Syff –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Skele –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Skidmore –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Emond Bettes –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Salmon –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Jacome –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Caxton –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Hille –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Staunford –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Colyns –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Tame –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Richaert Turpyn –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Neve –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Robert Gregory –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Hende –	iii s. iiiii d.
De John Smyth –	iii s. iiiii d.
De William Groveman –	iii s. iiiii d.
De Richaert Burgh –	iii s. iiiii d.
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Gayne:

Item, ils sont chargez del argent ressu de la gayne *et* surplusage de la lyveray
– xxxi s.

Summa patet

Item, ils sont chargez de l'argent ressu *par* voie d'aprest de Rauff Marche de
l'argent ressu *par* luy de la graunt condite – x li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – CCxii li. xix s. xi d.

from John Fairehed –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Dancaster –	3s. 4d.
from Ralph Kemp –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Wotton –	3s. 4d.
from Harry Newman –	3s. 4d.
from Philip Amersham –	3s. 4d.
from Richard Wise –	3s. 4d.
from John Baker –	3s. 4d.
from Thomas Brice –	3s. 4d.
from John Shelley –	3s. 4d.
from Harry Bumpstead –	3s. 4d.
from John Alburgh –	3s. 4d.
from John Marchall –	3s. 4d.
from John Donne –	3s. 4d.
from William Pratte –	3s. 4d.
from Richard Syff –	3s. 4d.
from William Skele –	3s. 4d.
from William Skidmore –	3s. 4d.
from Edmund Bettes –	3s. 4d.
from John Salman –	3s. 4d.
from John Chacombe –	3s. 4d.
from William Caxton –	3s. 4d.
from William Hille –	3s. 4d.
from John Stanford –	3s. 4d.
from John Colyns –	3s. 4d.
from John Tame –	3s. 4d.
from Richard Turpyn –	3s. 4d.
from John Neve –	3s. 4d.
from Robert Gregory –	3s. 4d.
from William Heende –	3s. 4d.
from John Smyth –	3s. 4d.
from William Groveman –	3s. 4d.
from Richard Burgh –	3s. 4d.

Total – £6

Profit:

Item, they declare the money received from the profit and the surplus from the livery – 31s.

Total, as appears

Item, they declare money received as an advance loan from Ralph March, from the money he received from the big conduct-levy – £10

Sum total of their receipts – £212 19s. 11d.

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La discharge dez ditz gardeyns

En primez, païé *pur* une barge *pur* le ternement del Roy – ix s. iiii d.

Item, *pur* une barge *pur* lez viscountz envers Westmynstre *pur* lour chivaché – vi s. x d.

Item, *pur* iii quayers paper – ix d.

Item, païé a xvi trompettes *pur* la chivaché de Geffrey Feldyng, maier – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, en boier *par* la voie *pur* ditz trompettes – iii s. iiii d.

Item, *pur* xiii verges 3 drap *pur* chaperons *pur* eux *et* Thomas ovesque le trompe a ii s. iiii d., *summa* – xxxi s. vi d.

Item, *pur* le fesour de xvii chaperons ovesque lez rolles – viii s. x d.

Item, *pur* l'escryve d'une lettre a William Cantelow *et* John Middeltoun esteauntz a le parlement de Redyng – v d.

Item, *pur* iii quarters 3 tel holland *pur* une amys en nostre chapelle – v d.

Item, *pur* l'amend d'une lok en la chapelle – iiii d.

Item, *pur* le portage d'une lettre de *par* Herry Gedge a une curroure – ii d.

Item, *pur* le lavé dez ornamentes de la chapelle – xx d.

Item, païé *et* deliveré *par* l'advis del compagnie del mercerie a M. Gerveis *pur* une gentille femme de la duchesse de Burgoine *qe* sojorna ovesque luy – x li.

Summa – xviii li. x s. iii d.

Salarie:

Item, païé a Thomas Whitelbery, bedille, *pur* son salary *pur* iii quarters *et* ix semaignes – iii li. xii s.

Item, païé a Richaert Box, bedille, *pur* son salary *par* iiii semaignes – vi s.

Summa – iii li. xviii s.

Lyveray:

En primez, païé *pur* la lyveray de Sir Richaert Combes *et* Sir William, chapeleins – xxx s.

Item, *pur* i verge 3 violet *pur* le maistre de Seint Thomas – xi s. iii d.

Item, *pur* i verge 3 quarter violet *pur* M. Thomas Abralle – xii s. vi d.

Item, *pur* iii verges 3 violet *et* dimi verge *et* le clou skarlet *pur* une hopland *et* i chaperon *pur* Robert Langford – xxxv s. v d.

Item, *pur* iii verges 3 *et* le clou violet *et* dimi verge *et* le clou skarlet *pur* Thomas Witelbery, bedelle – xxxv s.

Item, *pur* la fesure *et* escripte d'icest acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – vi li. x s. x d.

The disbursements of the said wardens

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Firstly, paid for a barge for the King's obit⁴⁵⁶ – 9s. 4d.

Item, for a barge for the sheriffs to Westminster for their procession – 6s. 10d.

Item, for 3 quires of paper – 9d.

Item paid to 16 trumpeters for the procession of Geoffrey Fielding, Mayor – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks *en route* for the said trumpeters – 3s. 4d.

Item, for 13½ yards of cloth for hoods for them and for Thomas with the trump [the big trumpet⁴⁵⁷], at 2s. 4d. [per yard], total – 31s. 6d.

Item, for the making of 17 hoods, with circlets⁴⁵⁸ – 8s. 10d.

Item, for the writing of a letter to William Cantelowe and John Middleton who were at the Parliament in Reading⁴⁵⁹ – 5d.

Item, for 7/8ths of a yard of Holland cloth for an amice in our chapel – 5d.

Item, for the mending of a lock in the chapel – 4d.

Item, for the carrying of a letter from Henry Gedge by a runner – 2d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements – 20d.

Item, paid and handed over, on the advice of the whole company of mercers, to Master Gerveys, for a gentlewoman of the Duchess of Burgundy who stayed with him – £10

Total – £18 10s. 3d.

Salaries:

Item, paid to Thomas Whittlebury, beadle, for his salary for 3 quarters and 9 weeks – £3 12s.

Item, paid to Richard Box, beadle, for his salary for 4 weeks – 6s.

Total – £3 18s.

Livery:

Firstly, paid for the livery of Sir Richard Combes and Sir William [Throld],⁴⁶⁰ chaplains – 30s.

Item, for 1½ yards of violet cloth for the Master of St Thomas of Acon – 11s. 3d.

Item, 1 5/8ths yards of violet cloth for Master Thomas Ebralle – 12s. 6d.

Item, for 3½ yards of violet cloth and ½ yard and a 'nail'⁴⁶¹ of scarlet cloth for a houppe and a hood for Robert Langford – 35s. 5d.

Item, for 3½ yards and a 'nail' of violet cloth and ½ yard and a 'nail' of scarlet for Thomas Whittlebury, beadle – 35s.

Item, for the making and the writing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total – £6 10s. 10d.

⁴⁵⁶ The word used, 'ternement', is more often found meaning 'burial'.

⁴⁵⁷ On these instruments see the recent article by Jeremy Montagu, 'Musical instruments', and the further references in the notes to this article.

⁴⁵⁸ The word used is 'rolles': 'a roll of cloth forming a circlet about the crown of a hood' (*MED*).

⁴⁵⁹ On 6 March 1453 Parliament was summoned to Reading: see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, V, pp. 227ff.

⁴⁶⁰ His surname can be found in next year's accounts, see below, p. 747.

⁴⁶¹ The word 'clou' is used in the sense of 'nail' for a linear measure of 2¼ in. or the sixteenth part of a yard. See Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, pp. 39–40 and 109.

Alowance:

Item, ils demandent *pur* estre alowé d'argent deliveré a Thomas Wytelbery *par* Emond Redeknap *pur* son chaperon, le *quele* ne fuit deliveré a eux – xii s. iiij d.

Item, a Richaert Box en recompense *et* regarde d'une hopland de la lyveray la *quele*⁶¹⁶ a luy *pur* ceo q'il fuist eslite bedille a Pentecost *par* la decesse de Thomas Whittelbery devant bedille, le *quele* Thomas ad ressu son robe a Pasque devant. Et ensy le dit Richaert conpiera un an *et* iii *quarters* sanz lyveray. Et *pur* ceo alowé *pur* ceo q'il ad achaté une robe del mesme lyveray – xiii s. iiij d.

Summa – xxv s. viii d.

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Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxx li. iiij s. ix d.

Ensy rest en argent *par* cest acompte – C iiij^{xx} li. xv s. ii d.

Faite *par* lez auditours John Midelton, John Roo, Richaert Nedam, et Thomas Ryke.

Dount païé *pur* divers reparacions, salaries *et* autres espences, come apiert en la pee de l'acompte de le livre de lyvelode, faite *par* John Harowe, John Roo, Rauff Marche, *et* William Denton, auditours⁶¹⁷ – fol. x^o – Clx li. iiij s. iii d.

Ensy rest due a la mercery – xxii li. x s. xi d.

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Memorandum qe lez ditz acomptantz avont deliveré a Geffrey Boleyn, Rauff Verney, John Lyttelton, *et* Rauff Marche, gardeyns *pur* l'an ensuant, une obligacion de v li. faite *par* John Symond *et* Jone sa femme, al use de la compayne.

Item, deliveré a eux iii obligacions chescon de v li. en lez *queles* est obligé William Pikeryng, mercier, *pur* la use de la compayne.

Dettours *pur* lour primer an *pur* l'entré en la lyveray:

Richaert Burgh – vi s. viii d.

William Caxton – vi s. viii d.

*Memorandum*⁶¹⁸ qe lez ditz acomptantz avount deliveré a Geffrey Boleyn, Rauff Verney, John Lytelton, *et* Rauff Marche, gardeins *pur* l'an ensuant, en argent sekke – x li.

Ensy rest due a la mercerie – xii li. x s. xi d.

616 A blank space follows, left for words to be filled in later.

617 The following folio number has been written in slightly paler ink and is clearly a later addition.

618 This and the following two entries are clearly later additions. This memo is in slightly paler ink, the one concerning Thomas Muschamp and William Redeknap is in darker ink, and that concerning Geoffrey Boleyn is in slightly different coloured ink.

Allowances:

Item, they ask for allowance for the money handed over to Thomas Whittlebury by Edmund Redeknappe for his hood, which was not handed over to them – 12s. 4d.

Item, to Richard Box in recompense and in consideration of a livery houppelande which [should/might have been accorded] him since he was elected beadle at Whitsun, due to the death of Thomas Whittlebury, previously beadle, and the said Thomas had received his gown at Easter before. And thus the said Richard will have completed a year and three quarters without livery. And therefore it has been allowed in that he bought a gown of the same livery cloth – 13s. 4d.

Total – 25s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £30 4s. 9d.

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And thus there remains in money from this account – £182 15s. 2d.

Approved by the auditors John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, and Thomas Ryke

Of which has been paid out for various repairs, salaries, and other expenditure, as appears at the foot of the accounts in the estates' accounts-book and approved by John Harrow, John Roo, Ralph March, and William Denton, auditors – on f. 10 – £160 4s. 3d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £22 10s. 11d.

Memorandum, that those rendering this account have handed over to Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March, wardens for the following year, a bond obligatory in the sum of £5 made by John Symond and his wife Joan, for the use of the company.⁴⁶²

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Item, handed over to them 3 bonds obligatory, each in the sum of £5, in the name of William Pickering, mercer, for the use of the company.

Debtors for their first year of admission fees to the livery:

Richard Burgh – 6s. 8d.

William Caxton – 6s. 8d.

Memorandum, that the said men rendering their account have handed over to Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March, wardens for the following year, in ready money – £10

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £12 10s. 11d.

⁴⁶² Here and below, the phrase 'al use de la compayne/companye' has been translated literally, but the sense is not just of future use, but that of 'which belongs to the company'.

Dount païé par Thomas Muschampe a William Redeknape, une dez gardeins, come apiert le Ciiii^{xxii} foille d'icest livre après, en lour acompte – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Ensy rest a la mercerie – ix li. iiiii s. iii d.

Item, deliveré a ditz Geffrey Boleyn *et sez companyes*, iii obligacions de William Pykeryng, mercier, chescon de v li.⁶¹⁹

Sept. 1452–
Easter 1453
RW f. 10r This is þacompte of Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, & John Lambard, wardeins of þ^e Mercerie of London, as for þe lyvelood longeng to þe felaship of þ^e said mercerie for half a yer at Ester anno xxxi^o H. vi^{ti}.⁶²⁰

The charge

First, we charge us of þe rentes longeng to þ^e said mercerie of purchace for þ^e termes of Cristemas & Ester þ^e yeer of Kyng Herry þ^e vi^e xxxi^{ti} – xxiiii li. ii s. iiiii d.
Item, of þ^e rentes goven be þadvys of Richaert Whitengton for þe said termes – Cxx li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of þe rentes goven be William Estfeld, knyght, for þe said termes – x li. xviii d.

Item, of þ^e rentes goven be John Abot for an hole yeer at þe forsaid Estir – xii li. xx d.

Item, for þencrees of þe tenement of John Baker for Ester terme – x d.

Item, for þencrees of þe tenement of William Bettes for þe forsaid termes – vi s. viii d.

Summa – Clxvi li. xix s. viii d.

Dettours due at Ester anno xxx^o for Abotis Rente

First, we charge us resseyved of Richaert Thrustille – xl s.

Item, of John Badcok – xvi s. viii d.

Item, of John Markaunt – ix s.

Summa – iii li. v s. viii d.

Summa totalis of oure charge – Clxx li. v s. iiiii d.

The discharge of þ^e said wardeins

First, we discharge us for reparacion in garnyssheng of þ^e Pye, as hit apereth in a paper booke more playnly of oure acompte – Cxxv li. iii s. xi d.

619 This is a repetition of the information given above, written later and presumably not noticing that the earlier note was there on the page.

620 The phrase 'for half a yer at Ester anno xxxi^o H. vi^{ti},' has been written in later, in paler brown ink, but by the scribe himself. One notes that six months' accounts (at least) appear to be missing: see Introduction, pp. 17–18. One notes also that some of the entries below are for sums that fall outside the half-year for which the wardens are officially taking responsibility.

Of which there has been paid by Thomas Muschamp to William Redeknape, one of the wardens, as appears on f. 182 below of this book, in their account – £3 6s. 8d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £9 4s. 3d.

Item, handed over to the said Geoffrey Boleyn and his fellow-wardens, 3 bonds obligatory in the name of William Pickering, mercer, each in the sum of £5.

This is the account of Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, wardens of the mercers' mistery of London, for the estates belonging to the said mistery, for half a year up to Easter 31 Henry VI [1453].

Sept. 1452–
Easter 1453
RW f. 10r

Receipts

Firstly, we declare the rents pertaining to the said mistery's own purchased properties for the terms of Christmas and Easter 31 Henry VI – £24 2s. 4d.

Item, the rents [from the estate] donated by the bequest of Richard Whittington for the said terms – £120 6s. 8d.

Item, the rents [from the estate] donated by William Eastfield, knight, for the said terms – £10 18d.

Item, the rents [from the estate] donated by John Abbot for a whole year up to the aforesaid Easter – £12 20d.

Item, for the increase on John Baker's tenement for Easter term – 10d.

Item, for the increase on William Bettes's tenement for the aforesaid terms – 6s. 8d.

Total – £166 19s. 8d.

Debts due at Easter 30 [Henry VI] [1452] for Abbot's rents

Firstly, we declare receipt from Richard Thrustille – 40s.

Item, from John Badcock – 16s. 8d.

Item, from John Markaunt – 9s.

Total – £3 5s. 8d.

Sum total of our receipts – £170 5s. 4d.

The disbursements of the said wardens

Firstly, we declare repairs for the furnishment of the Pye, as appears more fully in a paper book of our accounts – £135 3s. 11d.

Item, paid for stuffe, reparacion & evidences makeng for divers tenementes, as apereth in þe said acompte, and þ^e rente gaderers salare for þ^e said ii termes – xxiiii li. xv s. viii d. ob.

Item, paid for quyte rente as apereth in þe said acompte – vi li. x d.

Item, paid for þobite of Sir William Estfeld & his wille,⁶²¹ as apereth in þ^e said acompte – vii li. v s.

Item, paid to þe ii prestes of Seint Thomas for þe forsaid termes – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, paid to þe Maister of Seint Thomas for þ^e dirige for þ^e mercerie – x s.

Item, paid to iiiii almesmen, as apereth in þe said acompte – vii li. xi s. viii d.

Item, paid to þ^e Maister of þe collage for iii termes at Midsomer þ^e xxxi^{ti} [yeer] – xlvii li. v s.

Item, paid to xiii^e pore folke in þ^e same collage fro þ^e xxiii daie of Decembre unto þ^e xi daie of August *anno* xxxi^o for xxxiii^{ti} wekes þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d. *Summa* – xxv li. vi s.

RW f. 10v Item, paid to us þe forsaid iiiii wardeins for þoversight of þ^e lyvelode of Richaert Whitengton for an hole yeer⁶²² at Midsomer *anno* xxxj^o – iiiii li.

Item, paid for þobite & a preste for John Abote for a yeer at Ester aforsaid – vii li.

Item, for þ^e decrees of þ^e tenement þat Thomas Bawne dwelled inne for þe said ii termes – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, for potacions to þe tenauntes – vii s. viii d. ob.

Item, we aske alowaunce for vacacions as apereth in þe forsaid acompte – xxi li. x s. iiiii d.

Item, delivered over in dettours whiche were overset to Thomas Muschampe for a dute to hym of his acompte while he was renter, be þ^e hole felaship, as hit apereth in þ^e said acompte – xxxv li. xiii s. iii d.⁶²³

Item, delivered John Bleseby dettour for þarest of his acompte – vi s. x d.

Item, paid to þe wif of Cantelowe, almosman, for vi wekes after Ester aforsaid – ix s.

Item, for þe writeng & makeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa totalis of alle oure discharge – CCCxxx li. ix s. vii d.

So þer is due to us þe forsaid wardeins be þis acompte –
Clx li. iiiii s. iii d.

Auditours of þis acompte and be þem allowed – John Harowe

John Roo

Rauf Marche &

William Denton

621 In subsequent years 13s. 4d. was paid for his obit and the rest of the sum listed here must therefore have been on expenses to ensure the provisions of Eastfield's will, or rather wills, as he left two, both of 1445: see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, pp. 509–11, for his considerable bequests to the Mercers and for his provisions for the obit of William Kynwolmersh.

622 MS: 'an hole yer an hole yeer'.

623 See above, f. 9v.

Item, paid for materials, repairs, and for drawing up of documents, for various tenements, as appears in the said account, and for the rent-collector's salary for the said 2 terms – £24 15s. 8½d.

Item paid for quit-rents, as appears in the said account – £6 10d.

Item, paid for the obit of Sir William Eastfield and his will, as appears in the said account – £7 5s.

Item, paid to the 2 priests of St Thomas of Acon for the aforesaid terms – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, paid to the Master of St Thomas of Acon for the Office of the Dead for the mercers' mystery – 10s.

Item, paid to 4 almsmen, as appears in the said account – £7 11s. 8d.

Item, paid to the Master of the College for three terms up to Midsummer 31 [Henry VI] [1453] – £47 5s.

Item, paid to 13 poor-folk in the same College from 23 December [1452] until 11 August [1453], for 33 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week. Total – £25 6s.

Item, paid to us, the aforesaid four wardens, for the supervision of Richard Whittington's estate for a whole year up to Midsummer 31 [Henry VI] [1453] – £4

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Item, paid for his obit and a priest for John Abbot, for a year at Easter aforesaid – £7

Item, for the reduction [of rent] for the tenement in which Thomas Bawne lived for the said 2 terms – 3s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for the tenants – 7s. 8½d.

Item, we ask for allowance for vacancies, as appears in the aforesaid account – £21 10s. 4d.

Item, handed over as debts, transferred to Thomas Muschamp, by the whole company, for money due to him from his account while he was renter-warden, as it appears in the said account – £35 14s. 3d.

Item, the debt of John Blesey is handed over, for the remainder of his account – 6s. 10d.

Item, paid to the wife of [John] Cantelowe, almsman, for 6 weeks after the aforesaid Easter – 9s.

Item, for the writing and drawing-up of this account – 6s. 8d.

Sum total of our disbursements – £330 9s. 7d.

Therefore there is due to us the aforesaid wardens by this account –
£160 4s. 3d.

Auditors of this account and approved by them John Harrow
John Roo
Ralph March and
William Denton

Whiche *forsaid* Clx li. iiii s. iii d.⁶²⁴ is alowed & abated us in oure acompte at Seint Thomas as for þe mercerie, as hit apereth þe *forsaid* xxxi^{ti} yeer, folio Clxxvi^o⁶²⁵

Ensy quyte

1453–54
f. 178r C'este l'acompte de Geffrey Boleyn, Rauff Verney, John Lytelton, *et* Rawff Marche, gardeins del mestere del mercerie, pur une an entier passé a le fest de Seint John Baptiste le Nativité en l'an du grace Mⁱ CCCCLiii^e, et del Roy Herry vi^e puis le conquest xxxii^{de}.

La Charge

Argent sek:

En *primes*, ils sount chargez ovesque argent sek ressu de Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, *et* John Lambard, gardeyns de l'an passé, pur la rest de lour acompte – x li.⁶²⁶

Entrés d'apprentices:

En *primez*, de Thomas Graunte *et* Thomas Thurston, apprentices
de Rauff Marche –

Item, de Robert Gyles *et* Herry Wygle apprentices de Richaert Everle – xl s.

Item, de Richaert Heed l'apprentis de William Groveman – xx s.

Item, de John Taseler *et* Geffrey Donne l'apprentices de John Lytelton – xl s.

Item, de Thomas Hykeles l'apprentis de John Midelton – xx s.

Item, de William Bancroft l'apprentis de Thomas Wotton – xx s.

Item, de William Skrevayner l'apprentis de Geffrey Feldyng – xx s.

Item, de Thomas Stubbes l'apprentis de William Towland – xx s.

Item, de William Rawson l'apprentis de Richaert Nedam – xx s.

Item, de Roger Abyngdon l'apprentis de John Jacome – xx s.

Item, de William Keynelle l'apprentis de John Stokton – xx s.

Item, de Richaert Mapy l'apprentis de William Denton – xx s.

Item, de John Burnam l'apprentis de John Riche – xx s.

Item, de John Ryke l'apprentis de John Sturgeon – xx s.

Item, de Herry Wodelove l'apprentis de William Lyghtholders – xx s.

f. 178v Item, de William Bompsted l'apprentis de Rauff Kempe – xx s.

Item, de John Burton l'apprentis de Symond Dawdele – xx s.

Item, de William Banknot l'apprentis de Roger Bonefant – xx s.

Item, de Thomas Dukmanton l'apprentis de John Lambart – xx s.

Item, de Robert Pierson l'apprentis de William Remy – xx s.

Item, de Herry Millerson l'apprentis de Richaert Bonefant – xx s.

Summa ressu d'entré d'apprentices – xxiiii li.

624 This sum has been underlined.

625 *Recte* Clxxvii^o.

626 This figure appears to have been filled in slightly later.

The which aforesaid £160 4s. 3d. is allowed to us and deducted in our account rendered at St Thomas's relating to the mistery's affairs, as it appears [in the account for] the aforesaid year 31 [Henry VI], on folio [177].

Thus quit

This is the account of Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1454, and the regnal year 32 Henry VI. 1453–54
f. 178r

Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare ready money received from Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, wardens for the previous year, for the balance of their account – £10

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, from Thomas Grante and Thomas Thurston, apprentices of Ralph March –	40s.	
Item, from Robert Gyles and Henry Wygle, apprentices of Richard Everley –	40s.	
Item, from Richard Heed the apprentice of William Groveman –	20s.	
Item, from John Taseler and Geoffrey Donne, the apprentices of John Littleton –	40s.	
Item, from Thomas Hykeles the apprentice of John Middleton –	20s.	
Item, from William Bancroft the apprentice of Thomas Wotton –	20s.	
Item, from William Skrevayner the apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Stubbes the apprentice of William Townland –	20s.	
Item, from William Rawson the apprentice of Richard Nedam –	20s.	
Item, from Roger Abyngdon the apprentice of John Chacombe –	20s.	
Item, from William Keynelle the apprentice of John Stockton –	20s.	
Item, from Richard Mapy the apprentice of William Denton –	20s.	
Item, from John Burnam the apprentice of John Riche –	20s.	
Item, from John Ryke the apprentice of John Sturgeon –	20s.	
Item, from Henry Woodlove the apprentice of William Lightholders –	20s.	
Item, from William Bumpstead the apprentice of Ralph Kemp –	20s.	f. 178v
Item, from John Burton the apprentice of Simon Daudley –	20s.	
Item, from William Banknot the apprentice of Roger Bonefaunt –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Duckmanton the apprentice of John Lambard –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Pierson the apprentice of William Remy –	20s.	
Item, from Henry Millerson the apprentice of Richard Bonefaunt –	20s.	
Sum total received from the admission of apprentices – £24		

Issues d'apprentices:

En *primes*, de John Fischer l'apprentis de John Adam – ii s.

Item, de John Tege l'apprentis de Phelip Howell – ii s.

Item, de Richaert Yoo l'apprentis de Robert Skrayngham – ii s.

Summa ressu des issues d'apprentices – vi s.

Mercymentes:

En *primes*, de Robert Nevyll – vi d.

Item, de Robert Overton – vi d.

Item, de John Shelley – vi d.

Summa ressu de mercymentes – xviii d.

Fynes pur l'an pur eux queles ne veneront a la courte:

En *primez*, de Roger Midelmore – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Richaert Hayward – iii s. iii d.

Summa ressu de fynes – x s.

Entrees en la lyveré pur lour ii^{de} an:

En *primez*, de Rauff Kempe – vi s. viii d.

Item, de William Pikeryng – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Goldewell – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Robert Cosyn – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Riche – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Marchall – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Asche – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Roger Bonefant – vi s. viii d.

f. 179r Item, de William Pratte – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Martyn – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Norlong – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Shelley – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Richaert Wise – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Emond Redeknape – vi s. viii d.

Summa ressu de entrees – iii li. xiii s. iii d.

Bequestes:

En *primes*, de William Pikeryng pur le bequest de William Milreth (qe dieu assoile) par i obligacion – v li.

Summa ressu par bequest – v li.

Item, ils sont chargés par lour auditours pur Geffrey Meleman, servant de Geffrey Boleyn, pur ceo q'il fuist ressu en la mistere de mercerie – xxii s.

Item, ils sont chargez en mesme la somme pur William Strete ovesque Richaert Nedam – xxii s.

Summa – xliiii s.

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, from John Fisher the apprentice of John Adam – 2s.
 Item, from John Teghe the apprentice of Philip Howell – 2s.
 Item, from Richard Yeo the apprentice of Robert Scrayingham – 2s.
 Total received from the issues of apprentices – 6s.

Fines:

Firstly, from Robert Neville – 6d.
 Item, from Robert Overton – 6d.
 Item, from John Shelley – 6d.
 Total received from fines – 18d.

Fees for the year for those not coming⁴⁶³ to the court:

Firstly, from Roger Middlemore – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Richard Hayward – 3s. 4d.
 Total received from fees – 10s.

Admissions to the livery, for their second year:

Firstly, from Ralph Kemp – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Pickering – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Goldewelle – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Robert Cosyn – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Riche – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Marchall – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Asshe – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Roger Bonefaunt – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Pratte – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Martyn – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Norlong – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Shelley – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Richard Wise – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Edmund Redeknape – 6s. 8d.

f. 179r

Total received from admissions – £4 13s. 4d.

Bequests:

Firstly, from William Pickering for the bequest of William Meldreth (may God absolve him) by 1 bond obligatory – £5
 Total received by bequest – £5

Item, the auditors have given them responsibility for [money from] Geoffrey Meleman, serving-man of Geoffrey Boleyn, for being admitted to the mercers' mistery – 22s.

Item, for the same amount for William Street, [who is] with Richard Nedam – 22s.

Total – 44s.

⁴⁶³ The form 'veneront' is found both for the past tense of the verb and the future, and thus these might be advance fees for permission not to attend, or the phrase might mean 'who did not come'.

Item, ils sont chargés *pur* i tercian *et* i hogg' vyne rouge doné a la *compagnie* par mon seigneur Faconbrige *pur* estre franc del *mercerie* – lviii s. iiiii d.

Summa – lviii s. iiiii d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – xlix li. xiii s. ii d.

La discharge dez ditz gardeins

En *primes*, *païé* *pur* paper *et* inke – iii d.

Item, *pur* ii lb. *candelle* – ii d. ob.

Item, *pur* i barge *pur* le ternement del roy – viii s. i d.

Item, *pur* i barge *pur* la royne quant ele vient a Westmynstre *pur* la *deliverance* del prince – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *pur* i barge quant lez viscountz prenderont lour serement a Westmynstre – vi s. ii d.

Item, *pur* i barge *et* batelle quant le maier John Norman, maier, prendera son serement a Westmynstre – x s. xi d.

Item, *pur* i torche *et* i torteis *pur* le chapelle poisant xx lb. iii quarterons a vii d., *summa* – xii s. i d.

Item, *pur* x *tapers* cere poisant vi lb. 3 a vii d., *summa* *païé* – iii s. ix d.

Item, a lez maister *et* chapeleins de Seint Thomas *pur* le dirige de *mercery* – x d.

Item, *pur* le laver *et* emender dez vestmentz *et* towelles en la chapelle – xx d.

f. 179v Item, *païé* a Roger Swetyng *pur* cere espendu en la chapelle la quele ne fuist *païé* le temps de Herry Frowyk *et* sez *companyes* gardeins, John Midelton *et* sez *companyes* gardeins, Geffrey Feldyng *et* sez *companyes* gardeins, Geffrey Boleyn *et* sez *companyes* gardeins, outre iii s. ix d. *païé* a Holte come apiert en cest acompte devant,⁶²⁷ *et* John Olney *et* sez *companyes* gardeins l'an ensuant, outre xxi d. *païé* a dit Holte come apiert en le compte ensuant,⁶²⁸ c'est assavoier *pur* lez ditz v ans – xxx s.

Summa – iiiii li. vii s. v d.

Forein espenses:

En *primez*, *païé* *pur* iii pounchons *pur* le chapelle *pur* suys geneler – xii d.

Item, *pur* iiiii novel cloves *et* l'amend dez seres en la sale – xvi d.

⁶²⁷ See above, f. 179r.

⁶²⁸ See below, f. 181r.

Item, they declare receipt of a tertian⁴⁶⁴ and a hogshead⁴⁶⁵ of red wine, given to the company by Lord Fauconberg,⁴⁶⁶ in order to be free of the mercers' mistery – 58s. 4d.

Total – 58s. 4d.

Sum total of their receipts – £49 13s. 2d.

The disbursements of the said wardens

Firstly, paid for paper and ink – 3d.

Item, for 2 lbs of candles – 2½d.

Item, for a barge for the King's obit – 8s. 1d.

Item, for a barge at the Queen's coming to Westminster for the birth of the prince⁴⁶⁷ – 4s. 4d.

Item, for a barge when the sheriffs took their oath at Westminster – 6s. 2d.

Item, for a barge and a boat when the Mayor, John Norman, took his oath at Westminster – 10s. 11d.

Item, for 1 torch and 1 tortis⁴⁶⁸ for the chapel, weighing 20¾ lb. at 7d. [per lb.], total – 12s. 1d.

Item, for 10 wax tapers weighing 6½ lb. at 7d. [per lb.], total paid – 3s. 9d.

Item, to the Master and chaplains of St Thomas's for the mistery's Office of the Dead – 10d.

Item, for the washing and the mending of the vestments and cloths in the chapel – 20d.

Item, paid to Roger Swetyng for wax used in the chapel which had not been paid for during the terms of office of Harry Frowyk and his fellow-wardens [1448–49], John Middleton and his fellow-wardens [1451–52], Geoffrey Fielding and his fellow-wardens [1452–53], Geoffrey Boleyn and his fellow-wardens [1453–54] (apart from 3s. 9d. paid to Holte, as appears above in this account), and John Olney and his fellow-wardens the following year [1454–55] (apart from 21d. paid to the said Holte, as appears in next year's account), i.e. for the said 5 years – 30s. f. 179v

Total – £4 7s. 5d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, paid for 3 [cushions]⁴⁶⁹ for the chapel, to kneel upon – 12d.

Item, for 4 new nails and the mending of the locks in the hall – 16d.

464 'An obsolete liquid measure for wine, oil, etc., the third of a tun, i.e. 84 wine gallons (= 70 imperial gallons); also, a large cask of this capacity; a puncheon' (*OED*). See also Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, p. 168.

465 'A caskful of liquor; a liquid measure containing 63 old wine-gallons (equal to 52½ imperial gallons). This content was prescribed by a statute of 1423' (*OED*). See also Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, pp. 78–9.

466 Sir William Neville, Baron Fauconberg, later Earl of Kent, 1401–63, see *ODNB*, vol. 40, 546–8.

467 Edward, son of Margaret of Anjou, born 13 October 1453.

468 A very large wax candle.

469 The word in the text is clearly 'pouchons' which means 'punchions' or upright posts, which would seem to make no sense. Perhaps the earlier paper account, from which the scribe is copying, was unclear, and the first letter was a 'q' and the word 'qouchons' (see *AND sub CUSSIN*).

Item, pur batelage a divers foitz – x d.

Item, pur iiij garlondes pur l'aleccion del novel gardeins – viii d.

(Item, pur cariage dez ii chestes ovesque arkes ^{et}⁶²⁹ a le Waterside vers la mes' de Lam, John Williamson, et Peter Arianson et arer – vii d.) – non allocatur.⁶³⁰

Item, pur ii quarters carbons pur le sale – xv d.

Item, espendu et doné a Denys Mason pur le mater de Thomas Muschamp – v d.

Summa – vi s. vi d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – iiij li. xii s. xi d.

Ensy rest due a la mercerie – xlv li. iii d.

William Strete, jadis l'apprentis de John Kyng, taillour, après ovesque Richaert Nedam, mercier, doit pur soun entré pur estre franke de la mistere del mercerie⁶³¹ –

Geffrey Meleman, jadis l'apprentis de Adam Booke, hatter, après ovesque Geffrey Boleyn, mercier, doit en mesme la fourme pur sez entré et issu⁶³² –

Ressu dez ditz William et Geffrey, come apiert après en cest ff. – xl s.

1454 Item, deliveré a John Olney et sez companyes gardeins ii obligations de William Pikeryng, mercier, chescon de v li. st'

1456 Dount deliveré a Hugh Wiche et sez companyes, come apiert en lour acompte le Ciij^{xx} v ff. après, en argent ix li. xviii s. iii d. par Rauf Marche, et par William Strete et Geffrey Meleman avantditz – xl s.
– xi li. xviii s. iii d.⁶³³

Ensy rest a la mercerie – xxxiii li. ii s.

1453–54 This is pacompte of John Lytelton and Robert Skrayngham, rentiers, of alle
RW f. 11r þe lyvelood perteyneng to the felaship of þe mercerie in þe cite & subarbis of London, for an hole yeer at Estir anno xxxii^{ti}

The charge of þe said rentiers

First, we charge us of þe rentis longeng to þe said mercerie of purchace from the fest of Ester þe yeer of Kyng Herry þe vi^{te} xxxi^{ti} unto þe said fest of Estir þe yeer of þe said Kyng xxxii^{ti} for an hole yeer – xlviii li. iii s. viii d.

Item, we charge us of þe rentis 3oven us be Richaert Whitengton for þe forsaid hole yeer – CCxl li. xiii s. iii d.

⁶²⁹ A blank space follows, left for a word to be filled in.

⁶³⁰ This entry has been scored out, and this last note added, indicating that the auditors did not find this an allowable expense.

⁶³¹ No figure is entered here.

⁶³² No figure is entered here.

⁶³³ This paragraph has certainly been written in later, as it is in somewhat darker ink, but by the same scribe. The paragraph above is separated from the previous account by a small space but does not otherwise appear to have been written later.

Item, for boat-transport on various occasions – 10d.

Item, for 4 garlands for the election of the new wardens – 8d.

(Item, for the transport of 2 chests with coffers and to the Waterside, to the house of Lam, John Williamson, and Peter Addrianson and back – 7d.) – not approved

Item, for 2 quarters of coals for the hall – 15d.

Item, spent and given to Denis Mason for Thomas Muschamp's business – 5d.

Total – 6s. 6d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £4 12s. 11d.

Thus there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £45 3d.

William Street, formerly the apprentice of John Kyng, tailor, and afterwards with Richard Nedam, mercer, owes for his admission to be free of the mercers' mistery –

Geoffrey Meleman, formerly the apprentice of Adam Booke, hatter, and afterwards with Geoffrey Boleyn, mercer, owes in the same manner for his admission and his issue –

Received from the said William and Geoffrey, as appears below on this folio – 40s.

Item, handed over to John Olney and his fellow-wardens, 2 bonds obligatory from William Pickering, mercer, each in the sum of £5 sterling. 1454

Of which handed over to Hugh Wyche and his fellow-wardens,⁴⁷⁰ as appears in their account on f. 185 below, in money £9 18s. 3d. by Ralph March, and by the aforesaid William Street and Geoffrey Meleman – 40s. 1456
– £11 18s. 3d.

Thus there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £33 2s.

This is the account of John Littleton and Robert Scrayingham, renter-wardens, of all the estates belonging to the mercers' mistery in the City and the suburbs of London, for a whole year up to Easter in the year 32 [Henry VI] [1454] 1453–54
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The receipts of the said renter-wardens

Firstly, we declare the rents pertaining to the the said mistery's own bought properties, from the feast of Easter 31 Henry VI until the said feast of Easter 32 Henry VI, for a whole year – £48 4s. 8d.

Item, we declare the rents donated to us by Richard Whittington for the aforesaid whole year – £240 13s. 4d.

⁴⁷⁰ Wardens from 1456 to 1457.

Item, we charge us of þ^e rentes 3oven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght, for þ^e said yeer – xx li. iii s.

Item, we charge us of þ^e rentes 3oven be John Abbot for þ^e said yeer – xii li. xx d.

Thencrees of þe lyveloode

Item, we charge us of þencrees of þ^e Kateryn Wheelle in Tempstrete for þe hole yeer – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of þe tenement of William Bettis at Seint Bartilmews þe lytelle for þe yeer – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of þ^e tenement of Anthony Lykewelle in Bassyngeshawe – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa of þe lyveloode – CCCxxii li. ii s. viii d.

Rentes of assise

First, we charge us of þ^e person & chircwardens of Aldirmary chirche – ix s.

Item, of John Grovehirst for his tenement ageynst þ^e 3ilde Halle gate in þ^e parish of Seint Laurence in þ^e Jury – xx s.

Item, of Herry Waver for þe Counter in þe Pulletrie – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of þe Priour of Charterhous for his tenantry in þ^e parish of Seint Mary Wolnore – xx s.

Item, of þe Dene of þe Colage of Sudbery for his tenancies in þ^e parish of Seint Mighelle in Cornehille – xxiii s. x d.

Item, of William Ferroure out of þe Cony in Seint Mighelle in Cornehulle – xx s.

Summa of passise – v li. vi s. ii d.

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Rentes of assise unpaid

First, of John Cosyn of his tenancie in Aldirmary parish – v s.

Item, of þe Priour of þe Charterhous of his tenancies in Aldirmary parish – vi s. viii d.

Summa patet

First, we charge us of mony resseyved of Thomas Mershe towards þe reparacion of a chymeney in his hous – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, we charge us of divers detours for þe rentes goven over to us be þe olde wardeins, Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, & John Lambard, and aftir be þe hole felaship goven to Thomas Muschampe, as hit apereth in þacompte of þe said wardeins & also in oure discharge here aftir – xxxv li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, we charge us of John Bleseby for þarage of his acompte, as apereth in þacompte of þe said wardeins – vi s. x d.

Summa – xxxvi li. xiii s. vi d.

Summa of alle oure charge – CCClxiii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Item, we declare the rents donated by Sir William Eastfield, knight, for the said year – £20 3s.

Item, we declare the rents donated by John Abbot for the said year – £12 20d.

Rent-increases

Item, we declare the increase at the Catherine Wheel in Thames Street for the whole year – 3s. 4d.

Item, of William Bettes's tenement in St Bartholomew the Less for the year – 13s. 4d.

Item, of Anthony Lykewelle's tenement in Bassishaw – 3s. 4d.

Total from the estates – £322 2s. 8d.

Rents of assise

Firstly, from the parson and the churchwardens of St Mary Aldermary church – 9s.

Item, from John Grovehirst for his tenement beside the Guildhall gate in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – 20s.

Item, from Henry Waver⁴⁷¹ for the Counter in the Poultry – 13s. 4d.

Item, from the Prior of the Charterhouse for his tenantry in the parish of St Mary Woolnoth – 20s.

Item, from the Dean of Sudbury College⁴⁷² for his tenancies in the parish of St Michael in Cornhill – 23s. 10d.

Item from William Ferroure for the Cony in St Michael in Cornhill – 20s.

Total from rents of assise – £5 6s. 2d.

Rents of assise unpaid

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Firstly, from John Cosyn for his tenantry in the parish of St Mary Aldermary – 5s.

Item, from the Prior of the Charterhouse for his tenancies in the parish of St Mary Aldermary – 6s. 8d.

Total – as appears

Firstly, we declare money received from Thomas Marsh towards the repair of a chimney /fireplace in his house – 13s. 4d.

Item, we declare various debts for rent, handed on to us by the former wardens, Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, and which were afterwards handed over by the whole company to Thomas Muschamp, as appears in the said wardens' account and also in our disbursements below – £35 14s. 4d.

Item, we declare for John Bleseby and the arrears from his account, as appears in the said wardens' account – 6s. 10d.

Total – £36 14s. 6d.

Total of all our receipts – £364 3s. 4d.

⁴⁷¹ He was a grocer and later a sheriff, in 1465–66.

⁴⁷² See *VCH Suffolk*, II, pp. 150–52.

RW f. 12r

The discharge of þe said rentiers

Quyte rentes goyng oute of þ^e lyvelood of þe mercerie

First, we discharge us of mony paied to þ^e Maister of Seint Gyles in þe Feld for þe tenementes in þe parish of Seint Martyns Otewiche – vi s. viii d.⁶³⁴

Item, to þe Chaumberleyn of þabbey of Westmynster for þe tenementes in þe said parish – xx s.

Item, to þe Prioress of Seint Eleyens for þe Crowne in Chepe called þe Seelde – xviii s.

Item, to þe Priour of Seint Mary Overayes for þe said Crowne – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Prioress of Halywelle for þe said Crowne – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Priour of Cricherche in London for þe said Crowne – xix s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

The almoes men of þ^e mercerie

First, to William Olyver for þe hole yeer – iii li. xviii s.

Item, to William Irwilliam for a yeer – iii li. xviii s.

Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, for a yeer – iii li. xviii s.

Summa – xi li. xiiii s.

The preestis of þ^e mercerie

First, to Sir Richaert Combe for a yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his lyveray – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to Sir William Throld for a yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his lyveray – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xiiii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Quyte rentes oute of þ^e lyvelood of Richaert Whitengton

First, paied to þ^e Maister of Baile Halle in Oxenford for þe tenementes in Seint Laurence in þe Jury – xii s.

Item, to þe Maister of Seint Giles in þe Feeld for þe tenement in Bassyngeshawe – vi s.

Item, to þe Chamberleyn of þabbey of Westmynster for þe Greyhound in Estchepe – iiiii s. vi d.

Item, to þe Kyng for socage in Seint Laurence Jury & Colmanstrete – xix d. ob.

Item, to þe Kyng for socage for þe Thre Coupes in Bredestrete – iiiii d.

Item, to þe Chamberleyn of þabbey of Westmynster for þe tenementes in Bodgerowe – iii s.

Item, to þe Maister of Seint Thomas of Acres for þe tenements in Bassyngeshawe – liiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e Priour of Cricherche of Caunterbery for þe tenementes in Bassyngeshawe – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Maister of Seint Bartilmewe Spitelle for þe George in Seint Donstons parish in þe Est – vi s. viii d.

Summa – v li. ix d. ob.

⁶³⁴ A later hand (sixteenth-century?) has annotated all the quit rents on this page by giving them a number in Arabic numerals in the RH margin. Thus the six amounts in this section are numbered 1–6, and the nine amounts in the last section of this page are numbered 7–15.

The disbursements of the said renter-wardens

Quit-rents on the properties of the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, we declare money paid to the Master of St Giles in the Field for the tenements in the parish of St Martin Outwich – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Chamberlain of Westminster Abbey for the tenements in the said parish – 20s.

Item, to the Prioress of St Helen's for the Crown in Cheap, called the Seld – 18s.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy for the said Crown – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell for the said Crown – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of Christchurch in London for the said Crown – 19s.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

The almsmen of the mercers' mistery

Firstly, to William Oliver for the whole year – £3 18s.

Item, to William Irwilliam for a year – £3 18s.

Item, to Richard Box, beadle, for a year – £3 18s.

Total – £11 14s.

The priests of the mercers' mistery

Firstly, to Sir Richard Combe for a year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir William Throld for a year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his livery – 13s. 4d.

Total – £14 13s. 4d.

Quit-rents on the Whittington estate

Firstly, paid to the Master of Bailey Hall⁴⁷³ in Oxford for the tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – 12s.

Item, to the Master of St Giles in the Fields for the tenement in Bassishaw – 6s.

Item, to the Chamberlain of Westminster Abbey for the Greyhound in East Cheap – 4s. 6d.

Item, to the King for socage⁴⁷⁴ in St Lawrence Jewry and Coleman Street – 19½d.

Item, to the King for socage for The Three Cups in Bread Street – 4d.

Item, to the Chamberlain of Westminster Abbey for the tenements in Budge Row – 3s.

Item, to the Master of St Thomas of Acon for the tenements in Bassishaw – 53s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of Christchurch, Canterbury, for the tenements in Bassishaw – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Master of St Bartholomew's Hospital for the George in the parish of St Dunstan in the East – 6s. 8d.

Total – £5 9½d.

⁴⁷³ Balliol College, Oxford, had a number of properties in London: 'Balliol had several houses in the parish of St Margaret Patens, and, most precious of all, the rectory of St Lawrence Jewry with fixed rents from various tenements in the parish.' It owned the advowson of the church of St Lawrence Jewry until 1954, see Duncan, 'The Property', p. 561, and Hobhouse, *The Ward of Cheap*, p. 33.

⁴⁷⁴ The *OED* defines this as 'The tenure of land by certain determinate services other than knight-service'. See further *Jowitt's*, II, p. 1669.

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The Maister & Brederen of Whitengtons Collage

First, paied to þe forsaid Maister called Maister Thomas Ebralle for þe hole year – lxiii li.

Summa – patet

The Tutour & þe porefolk of þe said Collage

First, to þe said Tutour called John Lyncolne⁶³⁵ and xii oþer persones for xlv wekes, þat is from þe xi^e daie of August unto þe xxii^{ti} daie of Juyn, for every weke xv s. iiii d. – xxxiiii li. x s.

Summa patet

Thobit of þe forsaid Richaert whoes dirige is holden þe xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle:

First, for breed – viii s. ix d. Item, for a barelle of goode ale and half a barelle of i d. ob., *summa* – vi s. ii d. Item, for ix galons wyne at viii d., *summa* – vi s. Item, for ii doz' & di. cuppes & iii coveres – xviii d. Item, for viii^c peres – iiii s. Item, to þe Maier of London – vi s. viii d. Item, to þe sexteyn of þe chirche for þe bellis – xii d. Item, to þe xiii pore men & wemmen – xiii d. Item, for ii tapers of wex weyng every vi lb. & for þe wast – xviii d. Item, to þe Maister of þe Collage & his brederen for a repast – iii s. iiii d. *Totalis* – xl s.

Summa patet

The conservatours of þe said lyvelood & Collage

First, to Geffrey Boleyn, Rauf Verney, John Lytelton, & Rauf Marche, wardeins of þe mercerie & conservatours – iiii li.

Item, to Robert Langford, a man of counselle for þe yeer – xx s.

Item, to John Lytelton & Robert Skrayngham, rentiers, for þeir attendaunce & labour – xl s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rentegaderer of þe lyvelood for þe yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Summa – xiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

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The expences for Sir William Estfeld, mercier and knyght

First,⁶³⁶ to Sir John Leget, preest, for a yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for þobit of þe said Sir William, whoes dirige is holden þe ix^e daie of Maii, be John Midelton⁶³⁷ – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þe iiii wardeins of þe mercerie – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þe bedille of þe mercerie – xx d.

Item, to þe wexchaundeler for xiiii tapers for alle þe yeer in Aldirmanbery chirche – xvi s. viii d.

Item, for þobite of Sir William Kylengmershe, late dene of Seint Martyns, hold þe xv^e daie of Decembir⁶³⁸ – xiii s. iiii d.

Summa – ix li. xi s. viii d.

⁶³⁵ This name has been added later by the scribe himself into a space he had left.

⁶³⁶ The sixteenth-century annotator has placed a cross by this entry in the LH margin.

⁶³⁷ The words 'be John Midelton' would appear to have been added slightly later by the scribe himself.

⁶³⁸ The scribe has added both the name and the date slightly later.

The Master and brethren of Whittington College

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Firstly, paid to the aforesaid Master named Master Thomas Ebralle for the whole year – £63

Total – as above

The Tutor and the poorfolk of the said college

Firstly, to the said Tutor named John Lincoln and to 12 other persons for 45 weeks, i.e. from 11 August until 22 June, at 15s. 4d. per week – £34 10s.

Total – as above

The obit of the aforesaid Richard, whose commemoration service is held on 30 July:

Firstly, for bread – 8s. 9d. Item, for a barrel of good ale and half a barrel of penny halfpenny ale, total – 6s. 2d. Item, for 9 gallons of wine at 8d., total – 6s. Item, for 2½ doz. cups and 3 covers – 18d. Item, for 800 pears – 4s. Item, to the Mayor of London – 6s. 8d. Item, to the church sexton, for [ringing] the bells – 12d. Item, to the 13 poor men and women – 13d. Item, for 2 wax tapers each weighing 6 lb. and for the amount consumed – 18d. Item, to the Master of the college and his brethren for a meal – 3s. 4d. Total – 40s.

Total – as above

The custodians of the said estate and college

Firstly, to Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March, wardens of the mercers' mistery and custodians – £4

Item, to Robert Langford, a legal advisor for the year – 20s.

Item, to John Littleton and Robert Scrayingham, renter-wardens, for their attendance and their work – 40s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rent-collector of the estate for the year – £6 13s. 4d.

Total – £13 13s. 4d.

The expenses for Sir William Eastfield, mercer and knight

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Firstly, to Sir John Leget, priest, for a year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for the obit of the said Sir William, whose commemoration service is held on 9 May, [paid] by John Middleton – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle of the mercers' mistery – 20d.

Item, to the wax-chandler for 14 tapers for the whole year in Aldermanbury church – 16s. 8d.

Item, for the obit of Sir William Kynwolmersh,⁴⁷⁵ late dean of St Martin's, held on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Total – £9 11s. 8d.

⁴⁷⁵ For further information on his connection with Eastfield see Hayes, 'William Estfield', esp. pp. 251–2.

The expences for John Abbot

First, to a preest for an hole yeer & a *quarter*, syngeng at Fernyngo in Buk'shire⁶³⁹ – viii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, to John Roo, mercier, for his obite hold in Seint Laurence Jury chirche, p^e dirige p^e last daie of Feverer – vi s. viii d.

Summa – viii li. xiii s. iii d.

Dettours of olde

First, we discharge us of divers dettours whiche were 3oven us be Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, & John Lambart, late wardeins *anno* xxxi^o, whiche dettours were goven over be Geffrey Boleyn, Rauf Verney, John Lytelton, & Rauf Marche, þan beyng wardeins, be þassent of þe felaship of p^e mercerie, to Thomas Muschampe, mercier, for certeyn mony due to hym – xxxv li. xiiii s. iii d.

Item, we discharge us of þarerage of John Bleseby goven us be þacompte of þe forsaid Geffrey Feldyng & his felaship – vi s. x d.

Summa – xxxvi li. xiiii d.

RW f. 13v

The vacacions of þe lyveloode of þe mercerie

First, we aske allowaunce for p^e vacacion at p^e Crowne as hit apereth more playnly in þe paper of acompte – viii s. iii d.

Item, for p^e vacacion of a tenement in Seint Martyn Otewiche – xviii s.

Summa – xxvi s. iii d.

The vacacions of þe lyvelood of Richaert Whityngton

First, we aske allowaunce for vacacion of divers

tenantries at Castelbaynard, as hit apereth more

playnly in þe paper of acompte –

lviii s. viii d.

Item, for vacacion of a tenement in Mylkestrete –

xvi s. viii d.

Item, for vacacion of ii tenantries in Seint Laurence Jurye –

xx s.

Item, for vacacion of ii tenantries in Bassyngeshawe –

xx s. x d.

Item, for vacacion of iii tenantries in Colmanstrete –

xxx s.

Item, for vacacion of xii tenantries in Bodge Rowe –

v li. xvi s. iii d.

Item, for vacacion of .i. tenantrie in þe Ryolle –

vi s. viii d.

Item, for vacacion of .i. tenantrie at Seint Bartilmews

þe lytelle –

xv li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, for vacacion of .i. tenantrie withoute Bisshopisgate –

vi s. viii d.

Item, for vacacion of v tenantries at p^e Tourehille –

L s.

Summa – xxxi li. xix s. ii d.

The vacacions of þe lyvelood of William Estfeld, knyght

First, we aske allowaunce for vacacion of iii gardeyns in Moerlane – xviii s. ii d.

Summa – xviii s. ii d.

Summa of alle p^e vacacions of þe hoole lyvelood – xxxiiii li. iii s. viii d.

⁶³⁹ Here and elsewhere the county of Buckinghamshire is given, which is odd as Farthinghoe has always been in Northamptonshire (the Northamptonshire Record Office has kindly confirmed this).

The expenses for John Abbot

Firstly, to a priest for a whole year and one quarter, singing at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire] – £8 6s. 8d.

Item, to John Roo, mercer, for his [John Abbot's] obit held in the church of St Lawrence Jewry, his commemoration service on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Total – £8 13s. 4d.

Long-standing debts

Firstly, we declare various debts handed over to us by Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, formerly wardens in the year 31 [Henry VI], the which debts were handed over by Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March, then wardens, and with the agreement of the fellowship of the mercers' mistery, to Thomas Muschamp, mercer, in lieu of certain money due to him – £35 14s. 4d.

Item, we declare the arrears of John Bleseby handed on to us from the account of the aforesaid Geoffrey Fielding and his fellow-wardens – 6s. 10d.

Total – £36 14d.

Vacancies in the properties of the mercers' mistery

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Firstly, we ask for allowance for the vacancies at the Crown, as appears more fully in the paper account document – 8s. 4d.

Item, for the vacancy of a tenement in St Martin Outwich – 18s.

Total – 26s. 4d.

Vacancies in the Richard Whittington estate

Firstly, we ask for allowance for vacancies in various tenantries in Baynard's Castle, as appears more fully in the paper account document –

58s. 8d.

Item, for a vacancy in a tenement in Milk Street –

16s. 8d.

Item, for vacancies in 2 tenantries in St Lawrence Jewry –

20s.

Item, for vacancies in 2 tenantries in Bassishaw –

20s. 10d.

Item, for vacancies in 4 tenantries in Coleman Street –

30s.

Item, for vacancies in 12 tenantries in Budge Row –

£5 16s. 4d.

Item, for a vacancy in 1 tenantry in the Royal –

6s. 8d.

Item, for a vacancy in 1 tenantry in St Bartholomew the Less –

£15 13s. 4d.

Item, for a vacancy in 1 tenantry in Bishopsgate Without –

6s. 8d.

Item, for vacancies in 5 tenantries in Tower Hill –

50s.

Total – £31 19s. 2d.

Vacancies in the estate of Sir William Eastfield, knight

Firstly, we ask for allowance for the vacancy of 4 gardens in Moor Lane – 18s. 2d.

Total – 18s. 2d.

Total of all the vacancies in all the estates – £34 3s. 8d.

The decrees of þ^e rentis of þ^e mercerie

First, we aske alowaunce of þ^e decrees of þ^e Crowne in Chepe,
 as apereth in þe paper of acompte more pleynty – vi s. viii d.
 Item, for decrees of ii tenantries at Seint Martyns Otewiche – xxiii s.
Summa – xxx s. viii d.

RW f. 14r

The decrees of þe rentes of Richaert Whitengton

First, we aske alowaunce of þ^e decrees of
 Richaert Bachelor at Castelbaynard – vi s. viii d.
 Item, for þe decrees of John Banbery in Boge Rowe – vi s. viii d.
Summa – xiii s. iiiii d.

The decrees of þe rentes of Sir William Estfeld, knyght

First, we aske alowaunce for þ^e decrees of William Exale – viii s.
 Item, for þe decrees of Robert Sympton – x s.
 Item, for þe decrees of Maude Russelle – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for þe decrees of William Rumbold – iii s. iiiii d.
Summa – xxxiiii s. viii d.

Summa of alle þe decrees of þe hole lyvelood – iii li. xviii s. viii d.⁶⁴⁰

Stuff new boght

First, we aske alowaunce of divers new stuff boght whiche is spente in divers
 tenantries of þ^e forsaid lyvelood, as hit apereth in þe said paper of acompte more
 playnty – xxvi li. iiiii s. iii d.
Summa – xxvi li. iiiii s. iii d.

 Reparacions of þ^e lyvelood *withoute* þ^e olde stuff
 & þ^e newe longeng to þ^e mercerie

First, paied for werkemanship & for lom, gravelle, & sande in þe tenantries at
 Castelbaynard, as hit apereth more playnty in þe said paper of acompte – xxxix s.
 Item, paied for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sonde in þ^e tenantries in
 Mylkestrete – xxxiii s. vii d.
 Item, paied for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sonde in þe tenantries at Seint
 Lawrence þe Jury – xlviii s. ix d.
 Item, paied for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sonde in þ^e tenantries in
 Bassyngeshawe – vii li. ii s. viii d. ob.
 Item, paied for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sonde in þ^e tenantries in
 Colmanstrete – xxxvii s. i d. ob.
 RW f. 14v Item, paied for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sond in þ^e tenantries in Bodge
 Rowe – xxxvii s. ii d.
 Item, alowed Kateryn Hardeman for reparacion doon in þe Ryolle in here place
 – v s. vii d.

⁶⁴⁰ The scribe had first written a total of 'liiii s. iiiii d.', has then expuncted this, scored it through and written the new total at the RH side.

Reductions in the rents of the mercers' mistery

Firstly, we ask for allowance for the reduction at the Crown in Cheap,
as appears more fully in the paper account document – 6s. 8d.
Item, for reductions at 2 tenantries in St Martin Outwich – 24s.
Total – 30s. 8d.

Rent-reductions from the Whittington estate

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Firstly, we ask for allowance for the reduction for
Richard Bacheler in Baynard's Castle – 6s. 8d.
Item, for the reduction for John Banbury in Budge Row – 6s. 8d.
Total – 13s. 4d.

Rent-reductions from the estate of Sir William Eastfield, knight

Firstly, we ask for allowance for the reduction of William Exale – 8s.
Item, for the reduction for Robert Sympson – 10s.
Item, for the reduction for Maud Russell – 13s. 4d.
Item, for the reduction for William Rumbold – 3s. 4d.
Total – 34s. 8d.

Total of all rent-reductions for all the estates – £3 18s. 8d.

Newly-bought materials

Firstly, we ask for allowance for various newly-bought materials which have
been used at various tenantries of the aforesaid estates, as appears more fully in
the said paper document of account – £26 4s. 3d.
Total – £26 4s. 3d.

Repairs to the estates, not including old materials and new
materials that belonged to the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, paid for labour and for loam,⁴⁷⁶ gravel and sand at the tenantries in Baynard's
Castle, as appears more fully in the said paper document of account – 39s.
Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in Milk Street
– 33s. 7d.
Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in St Lawrence
Jewry – 48s. 9d.
Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in Bassishaw – £7
2s. 8½d.
Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in Coleman Street
– 37s. 1½d.
Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in Budge Row – RW f. 14v
37s. 2d.
Item, allowed to Katharine Hardeman for repairs done at her place in the Royal
– 5s. 7d.

⁴⁷⁶ This might have been simply earth, or more specifically 'Clay moistened with water so as to form a paste capable of being moulded into any shape; *spec.* a composition of moistened clay and sand with an admixture of horse-dung, chopped straw, or the like, used in making bricks and casting-moulds, plastering walls, grafting, etc.' (*OED*).

Item, paid for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & sonde in þ^e tenantries at Seint Laurence Pounteney – iii li. xi s. xi d. ob.

Item, paid for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, sonde, leede, & robous in þ^e tenantries in Estchepe – iii li. viii s. v d.

Item, paid for werkemanship in þe tenantrie at Seint Donstons in þe Est – iii s. ii d.

Item, paid for iii lokkes & divers keyes in þ^e hous of John Ludlowe at Toure Hille – ii s.

Item, paid for werkemanship, lom, gravelle, & oþer thynges in þ^e tenantries at Seint Bartilmeus lytelle – xviii li. ii s.

Item, paid for werkemanship & lom in þe tenantries *withoute* Bisshopisgate – xvii d.

Item, paid for garnettes, clapses, & soudir in þ^e Crowne in Chepe – xviii d.

Item, paid for werkemanship, lom, & oþer þinges in þ^e tenantries at Seint Martyns Otewiche – iii li. xi s. i d. ob.⁶⁴¹

Item, paid for werkemanship, lom, & oþer þinges in þ^e tenantrie in Bredestrete – xxxv s. viii d.

Item, paid for werkemanship & oþir þinges in þe ten[a]ntries in More Lane – iii li. xi s. viii d. ob.

Item, paid for werkemanship & oþir þinges in þ^e tenantries in Catton Lane – xlii s. ii d.

Summa of alle þ^e reparacions – Liiii li. xvi s. ob.

First, we discharge us of mony paid to þ^e chirche wardeins of Seint Stevens in Colmanstrete by þadvys of þe wardeins of þe mercerie for þenhausyng of þ^e pament tofore þe said chirche lyke þe pament of oure lyvelood – x s.

Item, allowed to John Griston, oure tenaunt in Seint Laurence Lane, be þadvys of oure said wardeins, because of hurte þat he had be bildeng of þ^e new place by hym – x s.

Item, paid to John Colte for cariage of xv lodes tymbir fro Snotebeine to Milhalle, at xviii d. þe lode, *summa* – xxii s. vi d.

Item, paid for vi capons whiche were given to Culpeper in Kent bycause he shuld suffir oure tymbir to lye on his grounde ovir þe daie, made be Muschampe – iii s.

Item, for þe costes of me, Robert Skrayngham & my man oo tyme, & an oþer tyme my man to Snotebeine – ix s. viii d.

Item, for vi aquytances for þe quyte rentes – x d.

Item, to Thomas Hylle, mason, for ii daies & di. , to goo *with* þe wardeins & us to overse þ^e rentes – xx d.

Item, to Thomas Ungle, carpenter, in lyke wise – xx d.

Item, paid for a dyner for þ^e wardeins & us whan we went to overse þ^e lyvelood – iii s. iii d.

Item, given to werkemen for drynkeng mony & for oferyng at Cristemas – xv d.

Item, to William Brampton, skryvener, for ii leces of Richaert Bonefaunts hous – xii d.

⁶⁴¹ Beside this figure in the RH margin is written '47 / 6 / 6'. It would appear to be in the same hand and ink as that of the scribe.

Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand at the tenantries in St Laurence Pountney – £3 11s. 11½d.

Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and sand, lead and rubble at the tenantries in East Cheap – £3 8s. 5d.

Item, paid for labour at the tenantry in St Dunstan in the East – 4s. 2d.

Item, paid for 3 locks and several keys at John Ludlow's house in Tower Hill – 2s.

Item, paid for labour, loam, gravel, and other things at the tenantries in St Bartholomew the Less – £18 2s.

Item, paid for labour and loam at the tenantries in Bishopsgate Without – 17d.

Item, paid for hinges, clasps, and solder at the Crown in Cheap – 18d.

Item, paid for labour, loam, and other things at the tenantries in St Martin Outwich – £4 11s. 1½d.

Item, paid for labour, loam, and other things at the tenantry in Bread Street – 35s. 8d.

Item, paid for labour and other things at the tenantries in Moor Lane – £3 11s. 8½d.

Item, paid for labour and other things at the tenantries in Catton Lane – 42s. 2d.

Total for all repairs – £54 16s. ½d.

Firstly, we declare money paid to the churchwardens of St Stephen's in Coleman Street on the advice of the mercers' wardens, for raising the level of the pavement in front of the said church to be the same as the pavement of our estate-holding there – 10s.

Item, allowed to John Griston, our tenant in St Lawrence Lane, on the advice of our said wardens, because of damage borne by him by the building of a new place beside his – 10s.

Item, paid to John Colte for the carriage of 15 loads of timber from Snodbean⁴⁷⁷ to Mill Hall, at 18d. per load, total – 22s. 6d.

Item, paid for 6 capons which were given to Culpeper in Kent, since he would allow our timber to lie on his ground during the day, arranged by Muschamp – 4s.

Item, for my, Robert Scrayingham's, costs and those of my serving-man, on one occasion, and on another occasion for my serving-man to go to Snodbean – 9s. 8d.

Item, for 6 acquittances for the quit-rents – 10d.

Item, to Thomas Hille, mason, for 2½ days, going with us and the wardens to inspect the rental properties – 20d.

Item, to Thomas Ungle, carpenter, for the same – 20d.

Item, paid for a dinner for the wardens and ourselves when we went to inspect the estates – 3s. 4d.

Item, given to workmen for money for drinks and for their Christmas offerings – 15d.

Item, to William Brampton, scrivener,⁴⁷⁸ for 2 leases on Richard Bonefaunt's house – 12d.

⁴⁷⁷ This was about four miles south-west of Snodland in Kent, in the parish of Offham. See Hasted, *Kent*, IV, 537, 539. (I am grateful to David Sturdy for this reference.)

⁴⁷⁸ See Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, pp. 11, 12, 20, 21, 22.

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Item, iiii^c & ii lodes lyme at vi s. viii d. þe C, whiche was spent upon þ^e rentes þe tyme of Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, T. Gosse & Lambart, rulers of þe lyvelood – xxviii s. viii d.

Item, for a carte & porters to carie xx^c leed from þ^e iii Coupes unto þ^e plomers hous – viii d.

Item, for cariage of iiii^c quarter of ledges & borde from Belamy to þ^e storehous and of a goter from þe More Lane unto þe plomers & of a goter unto þe iii Coupes – xix d.

Item, for cariage of olde tymber from þe More [Lane] unto þe storehous – iiii d.

Item, to Hugh Lane, carter, for cariage of xviii tonnes ragstone from þe Waterside to divers tenantries & for wharvage & a laborer – v s. v d.

Item, to þe preisors þat preised divers stresses taken for rente – xii d.

Item, for paper & inke & coveryng of bokes – ii s. ii d.

Item, in potacions in gadryng of þe rentes – xxi s. i d. ob

Item, to Thomas Bernard for writeng of xiiii leces into a boke of paper & of þis acompte – x s.

Item, þer is alowed be þe wardeins to John Bleseby, rentgaderer, because he is bounde for alle þe pledges & dettours for þis yeer in ix li. be obligacion to paie at Cristemas – xxii s. iiii d.

Summa – vii li. xix s. ii d. ob.

Summa of alle þe hoole discharge of us þ^e said rentiers –
CCCxxx li. ix s. ix d. ob.

So þer remayneth in oure handes of þis acompte –
xxxiii li. xiii s. vi d. ob.

Auditours of þis acompte and be þem alowed⁶⁴² –

Wherof paid be Robert Skrayngham to⁶⁴³ John Shipton & William Redeknape, rentiers, as hit apereth in þeir acompte in *alia parte istius folii* – xxiiii li. xiii s. vi d.

⁶⁴² A space is left at the side, no names have been filled in.

⁶⁴³ After this the scribe had written the names of William Cantelowe and John Sturgeon, but has then scored them through.

Item, 82 loads of lime at 6s. 8d. the hundredweight,⁴⁷⁹ which was used at the rental properties during the term of office of Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, T[homas] Gosse and [John] Lambard, custodians of the estate – 28s. 8d.

Item, for a cart and porters to carry 20 hundredweight of lead from The Three Cups to the plumber's house – 8d. RW f. 15r

Item, for carriage of 4 hundredweight of 'ledges' and boards from Belamy's to the storehouse, and of a gutter from Moor Lane to the plumber's, and of a gutter to The Three Cups – 19d.

Item, for carriage of old timber from Moor Lane to the storehouse – 4d.

Item, to Hugh Lane, carter, for carriage of 18 tons of ragstone⁴⁸⁰ from the Waterside to various tenancies, and for wharfage and a labourer – 5s. 5d.

Item, to the appraisors that valued various 'distresses'⁴⁸¹ taken for rent – 12d.

Item, for paper and ink and for the covering of books⁴⁸² – 2s. 2d.

Item, for drinks while collecting the rents – 21s. 1½d.

Item, to Thomas Bernard for the writing out of 14 leases into a paper book, and of this account⁴⁸³ – 10s.

Item, the wardens have allowed John Bleseby, rent-collector, because he is bound by bonds obligatory in the sum of £9 for all the pledges and debts for this year, to be paid at Christmas – 22s. 4d.

Total – £7 19s. 2½d.

Total of all disbursements of us the said renter-wardens – £330 9s. 9½d.

Thus there remains in our hands from this account – £33 13s. 6½d.

Auditors of this account and approved by them –

Of which has been paid by Robert Scrayingham to John Shipton and William Redeknap, renter-wardens, as it appears in their account on the other side of this folio – £24 13s. 6d.

⁴⁷⁹ This measure was reckoned variously at this date for different goods: see Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, pp. 81–3.

⁴⁸⁰ 'Rag' or 'ragstone' was 'the name given in various parts of England to certain kinds of stone, differing greatly in structure, but chiefly of a hard coarse texture, and breaking up in flat pieces several inches thick' (*OED*). See also, Salzman, *Building in England*, pp. 128–9.

⁴⁸¹ The word 'distress' can be used for 'the action of distraining; the legal seizure and detention of a chattel, originally for the purpose of thereby constraining the owner to pay money owed by him or to make satisfaction for some wrong done by him, or to do some other act (e.g. to appear in court); according to later practice, in order that out of the proceeds of its sale (if not redeemed within a fixed period) satisfaction may be obtained of some debt or claim, now, especially, for rent unpaid' (*OED*), and also for the goods and chattels seized by this process.

⁴⁸² Next year's wardens' accounts lists a similar figure for binding and affixing clasps to the rental book. See below, f. 181r.

⁴⁸³ The text is ambiguous here, and might mean this is the amount authorised for this account, or that the paper book is being accounted also, or that TB wrote the account up on paper. What it cannot mean is that TB wrote the account here in this book, as this is in Box's handwriting.

Item, paied to þe said wardeins be John Bleseby as hit apereth in þ^e said leef – ix li.

Summa paie[d] – xxxiii li. xiii s. vi d.

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La Charge⁶⁴⁴

Entrees d'apprentices:

En <i>primes</i> , sount chargés de Richaert Gowle <i>aprentis</i> de Thomas Shelley –	xx s.
Item, de Hugh Spencer <i>et</i> John Benham <i>aprentis</i> de Rauff Verney –	xl s.
Item, de John Woode <i>aprentis</i> de Robert Twig –	xx s.
Item, de John Yonge <i>aprentis</i> de John Cotford –	xx s.
Item, de William Rightwis <i>aprentis</i> de Richaert Stutvile –	xx s.
Item, de John Chaterle <i>aprentis</i> de Robert Gregory –	xx s.
Item, de Herry Gryndelle <i>aprentis</i> de Richaert Nedeham –	xx s.
Item, de Richaert Estgate <i>aprentis</i> de John Lokke –	xx s.
<i>Summa</i> – ix li.	

Issues d'apprentices:

En <i>primez</i> , de Thomas Gybbes jadis <i>aprentis</i> de William Towland <i>et</i> pur une fyne q'il fuist fait franc devant son terme –	iii s.
Item, de John Barle jadis <i>aprentis</i> de John Lambart –	ii s.
Item, de Herry Colshille jadis <i>aprentis</i> de William Myles –	ii s.
Item, de John Mercer jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Thomas Hurste <i>et</i> après de Rauff Marche –	ii s.
Item, de Geffrey Randolff jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Rauff Marche –	ii s.
Item, de William Wightryng jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Thomas Shirewyn –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Sawston jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Robert Baroun –	ii s.
Item, de Herry Asshewelle <i>et</i> Thomas Barby jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Rauff Verney –	iiii s.
Item, de Richaert Boolde jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Thomas Muschampe –	ii s.
Item, de John Bleseby jadis <i>aprentis</i> de dit Thomas –	ii s.
Item, de William Adam jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Richaert Everle –	ii s.
Item, de John Smyth jadis <i>aprentis</i> de Herry Frowyk –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – xxvii s.	

⁶⁴⁴ Below this heading a blank space equivalent to three lines is left before the list of apprentices, into which the balance for the previous year could have been fitted. The sum was probably not to hand.

Item, paid to the said wardens by John Bleseby, as appears on the said folio – £9

Total paid – £33 13s. 6d.

Thus quit

This is the account of John Olney, Robert Baron, Robert Scrayingham, and John Shipton, wardens of the mercers' mistery for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1455 and the regnal year 33 Henry VI.

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Receipts

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare from Richard Gowle ⁴⁸⁴ apprentice of Thomas Shelley –	20s.
Item, from Hugh Spencer and John Benham apprentices of Ralph Verney –	40s.
Item, from John Woode apprentice of Robert Twigge –	20s.
Item, from John Yonge apprentice of John Cotford –	20s.
Item, from William Rightwis apprentice of Richard Stutvile –	20s.
Item, from John Chaterle apprentice of Robert Gregory –	20s.
Item, from Harry Gryndelle apprentice of Richard Nedam –	20s.
Item, from Richard Eastgate apprentice of John Locke –	20s.
Total – £9	

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, from Thomas Gibbes, formerly apprentice of William Townland, also for a fee because he was made free before his terms were up –	3s.
Item, from John Barley, formerly apprentice of John Lambard –	2s.
Item, from Harry Colshille, formerly apprentice of William Miles –	2s.
Item, from John Mercer, formerly apprentice of Thomas Hurst and afterwards of Ralph March –	2s.
Item, from Geoffrey Randolf, formerly apprentice of Ralph March –	2s.
Item, from William Wightryng, formerly apprentice of Thomas Shirwynd –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Sawston, formerly apprentice of Robert Baron –	2s.
Item, from Harry Ashwell and Thomas Barby, formerly apprentices of Ralph Verney –	4s.
Item, from Richard Bold, formerly apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
Item, from John Bleseby, formerly apprentice of the said Thomas –	2s.
Item, from William Adam, formerly apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.
Item, from John Smyth, formerly apprentice of Harry Frowyk –	2s.
Total – 27s.	

⁴⁸⁴ For an account of his career see Sutton, 'Richard Gowle'.

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Mercymentes:

En <i>primes</i> de Thomas Nyche –	ii s.
Item, de John Goldewelle –	vi d.
Item, de John Riche –	x d.
Item, de John Lok –	iiii d.
Item, de Robert Cosyn –	x d.
Item, de Richaert Stutvile –	vi d.
Item, de Robert Twig –	viii d.
Item, de Thomas Ryke –	iiii d.
Item, de Thomas Filer –	iiii d.
Item, de Robert Barle –	iiii d.
Item, de John Jacome –	iiii d.
Item, de John Rowle –	iiii d.
<i>Summa</i> –	vii s. iiiii d.

Fynes d'eux queles ne veneront a la courte:

En <i>primez</i> , de Roger Midelmore pur l'an –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Hayward pur l'an –	iii s. iiiii d.
<i>Summa</i> –	x s.

Fynes dez trespasours:

En *primes*, de John Alburgh, Richaert Stutvile, et Robert Twig, pur ceo qe Lam, John Williamson, et Fop Gilesson, shipmen, pur iiiii^x x crownes a eux payez ne prenderont autre marchauntz mes qe lez ditz John, Richaert, et Robert voileront, encontre la bone ordenance del *compagnie* del mercerie – xl s.

Item, de Wauter Roy pur uncurtois langage q'il avoit encontre John Andrewe, homme de lyveray – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xlvi s. viii d.

Fynes dez hommes admyttez en la lyverey:

En *primes*, de Sir Roger Mershe, person de Mary Magdaleyne en Milkestrete – xl s.

Summa – xl s.

Entrees en la lyveré pur le iii^{ce} an:

En <i>primes</i> , de Rauff Kempe –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Pikeryng –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Goldewelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Robert Cosyn –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Riche –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Marchalle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Asshe –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Roger Bonefant –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Martyn –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Pratte –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Norlong –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Shelle –	vi s. viii d.

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Firstly, from Thomas Nyche –	2s.
Item, from John Goldewelle –	6d.
Item, from John Riche –	10d.
Item, from John Locke –	4d.
Item, from Robert Cosyn –	10d.
Item, from Richard Stutvile –	6d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	8d.
Item, from Thomas Ryke –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Fyler –	4d.
Item, from Robert Barley –	4d.
Item, from John Chacombe –	4d.
Item, from John Rowley –	4d.
Total –	7s. 4d.

Fees from those not coming to the court:

Firstly, from Roger Middlemore for the year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hayward for the year –	3s. 4d.
Total –	10s.

Fines from offenders:

Firstly, from John Alburgh, Richard Stutvile, and Robert Twigge, because Lam, John Williamson, and Fop Gillesson, shippers, in return for 90 crowns paid to them, were not to take on any other merchants except those approved by the said John, Richard, and Robert, in contravention of the good ordinances of the mercers' company – 40s.

Item, from Walter Roy for discourteous language used to John Andrew, a liveryman – 6s. 8d.

Total – 46s. 8d.

Fees from men admitted to the livery:

Firstly, from Sir Roger Marsh, parson of St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street –	40s.
Total –	40s.

Admissions to the livery, for the third year:

Firstly, from Ralph Kemp –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Pickering –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Goldewelle –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Cosyn –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Riche –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Marchall –	6s. 8d.
Item from John Asshe –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Roger Bonefaunt –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Martyn –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Pratte –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Norlong –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Shelley –	6s. 8d.

Item, de Richaert Wyse – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Emond Redeknape – vi s. viii d.
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Entrees en la lyveré pur le primer an:

En primez, de John Alburgh – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Symon Dawdele – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de John Roule – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Thomas Wotton – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Richaert Gardener – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Richaert Syff – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Thomas Brice – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de William Groveman – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Richaert Bowelle – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Robert Talbot – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Richaert Hulle – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de John Baker – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de John Sturmyn – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Thomas Godyng – vi s. viii d.
Summa – iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Geyne de la lyveré:

En primes, de la geyne de xlii verges iii quarters drap de sangweyn deliverez a lez hommes a lour primer entré en la lyveré, sur chescon verge xii d., *summa* – xlii s. ix d.

Summa – xlii s. ix d.

Summa totalis de lour charge – xxvii li. v d.

Le discharge de lez ditz gardeynes

En primes, pur paper *et* ynke – iii d.

Item, pur i paier belewes – iii d.

Item, pur byndeng *et* clapseng de le rentalle booke – ii s. iiii d.

Item, pur foldyng de le conter *et* l'amend de divers seres *et* claves – ii s. iiii d.

Item, pur i barge *et* une batelle pur le dirige del roy *et* le messe – vii s.

Item, pur une barge quant lez viscountz prenderont lour charge a Westmynster – v s. xi d.

Item, pur iii baner staves – iii s. v d.

Item, pur une barge quant le Maier prendera son charge a Westmynster – vii s. viii d.

Item, pur costes faitz vers Grenewich pur veer le covere del roy – iii s. vi d.

Item, espendu sur Robert Langford pur la survieu de lez evidences a Seint Thomas – xiii d.

Item, from Richard Wise –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Edmund Redeknape –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4 13s. 4d.	

Admissions to the livery, for the first year:

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Firstly, from John Alburgh –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Simon Daudley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Rowley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Wotton –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Gardener –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Syff –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Brice –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Groveman –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Bowelle –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Talbot –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Baker –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Sturmyn –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Godyng –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4 13s. 4d.	

Profit on the livery:

Firstly, from the profit on 42¾ yards of sanguine⁴⁸⁵ cloth delivered to men at their first admission to the livery, on each yard 12d., total – 42s. 9d.

Total – 42s. 9d.

Sum total of their receipts – £27 5d.

The disbursements of the said wardens

Firstly, for paper and ink – 3d.

Item, for 1 pair of bellows – 3d.

Item, for binding and affixing clasps to the rental book – 2s. 4d.

Item, for the folding of the counting-board⁴⁸⁶ and the repair of various locks and keys – 2s. 4d.

Item, for a barge and a boat for the king's obit and the mass – 7s.

Item, for a barge when the sheriffs took up their office at Westminster – 5s. 11d.

Item, for 2 banner staves – 3s. 5d.

Item, for a barge when the Mayor took up his office at Westminster – 7s. 8d.

Item, for costs incurred in going to Greenwich to see the king's recovery⁴⁸⁷ – 3s. 6d.

Item, spent on Robert Langford for examination of the documents at St Thomas of Acon – 13d.

⁴⁸⁵ i.e. of blood-red colour.

⁴⁸⁶ The word used is 'conter' = 'counter' which has several meanings, but if this was to be folded it must presumably mean a large counting-board which was made into two or even three sections with hinges to allow easy storage when not in use.

⁴⁸⁷ Henry VI had been ill in 1453–54 and was kept at Windsor during all this period. See *ODNB*, vol. 26, p. 506.

Item, pur une barge pur resseyver le roy quant il vient depar Wyndesore – iii s. x d.

Item, espendu en payn *et* vyne sur John Midelton *et* autres auditours de l'acompte de Geffrey Feldyng *et* sez companye[s] – viii d. ob.⁶⁴⁵

Item, païé a lez maister *et* chapeleins de *Seint* Thomas pur lez dirige *et* messe pur la companye – x s.

Item, pur vi tapers de cere poisant iii lb. pur le chapelle – xxi d.

Item, pur laver *et* emender dez vestmentz *et* ornamentz de la chapelle – xx d.

Item, pur l'escriver d'icest acompte *et* de le lyveleode en lez livres – x s.

Item, pur iiiii rose garlondes pur l'aleccion dez novel gardeins – viii d.

Summa — iii li. ii s. iiiii d. ob.

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Foreyn Espences:

En primez, païé pur une quarter drap de sangweyne pur l'ensaumple – ii s. vi d.

Item, pur une verge *et* dimi sangweine en grein doné a le Maister de *Seint* Thomas – xiii s. vi d.

Item, pur une verge *et* dimi sangweine en grein doné a Maister Thomas Eboralle – xiii s. vi d.

Item, pur iii verges *et* dimi sangweyne doné a Robert Langford, la verge ix s., *summa* – xxxi s. vi d.

Item, pur iii verges *et* dimi sangweine doné a William Chadworth – xxxi s. vi d.

Item, pur viii verges sangweine doné a lez ii chapelleins, la verge vi s. viii d. – Liii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur iii verges quarter sangweine pur Richaert Box, bedille – xxi s. viii d.

Item, doné a dit Richaert pur son chaperon – vi s. viii d.

Summa – viii li. xiiii s. ii d.

Summa totalis de lur discharge – xi li. xvi s. vi d. ob.

Ensy rest due a la mercerie – xv li. iii s. x d. ob.

Faite par lez auditours	{	Geffrey Boleyn
		Rauff Verney
		John Lytelton <i>et</i>
		Rauff Marche

Deliveré a William Cantelowe *et* sez companyes gardeins, come apiert en *proschein* foile ensuant, le rest suisdit – xv li. iii s. x d.

Ensy quyte

Item, deliveré a eux ii obligacions⁶⁴⁶ de William Pikeryng, mercier, chescon de v li.

⁶⁴⁵ This account was for the year 1452–53 and the auditors are listed on f. 177v. It is unclear why this expenditure only appears now this year.

⁶⁴⁶ MS: obbigac'.

Item, for a barge to greet the King when he came from Windsor – 3s. 10d.

Item, spent on bread and wine for John Middleton and the other auditors of the account of Geoffrey Fielding and his fellow-wardens – 8½d.

Item, paid to the Master and the chaplains of St Thomas of Acon for the Office of the Dead and mass for the company – 10s.

Item, for 6 wax tapers weighing 3 lb. for the chapel – 21d.

Item, for washing and repair of the vestments and accoutrements of the chapel – 20d.

Item, for the writing of this account and that of the estates into the record-books – 10s.

Item, for 3 rose-garlands for the election of the new wardens – 8d.

Total – £3 2s. 4½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, paid for ¼ [yard] of sanguine cloth as a sample – 2s. 6d.

Item, for 1½ yards of sanguine cloth dyed in grain, given to the Master of St Thomas's – 13s. 6d.

Item, 1½ yards of sanguine cloth dyed in grain, given to Master Thomas Ebralle – 13s. 6d.

Item, for 3½ yards of sanguine cloth, at 9s. per yard, given to Robert Langford, total – 31s. 6d.

Item, for 3½ yards of sanguine cloth given to William Chadworth – 31s. 6d.

Item, for 8 yards of sanguine cloth, at 6s. 8d. per yard, given to the 2 chaplains⁴⁸⁸ – 53s. 4d.

Item, for ¾ yards of sanguine cloth for Richard Box, beadle – 21s. 8d.

Item, given to the said Richard for his hood – 6s. 8d.

Total – £8 14s. 2d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £11 16s. 6½d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £15 3s. 10½d.

Approved by the auditors	{	Geoffrey Boleyn
		Ralph Verney
		John Littleton and
		Ralph March

Handed over to William Cantelowe and his fellow-wardens, as appears on the next folio, the aforesaid balance – £15 3s. 10d.

Thus quit

Item, handed over to them 2 bonds obligatory in the name of William Pickering, mercer, each for £5

⁴⁸⁸ Sir Richard Combe and Sir William Throlde.

1454–55 This is þacompte of John Shipton & William Redeknape, rentiers of þe lyveloode
RW f. 15v perteyneng to þe felaship of þe mercerie in þe cite & subarbis of London for an
hole yeer:

The charge of þe said rentiers

First, we charge us of þe rentes longeng to þe said mercery of purchas for an hole
yer, þat is from þe fest of Estir þe yeer of Kyng Herry þe vi^{te} xxxii^{ti} unto þe said
fest xxxiii^{ti}, aftir þe decrees as hit apereth in þe last acompte, folio xiii° – xlvi li.
xiiii s.⁶⁴⁷

Item, of þe rentes ʒoven be Richaert Whitengton for þe said hole yeer, aftir þencres
as hit apereth in þe last acompte, folio xi°, and þe decrees folio xiiii° – CCxli li.

Item, of þe rentes ʒoven be Sir William Estfeld, knyght, for þe said hole yeer, aftir
þe decrees as hit apereth folio xiiii° – xviii li. viii s. iiiii d.

Item, of þe rentes ʒoven be John Abbot for þe said hole yeer – xii li. xx d.

Item, of þencrees of þe tenementes of Whitengton in þe parische of S. Gregorie at
Baynard Castelle – iiiii s.

Item, of þencrees of þe tenementes of þe said Whitengton in S. Laurence Jury –
viii d.

Summa of þe lyvelood – CCCxviii li. viii s. viii d.

Rentes of assise

First, we charge us as hit apereth in þe last acompte, for vi quyte rentes as hit
apereth folio xi°, goyng oute of vi divers tenementes for þe said hole yeer – v li.
vi s. ii d.

Summa patet

Rentes of assise unpaied, as apereth in þe last acompte, folio xi° –

Item, we charge us of mony resseyved be þe handes of Robert Skrayngham &
John Bleseby, as hit apereth in þe fote of þe laste acompte, folio xv°, þe toper side
of þis leeff – xxxiii li. xiii s. vi d.

Summa of alle oure charge – CCCLvii li. viii s. iiiii d.

RW f. 16r Item, we charge us of olde stuffe lefte in þe storehous & oper places, as hit aperith
in þe paper of þis acompte more playnly

The discharge of þe said rentiers

Quyte rentes:

First, we discharge us of quyte rentes paied to divers persones oute of certeyn
tenementes of þe purchas of þe mercerie for þe said yeer, lyke as hit apereth in þe
last acompte, folio xii° – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Item, for quyte rentes paied oute of certeyn tenementes ʒoven be Richaert
Whitengton, as hit apereth in þe last acompte, folio xii° – v li. ix d. ob.

Summa – ix li. xi s. i d. ob.

⁶⁴⁷ See f. 11r for the sum of £48 4s. 8d. and then f. 13v for a decrease of 30s. 8d.

This is the account of John Shipton and William Redeknape, renter-wardens of the estates pertaining to the fellowship of the mercers' mistery in the City and suburbs of London, for a whole year. 1454–55
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The receipts of the said renter-wardens

Firstly, we declare the rent-monies from the mercers' mistery's own purchased properties, for a whole year, i.e. from the feast of Easter in the year 32 Henry VI until the said feast in 33 [Henry VI] [1455], after the reductions as appear in the last account on f. 13 – £46 14s.

Item, the rents given by Richard Whittington for the said whole year, after the increases as appear in the last account, on f. 11, and the reductions, on f. 14 – £241

Item, the rents given by Sir William Eastfield, knight, for the said whole year, after the reductions as appear on f. 14 – £18 8s. 4d.

Item, the rents given by John Abbot for the said whole year – £12 20d.

Item, increases on the Whittington tenements in the parish of St Gregory in Baynard's Castle – 4s.

Item, increases on the said Whittington's tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – 8d.

Total from the estates – £318 8s. 8d.

Rents of assise

Firstly, we declare, as appears in the last account, 6 quit-rents, as appear on f. 11, arising from 6 various tenements, for the said whole year – £5 6s. 2d.

Total as above

Rents of assise unpaid, as appear in the last account, f. 11 – [11s. 8d.]

Item, we declare money received from Robert Scrayingham and John Bleseby, as appears at the foot of the last account on f. 15, on the other side of this leaf – £33 13s. 6d.

Total of all our receipts – £357 8s. 4d.

Item, we declare old materials left in the storehouse and elsewhere, as appears more fully in the paper document of this account RW f. 16r

The disbursements of the said renter-wardens

Quit-rents:

Firstly, we declare quit-rents paid to various persons on certain of the mercers' mistery's own purchased tenements for the said year, as appears in the last account on f. 12 – £4 10s. 4d.

Item, for quit-rents paid on certain tenements given by Richard Whittington, as appears in the last account, on f. 12 – £5 9½d.

Total – £9 11s. 1½d.

Preestes of þ^e chapelle:

First, paied to *Sir Richaert Combe*, preest of þ^e chapelle, for an hole yeer at Midsomer *anno xxxiii^o* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to *Sir William Throlde*, prest of þe said chapelle, for þe said yeer at Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Thalmoes men of þe mercy:

First, paied to *William Olyver* for an hole yeer at Midsomer

anno xxxiii^o –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, to *William Irwillyam* for þe said yeer –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, to *John Midelton* for þe said yeer –

iiii li. xi s.

Item, to *Thomas Cok* for half a yeer at Midsomer *afor said* –

xxx s. iiiii d.

Item, to *Richaert Box*, bedille, for þe said yeer –

iii li. xviii s.

Summa – xvii li. xv s. iiiii d.

Thexpences for *Richaert Whitengton*:

First, to *Maister Thomas Ebralle*, *Maister* of þe Colage, for an hole yeer at þe *forsaid* Midsomer, & his brederen – lxiii li.

Item, to *John Lyncolne*,⁶⁴⁸ Tutor, & xii oþer porefolkes fro þe xxiith daie of Juyn *anno xxxii^{do}* unto þe xix^e daie of Juylle *anno xxxiii^o*, for lvi wekes, þe weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xlii li. xviii s. viii d.

Item, for þobit of þe said *Richaert* holden þe xxxth daie of Juylle *anno xxxii^{do}*: for brede – viii s. ix d. Item, to þe Maier – vi s. viii d. Item, to þe xiii porefolkes – xiii d. Item, to þe sexteyn – xii d. Item, to þ^e cook – ii d. Item, to þ^e boteler – iiiii d. Item, ix gal' wyne – vi s. Item, for þe hire & wast of ii tapers weyng xii lb. – xvi d. Item, for ii kilderkin of goode ale & i kilderkin of iii halfpeny ale – vi s. ii d. Item, for asshen cuppes – ii s. Item, for peres – iii s. vi d. Item, to þ^e Maister & his brederen for a recreacion – iii s. iiiii d.

Totalis – xl s. iiiii d.⁶⁴⁹

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Conservatours of þ^e lyvelood:

Item, to *John Olney*, *Robert Baroun*, *Robert Skreyngnam*, & *John Shipton*, wardeins and conservatours of þe lyvelode – iiiii li.

Item, a⁶⁵⁰ *John Shipton* & *William Redeknape*, rentiers for þe said yeer – xl s.

Summa – Cxiii li. xix s.

648 This man's name has been written in later, into a space previously left blank and has been spaced out to fill an overlong gap. It is probably but not certainly in the scribe's hand.

649 There is a circle with a cross through it in the RH margin against this sum. This annotation mark might be contemporary, and is not modern.

650 This scribe is proficient in French and it seems that he has inadvertently used 'a' instead of 'to'.

Chapel priests:

Firstly, paid to Sir Richard Combe, priest of the chapel, for a whole year, at Midsummer in the year 33 [Henry VI] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir William Throlde, priest of the said chapel, for the said year, at Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.

Total – £13 6s. 8d.

The mystery's almsmen:

First, paid to William Olyver for a whole year at Midsummer

33 [Henry VI] – £3 18s.

Item, to William Irwilliam for the said year – £3 18s.

Item, to John Middleton for the said year – £4 11s.

Item, to Thomas Cokke for half a year at the aforesaid
Midsummer – 30s. 4d.

Item, to Richard Box, beadle, for the said year – £3 18s.

Total – £17 15s. 4d.

Expenses for Richard Whittington's estate:

Firstly, to Master Thomas Ebralle, Master of the College, for a whole year at Midsummer aforesaid, and to his brethren – £63

Item, to John Lincoln, Tutor, and 12 other poor people, from 22 June in the year 32 [Henry VI] [1454] until 19 July in the year 33 [Henry VI] [1455], for 56 weeks, at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £42 18s. 8d.

Item, for the said Richard's obit held on 30 July in the year 32 [Henry VI] [1454]: for bread – 8s. 9d. Item, to the Mayor – 6s. 8d. Item, to the 13 poor people – 13d. Item, to the sexton – 12d. Item, to the cook – 2d. Item to the butler⁴⁸⁹ – 4d. Item, 9 gallons of wine – 6s. Item, for the hire and the amount used from 2 tapers weighing 12 lb. – 16d. Item, for 2 kilderkins⁴⁹⁰ of good ale and 1 kilderkin of three-halfpenny ale – 6s. 2d. Item, for ash-wood cups – 2s. Item, for pears – 3s. 6d. Item, to the Master and his brethren for refreshments – 3s. 4d.

Total – 40s. 4d.

Custodians of the estate:

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Item, to John Olney, Robert Baron, Robert Scrayingham, and John Shipton, wardens and custodians of the estate – £4

Item, to John Shipton and William Redeknape, renter-wardens for the said year – 40s.

Total – £113 19s.

⁴⁸⁹ In the original sense of the man in charge of wine and the serving of it.

⁴⁹⁰ See both the *OED* and Zupko, *Weights and Measures*, pp. 91–2. A kilderkin of ale contained 16 gallons.

The expenses for Sir William Estfeld, knyght:

First, to Sir John Leget, preest, for an hole yeer at Midsomer anno xxxiii^o – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for espensis for his obite þ^e ix^e daie of Maii, to John Midelton – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe iiiii wardeins abovesaid for þeir atendaunce – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe bedille of þ^e craft for his atendaunce – xx d.

Item, for xiiii tapers of wex, every taper of⁶⁵¹, chaunged quarterly in Aldirmanbery cherche for þ^e said hole yeer – xvi s. viiii d.

Item, for þobite of Sir William Kylengmershe, holden þ^e xv^e daie of December at Saint Martyns Graunte – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – ix li. xi s. viiii d.

The expenses for John Abote:

First, for a prest for þe hole yeer at Midsomer anno xxxiii^o, syngeng at Fernyngo in Bukyngham Shire – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for espensis for his dirige holden þe last daie of Feverer in Seint Laurence cherche in þe Jury, to John Roo – vi s. viiii d.

Summa – vii li.

Fees:

First, to John Bleseby, rente gaderer, for his fees for þ^e said yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to Richaert Box for his lyvray þ^e tyme of Geffray Boleyn, Rauff Verney, & autres⁶⁵² custoses of þ^e mercerie – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe said Richaert for makeng of þacompte of þe said Geffrey & oþ^{er} custoses – vi s. viiii d.

Summa – vii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Foreyn espenses:

First, for clotheng for þ^e pore folkes of Whitengtons Colage, for xiii persones, þat is to say clokes & gownes – vii li. v s. iiiii d.

Summa – vii li. v s. iiiii d.

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Vacacions:

First, for ii tenementes at S. Marteyns Otewiche – iii li. xii s. viiii d.

Item, for viiii^{te} tenementes at Castelbaynard – vi li. xx d. Item, for i tenement in Milkestrete – iii li. vi s. viiii d. Item, for iiiii^e tenementes in S. Laurence Jury – xxxix s.

Item, for ii tenementes in Bassingeshawe – xxxv s. Item, for v tenementes in Colmanstrete – xlii s. iiiii d. Item, of i tenement at S. Bartilmeus þ^e litelle – xii li.

Item, for i tenement withoute Bisshopgate – iii s. iiiii d. Item, for iii tenementes at þ^e Tourehille – xl s. Item, for i tenement in S. Dunstons in þest – x s. Item, for i tenement in Estchepe – L s. Item, for i tenement in þ^e Ryalle – xx s. Item, for xi tenementes in Walbrook – iii li. xviii s. viiii d.

– xxxvii li. vi s. viiii d.

⁶⁵¹ A space follows, left to fill in the weight of each candle when known.

⁶⁵² Note that the scribe appears once again to have switched to French.

Expenses for the estate of Sir William Eastfield, knight:

Firstly, to Sir John Leget, priest, for a whole year at Midsummer 33 [Henry VI] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for the expenses for his [Eastfield's] obit on 9 May, paid to John Middleton⁴⁹¹ – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the four wardens aforesaid for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the mistery's beadle for his attendance – 20d.

Item, for 14 wax tapers, each taper of _____, changed once a quarter in Aldermanbury Church, for the said whole year – 16s. 8d.

Item, for the obit of Sir William Kynwolmersh, held on 15 December at St Martin le Grand – 13s. 4d.

Total – £9 11s. 8d.

The expenses for John Abbot's estate:

Firstly, for a priest for the whole year, at Midsummer 33 [Henry VI], singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for expenses on his obit held on the last day of February in the church of St Lawrence Jewry, paid to John Roo – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7

Fees:

Firstly, to John Bleseby, rent-collector, for his fees for the said year – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Richard Box for his livery during the term of office of Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, and other wardens of the mercers' mistery – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the said Richard for drawing up the account of the said Geoffrey and other wardens – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7 13s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, for clothing for the poor people of Whittington College, for 13 people, i.e. for cloaks and gowns – £7 5s. 4d.

Total – £7 5s. 4d.

Vacancies:

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Firstly, for 2 tenements in St Martin Outwich – £3 12s. 8d.

Item, for 8 tenements in Baynard's Castle – £6 20d. Item, for 1 tenement in Milk Street – £3 6s. 8d. Item, for 4 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – 39s. Item, for 2 tenements in Bassishaw – 35s. Item, for 5 tenements in Coleman Street – 42s. 4d. Item, for 1 tenement in St Bartholomew the Less – £12. Item, for 1 tenement in Bishopsgate Without – 3s. 4d. Item, for 3 tenements in Tower Hill – 40s. Item, for 1 tenement in St Dunstan-in-the-East – 10s. Item, for 1 tenement in East Cheap – 50s. Item, for 1 tenement in the Royal – 20s. Item, for 11 tenements in Walbrook – £3 18s. 8d.

– £37 6s. 8d.

⁴⁹¹ Presumably because he was in charge of arrangements for this obit.

Item, for iii gardeins in Morelane – vii s. vi d.

Summa – xli li. vi s. x d.

Decrees:

First, for i tenement at S. Bartilmeus þ^e litelle þis yeer – iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for i tenement in Morelane þis yeer – iiiii d.

Summa – iii li. xiii s. viiii d.

Stuff boght:

First, for divers stuff boght & spente in divers tenantries, as apereth in þ^e boke of þacompte – ix li. v s. v d. ob.

Summa – ix li. v s. v d. ob.

Reparacions:

First, at þ^e Crowne in Chepe – ii s. iii d. ob. Item, at S. Marteyns Otewiche – iiiii li. iiiii s. x d.

– iiiii li. vii s. i d. ob.

Item, at Baynardes Castelle – xiiii s. iii d. Item, in Milkestrete – vii li. viiii s. ix d.

Item, in S. Laurence Jury – xxxvi s. viiii d. Item, in Bassingeshawe – xxiiii s. xi d. ob.

Item, in Colmanstrete in divers places – ix li. iii s. ii d. Item, in S. Bartilmeus

þe litelle – xxxvii s. iii d. ob. Item, at the Tourehille – lix s. iiiii d. ob. Item, in

S. Donstons in pest – Lviii s. i d. Item, in Estchepe in divers soiles – xii li. xii s.

vii d. Item, in þ^e Ryalle – v s. xi d. ob. Item, in S. Laurence Pounteney – xiiii li. x s.

x d. Item, in Budge Rowe – iii d.

– Lv li. xii s. ii d.

Item, in Bredestrete – xx s. ix d. Item, in Morelane – iiiii d.

– xxi s. i d.

Summa – lxi li. iiiii d. ob.

Foreyn expenses:

First, for divers costes doon in Kente & oþer expenses for rekenynges of Thomas Muschampe & oþir divers expenses – iiiii li. ii s. ii d.

Summa – iiiii li. ii s. ii d.

Summa of oure discharge – CCCv li. x s. xi d. ob.

So þer is due to þ^e mercerie – li li. xvii s. iiiii d. ob. – Whiche

Is in þ^e charge of William Redeknape as apereth in þ^e toþer side of þis leeff

Ensy quyte

Item, for 3 gardens in Moor Lane – 7s. 6d.

Total – £41 6s. 10d.

Rent-reductions:

Firstly, for 1 tenement in St Bartholomew-the-Less this year – £3 13s. 4d.

Item, for 1 tenement in Moor Lane this year – 4d.

Total – £3 13s. 8d.

Materials bought:

Firstly, for various materials bought and used at various tenancies, as appears in the account book – £9 5s. 5½d.

Total – £9 5s. 5½d.

Repairs:

Firstly, at the Crown in Cheap – 2s. 3½d. Item, at St Martin Outwich – £4 4s. 10d.

– £4 7s. 1½d.

Item, at Baynard's Castle – 14s. 3d. Item, in Milk Street – £7 8s. 9d. Item, in St Lawrence Jewry – 36s. 8d. Item, in Bassishaw – 24s. 11½d. Item, in Coleman Street, in various places – £9 3s. 2d. Item, in St Bartholomew the Less – 37s. 3½d. Item, in Tower Hill – 59s. 4½d. Item, in St Dunstan in the East – 58s. 1d. Item, in East Cheap, at various sites – £12 12s. 7d. Item, in the Royal – 5s. 11½d. Item, in St Laurence Pountney – £14 10s. 10d. Item, in Budge Row – 3d.

– £55 12s. 2d.

Item, in Bread Street – 20s. 9d. Item, in Moor Lane – 4d.

– 21s. 1d.

Total – £61 4½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, for various costs incurred in Kent, and other expenses for money owed to Thomas Muschamp, and various other expenses – £4 2s. 2d.

Total – £4 2s. 2d.

Total of our disbursements – £305 10s. 11½d.

Therefore there is due to the mercers' mystery – £51 17s. 4½d. – Which is handed over to William Redeknap, as appears on the other side of this folio

Thus quit

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f. 182r C'est l'acompte de William Cantelowe, John Sturgeon, John Reynekyne, *et* William Redeknape, gardeins del mistere de mercerie pur une an entier passé a le fest del Natyvité de Seint John Baptiste l'an du grace Mⁱ CCCCLvi^e et du Roy Herry sizme puis le conquest xxxiiii^{te}.

La charge

En *primes*, ils sount chargez d'argent sek ressu de John Olney, Robert Baroun, Robert Skrayngham, *et* John Shipton, gardeins de l'an darrein passé, pur la rest de lour acompte, come apiert en la pee del mesm – xv li. iii s. x d.

Item, ils sount chargez d'argent ressu *par* Thomas Muschamp en *party* de paiement d'une rest d'acompte le temps de Geffrey Feldyng, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, *et* John Lambart, gardeins, come apiert le Clxxvii ff. devant – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa – xviii li. x s. vi d.

Entrees d'apprentis:

En <i>primes</i> , de Steven Love apprentis de John Shellee –	xx s.
Item, de Nicholas Browne <i>et</i> Hugh at Welle l'apprentices de Thomas Brice –	xl s.
Item, de Thomas Neve l'apprentis de John Neve –	xx s.
Item, de William Campion l'apprentis de John Martyn –	xx s.
Item, de Richaert Seelle l'apprentis de John Midelton –	xx s.
Item, de John Colyngridge l'apprentis de William Pratte –	xx s.
Item, de Richaert Wangford l'apprentis de Richaert Syff –	xx s.
Item, de John Pierson l'apprentis de John Roo –	xx s.
Item, de Thomas Valaunce l'apprentis de John Sturgeon –	xx s.
Item, de Thomas Holdirnes l'apprentis de William Widuson –	xx s.
Item, de luy pur une fyne pur ceo q'il ne fuist entré deintz le primer an ⁶⁵³ –	xx d.
Item, de Nicholas Wilkes l'apprentis de Thomas Godyng –	xx s.
Item, de Robert Lamshawe l'apprentis de William Redeknape –	xx s.
Item, de William Awbrey l'apprentis de Richaert Wise –	xx s.
Item, de luy pur ceo q'il fuist enrollé a le Gildehalle devant son entré ycy –	xii d.
Item, de John Rowshawe <i>et</i> John Howardyn, l'apprentices de Geffrey Feldyng –	xl s.
Item, de Robert Kervile l'apprentis de Nicholas Hatton –	xx s.
Item, de William Waryn l'apprentis de Richaert Nedam –	xx s.
Item, de Thomas Beke l'apprentis de Rauff Marche –	xx s.
Item, de William Spryngold l'apprentis de Thomas Lee –	xx s.

653 This rule does not appear in any of the surviving Mercers' ordinances until that of 1478 in the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 20 (see Jean Imray's discussion of this in Imray, 'Les bones gentes', p. 172). However, this fine and others below make it clear that such an ordinance did exist, and indeed this was not only standard in other misteries also, but a matter laid down by the City authorities: see for instance the oath taken by freemen of the City recorded c. 1403–04 in the Goldsmiths' records: '... vous ne prendrez nulle apprentys meyns de sept auns et les freez enrollor si eins deins le primer an de vostre covenant ...' (Jefferson, *Wardens' Accounts*, pp. 288–90).

This is the account of William Cantelowe, John Sturgeon, John Rankyn, and William Redeknappe, wardens of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up until the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1456, the regnal year 34 Henry VI.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare the ready money received from John Olney, Robert Baron, Robert Scrayingham, and John Shipton, wardens for the previous year, as the balance of their account, as appears at the foot of that account – £15 3s. 10d.

Item, they declare money received by Thomas Muschamp as a part-payment of the balance of an account from the term of office of Geoffrey Fielding, John Burton, Thomas Gosse, and John Lambard, wardens, as appears on f. 177 above – £3 6s. 8d.

Total – £18 10s. 6d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, from Stephen Love apprentice of John Shelley – 20s.

Item, from Nicholas Browne and Hugh at Welle apprentices of Thomas Brice – 40s.

Item, from Thomas Neve apprentice of John Neve – 20s.

Item, from William Campion apprentice of John Martyn – 20s.

Item, from Richard Seelle apprentice of John Middleton – 20s.

Item, from John Colyngridge apprentice of William Pratte – 20s.

Item, from Richard Langford apprentice of Richard Syff – 20s.

Item, from John Pierson apprentice of John Roo – 20s.

Item, from Thomas Valaunce apprentice of John Sturgeon – 20s.

Item, from Thomas Holderness apprentice of William Widowson – 20s.

Item, from him as a fine because he was not admitted within the first year⁴⁹² – 20d.

Item, from Nicholas Wilkes apprentice of Thomas Goldyng – 20s.

Item, from Robert Lamshawe apprentice of William Redeknappe – 20s.

Item, from William Awbrey apprentice of Richard Wise – 20s.

Item, from him because he was enrolled at the Guildhall before his admission here – 12d.

Item, from John Rowshawe and John Howardyn, apprentices of Geoffrey Fielding – 40s.

Item, from Robert Kervile apprentice of Nicholas Hatton – 20s.

Item, from William Waryn apprentice of Richard Nedam – 20s.

Item, from Thomas Beke apprentice of Ralph March – 20s.

Item, from William Spryngold apprentice of Thomas Lee – 20s.

⁴⁹² The oath promises 'that you will not take on any apprentice for a term of less than seven years and that you will have them enrolled during the first year of your contract'.

- f. 182v Item, de luy pur⁶⁵⁴ ceo q'il ne fuist entré deintz le primer an – xii d.
 Item, de William Roo l'aprentis de John Roo – xx s.
 Summa – xxi li. iii s. viii d.

Issues d'apprentices:

- En primes, de John Heryng darrein l'aprentis de Nicholas Hatton – ii s.
 Item, de William Richaert darrein l'aprentis de Thomas Nyche – ii s.
 Item, de Thomas Brighthille darrein l'aprentis de Thomas Sipnam – ii s.
 Item, de John Chamber darrein l'aprentis de John Seymour – ii s.
 Item, de John Coppeng darrein l'aprentis de Rauuff Marche – ii s.
 Item, de Thomas Worle jadis l'aprentis de Geffrey Feldyng – ii s.
 Item, de Richaert Tailour jadis l'aprentis de Thomas Fyler – ii s.
 Item, de Robert Yarom jadis l'aprentis de John Froste – ii s.
 Item, de Roger Cople jadis l'aprentis de Richaert Claver – ii s.
 Item, de Thomas Kitwilde jadis l'aprentis de John Penne *et* après
 de John Asche – ii s.
 Item, de Thomas Stubbes jadis l'aprentis de William Tounland *et*
 après de John Andrewe – ii s.
 Item, de Richaert Anable jadis l'aprentis de Robert Gregory – ii s.
 Item, de John Walcote jadis l'aprentis de Thomas Chalton *et*
 après de John Andrewe – ii s.
 Summa – xxvi s.

Mercymentes:

- En primes, de Richaert Gardener – vi d.
 Item, de Symond Dawdelee – xviii d.
 Item, de Roger Bonefaunt – xvi d.
 Item, de John Lambard – iiii s. viii d.
 Item, de Thomas Godyng – xviii d.
 Item, de John Chacome – xi d. ob.
 Item, de John Lytelton – vi d.
 Item, de Richaert Stutvile – ii s. vi d.
 Item, de Robert Cosyn – vi d.
 Item, de John Riche – vi d.
 Item, de Thomas Lonmore – vi d.
 Item, de John Artour – ii d.
 Item, de Thomas Crispe – vi d.
 Item, de Thomas Shelle – vi d.
 Item, de William Pratte – v d.
 Item, de John Stokton – xx d.
 Item, de John Burton – vi d.
 Item, de John Shelle – xii d.
 Item, de John Roule – iiii d.
 Item, de Thomas Style – vi d.
 Item, de Richaert Nedam – iiii d.
 Item, de John Kirkeby – iiii d.

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Item, from him because he was not admitted within the first year –	12d.	f. 182v
Item, from William Roo apprentice of John Roo –	20s.	
Total – £21 3s. 8d.		

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, from John Heryng lately the apprentice of Nicholas Hatton –	2s.
Item, from William Richard lately the apprentice of Thomas Nyche –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Brighthille lately the apprentice of Thomas Sibbenham –	2s.
Item, from John Chamber lately the apprentice of John Seymour –	2s.
Item, from John Coppeng lately the apprentice of Ralph March –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Worlee formerly the apprentice of Geoffrey Fielding –	2s.
Item, from Richard Tailleur formerly the apprentice of Thomas Fyler –	2s.
Item, from Robert Yarom formerly the apprentice of John Frost –	2s.
Item, from Roger Copley formerly the apprentice of Richard Claver –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Kitwilde formerly the apprentice of John Penne and afterwards of John Asshe –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Stubbes formerly the apprentice of William Townland and afterwards of John Andrew –	2s.
Item, from Richard Anable formerly the apprentice of Robert Gregory –	2s.
Item, from John Walcote formerly the apprentice of Thomas Chalton and afterwards of John Andrew –	2s.
Total – 26s.	

Fines:

Firstly, from Richard Gardener –	6d.
Item, from Simon Daudley –	18d.
Item, from Roger Bonefaunt –	16d.
Item, from John Lambard –	4s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Godyng –	18d.
Item, from John Chacombe –	11½d.
Item, from John Littleton –	6d.
Item, from Richard Stutvile –	2s. 6d.
Item, from Robert Cosyn –	6d.
Item, from John Riche –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Lonmore –	6d.
Item, from John Arthur –	2d.
Item, from Thomas Crispe –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Shelley –	6d.
Item, from William Pratte –	5d.
Item, from John Stockton –	20d.
Item, from John Burton –	6d.
Item, from John Shelley –	12d.
Item, from John Rowley –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Steele –	6d.
Item, from Richard Nedam –	4d.
Item, from John Kirkeby –	4d.

Item, de John Lok –	viii d.
Item, de Thomas Muschamp –	vi d.
Item, de Richaert Wyse –	xviii d.
Item, de Richaert Hulle –	ii s.
Item, de John Goldewelle –	viii d.
Item, de William Bankroft –	viii d.
Item, de Thomas Ryke –	viii d.
Item, de Phelip Amersham –	xii d.
Item, de John Pikeryng –	viii d.
Item, de Robert Gregory –	vi d.
Item, de Robert Twyg –	iii s.
Item, de William Heende –	iii s.
Item, de Rauff Marche –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Gybbes –	viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – xxxviii s. viii d. ob.	

f. 183r	Fynes d'eux queles ne veneront a lez courtes:	
	En primes, de Roger Midelmore pur l'an –	vi s. viii d.
	Item, de Richaert Hayward –	iii s. iiiii d.
	Item, de Nicholas Drayton –	xii d.
	<i>Summa</i> – xi s.	

Fynes dez trespasours encontre lez ordenances:

En primes, *ressu* de Robert Cosyn pur une elle qe fuist trop curte – xx d.

Item, de Rauff Marche pur male *et* uncurtois langage en la courte envers John Chacome – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, de dit John Chacome pour sa langage semblable maner envers dit Rauff – vi s. viii d.

Item, de William Pratte pur uncurtois langage *et* speciale pur lyeng de John Harowe overtly en la courte – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, de dit John Harowe pur sa langage semblable maner envers dit William – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, de dit William Pratte pur ceo q'il ne fuist a Westmynster en son lyveray quant William Marowe, maier, fuist *presenté*, mes il vient *parmy* tout la *companye* *et* n'avale son chaperon – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Brodesworth pur uncurtois langage envers John Reyner – ii s. viii d.

Item, de John Colet pur divers *et* grauntz offences par luy faitez come bien a tout la *companye* del mercerie come autres *particuler* persones, pur quelez ofences il luy obeye *et* submytte overtly en la courte a le regiment de tout la *companye*. En la quele court pur determyner lez ditz ofences furent elitz William Cantelowe *et* cez *companyes* gardeins, Thomas Style, Thomas Rykes, Robert Skrayngham, *et* John Shipton, lez queles viii^{te} persones par bone deliberacion considerantz lez ofences *et* submyssion suisditz avount doné *et* awardé qe le dit John paiera a le box sinquantz marcز sterling, dont xx li. serront païé par ii obligacions come par eux pluis pleine apiert, *et* en mayne – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa – xvi li. vii s. viii d.

Item, from John Locke –	8d.
Item, from Thomas Muschamp –	6d.
Item, from Richard Wise –	18d.
Item, from Richard Hille –	2s.
Item, from John Goldewelle –	8d.
Item, from William Bancroft –	8d.
Item, from Thomas Ryke –	8d.
Item, from Philip Amersham –	12d.
Item, from John Pickering –	8d.
Item, from Robert Gregory –	6d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	3s.
Item, from William Heende –	3s.
Item, from Ralph March –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Gibbes –	8d.
Total –	38s. 8½d.

Fines from those who did not attend courts:

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Firstly, from Roger Middlemore for the year –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hayward –	3s. 4d.
Item, from Nicholas Drayton –	12d.
Total –	11s.

Fines from offenders against the ordinances:

Firstly, received from Robert Cosyn for an ell-measure which was too short – 20d.

Item, from Ralph March for bad and discourteous language against John Chacombe in court – 3s. 4d.

Item, from the said John Chacombe for his similar language against the said Ralph – 6s. 8d.

Item, from William Pratte for discourteous language and in particular for telling lies about John Harrow openly in the court – 26s. 8d.

Item, from the said John Harrow for his similar language against the said William – 13s. 4d.

Item, from the said William Pratte because he did not attend at Westminster in his livery when William Marowe, Mayor, was presented, but he came in among all the company and did not doff his hood – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Brodsworth for discourteous language against John Reyner – 2s. 8d.

Item, from John Colet for various great offences committed by him both against the whole mercers' company and also against other individual persons, for the which offences he obediently submitted himself openly in the court to the governance of the whole company. At the which court were elected to examine the said offences William Cantelowe and his fellow wardens, Thomas Steele, Thomas Ryke, Robert Scrayingham, and John Shipton, the which 8 persons after due deliberation, taking into consideration the aforesaid offences and the submission to authority, gave judgment that the said John should pay to the communal funds 50 marks sterling, of which £20 will be paid by two bonds obligatory, as appears more fully in their wording, and in cash – £13 6s. 8d.

Total – £16 7s. 8d.

Entrees en le lyveraie *pur lour* ii^{de} an:

En <i>primes</i> , <i>ressu</i> de John Alburgh –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Symond Dawdelee –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Rowle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Wotton –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de <i>Richaert</i> Gardener –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Talbot –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de <i>Richaert</i> Hulle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Baker –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Godyng –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de <i>Richaert</i> Bowelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Brice –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Groveman –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de <i>Richaert</i> Syf –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Sturmyn –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.	

Legates:

En *primes*, *ressu* de William Pikereng *pur le tiers obligacion par l'enquest de William Milrede* (qe dieu assoile) – v li.
Summa – v li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – lxix li. x s. x d. ob.

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Le discharge de lez ditz gardeins

En *primes*, païé *pur une quayer paper pur remenbrer* – iii d.
 Item, *pur batelle pur le mater de John Andrewe et John Colet* – ii d. ob.
 Item, *pur une barge pur le ternement del roy Herry Synke* – vii s. iiii d.
 Item, *pur hokes, clouz et corde pur pender lez hukes* – vii d.
 Item, *pur une clave pur le chapille dore pur Richaert Box, bedille* – iii d.
 Item, *pur une barge pur le presentement dez viscountes William Tailour et John Felde* – v s.
 Item, *pur paper pur billes, lettres et examinacion dez divers de la companye* – vii d. ob.
 Item, *pur inke et cere rouge* – iii d.
 Item, *pur i barge et batelle et russhes pur le presentement de William Marowe, Maier* – vii s. i d.
 Item, *pur batelle quant le Maier fuist présenté a Roy* – x d.

Admission to the livery, for their second year:

Firstly, received from John Alburgh –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Simon Daudley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Rowley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Wotton –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Gardener –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Talbot –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Baker –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Godyng –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Bowelle –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Brice –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Groveman –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Syffe –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Sturmyn –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£4 13s. 4d.

Legacies:

Firstly, received from William Pickering for the third bond obligatory from the bequest⁴⁹³ of William Meldreth (may God absolve him) – £5

Total – £5

Sum total of their receipts – £69 10s. 10½d.

The disbursements of the said wardens

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Firstly, paid for a quire of paper for record-keeping – 3d.

Item, for boat-hire for the case of John Andrew and John Colet – 2½d.

Item, for a barge for the obit of King Henry V – 7s. 4d.

Item, for hooks, nails and cord for hanging up hukes⁴⁹⁴ – 7d.

Item, for a key for the chapel door for Richard Box, the beadle – 3d.

Item, for a barge for the presentment of the sheriffs William Tailour and John Field⁴⁹⁵ – 5s.

Item, for paper for memoranda,⁴⁹⁶ letters and the examination of various matters of the company – 7½d.

Item, for ink and red wax – 3d.

Item, for 1 barge and boathire and rushes for the presentment of William Marowe, Mayor – 7s. 1d.

Item, for boat-hire when the Mayor was presented to the King – 10d.

⁴⁹³ The word used in the text is unusual in this sense, 'quest' being more commonly found. It may well be therefore that one should indeed translate as 'inquest' and that the reference is to a judicial enquiry into the legalities of the will or payments from it. For the first reference to William Meldreth's bequest see above, f. 175r, and there have been and continue to be many other references (see Name Index).

⁴⁹⁴ The *OED*, quoting Fairholt, gives this as 'A kind of cape or cloak with a hood'; 'an outer garment or mantle worn by women and afterwards by men; also subsequently applied to a tight-fitting dress worn by both sexes.' See Fairholt, II, 254, *sub* HEUK or HUKÉ.

⁴⁹⁵ Sheriffs in 1454–55; see Beaven, *Aldermen*, II, p. 11.

⁴⁹⁶ The word used is 'billes' which can be used for any number of documents, usually though of an ephemeral nature, not the formal record made to last.

Item, pur wire, claspes, crochettes et l'overage pur pender dez auterclothes in le chapelle – xii d.

Item, a Thomas Muschampe pur la rest d'argent due a luy pur une sute de noier in le chapelle, come apiert en le compte de Hugh Wiche et autres gardeins ff^o Clxxi^o devant – xlii s. ii d.

Item, pur payne et vyne pur Sturgeon, Redeknape, Rykes, et Skrayngham pur le mater de Colet – viii d. ob.

Item, pur payne et vyne pur Cantelowe et autres en la semaille de Pentecost – xi d. ob.

Item, pur i laton weight qe fuist perdu entour le serche – v d.

Item, pur batelle pur le Recorder et Sturgeon pur le mater dez juvenes pur lez lombardes – iii d.⁶⁵⁵

Item, pur laver dez ornamentz de la chapelle pur l'an – xx d.

Item, pur iiii garlondes a l'eccion dez nouvelles gardeins – viii d.

Item, pur lez fasure et escripte d'icest acompte – vi s. viii d.

Item, pur ii lb. 3 cere, outre x lb. cere veille deliveré a le chaundelour a vii d., summa – xvi d. ob. Item, pur l'eschaunge de ditz x lb. – x d. Item, pur ii rolle pond' ii lb. – xvi d. – Totalis – iii s. vi d. ob.

Summa – iiii li. v d. ob.

Foreyne Expenses:

En primes, païé a Maister Gerveis pur fasure d'une lettre et la copie del mesme depar le roy a la duchesse de Burgoine – xx s.

Item, a l'atourney del roy pur parler a lez seigneours pur nous – vi s. viii d.

Item, a le Custos del parlement chamber a ii foitz – ii s. viii d.

Item, a le clerk de M. Thomas Kente pur le portage d'une vidimus d'une lettre qe vient depar la duchesse de Burgoine – xii d.

Item, a Rows et soun clerk pur une brief de proclamacion a lez Synke Portz – ii s.

Item, pur batelle a divers temps vers Westmynster et le Chaunseler pur une shipper nommé Cleyne Cornelius, qe fuist prendé par englois encontre le peas, et pur une comission – xii d.

Item, pur une copie d'une acte pur le subsidie⁶⁵⁶ – xvi d.

Item, pur divers espenses faitez sur Elys Davy pur ceo q'il serra de bone volenté a le mistere – xxii d.

Item, pur batelle ovesque une shipper de le Seigneour Veer – viii d.

Item, pur i dyner pur le Recordir a le meason de Richaert Riche – viii s. x d.

Item, pur batelle a divers foitz ovesque lez shippers de Seland et autres del mercerie – ii s. ii d.

f. 184r Item, a John Asche, sergeaunt, pur l'arestyng de William Pratte pur son obstinacie, de sealeng d'une bille – xii d.

Item, pur batelle quant le maier fuist a Westmynster pur le mater de Calais – iii d.

⁶⁵⁵ There were uprisings and riots against foreigners, especially Lombards, in 1456 and 1457; see Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, p. 504 and also CLB, 'K', pp. xxxviii–ix and 385–90; on the background to these see also Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, pp. 480–89, 499. See also below, f. 191r.

⁶⁵⁶ See *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, V, pp. 245–6.

Item, for wire, clasps, little hooks, and the work done for hanging up the altar cloths in the chapel – 12d.

Item, to Thomas Muschamp for the balance due to him for a set of black vestments in the chapel, as appears in the account of Hugh Wyche and other wardens on f. 171 above – 42s. 2d.

Item, for bread and wine for Sturgeon, Redeknape, Rykes, and Scrayingham for the Colet case – 8½d.

Item, for bread and wine for Cantelowe and others during Whitsun week – 11½d.

Item, for a latten weight which was lost during the inspection – 5d.

Item, for boat-hire for the Recorder and Sturgeon for the case of the young men⁴⁹⁷ and the Lombards – 3d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements, for the year – 20d.

Item, for 4 garlands at the election of the new wardens – 8d.

Item, for the drawing-up and writing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Item, for 2½ lb. wax, over and above 10 lb. old wax delivered to the Chandler at 7d., total – 16½d. Item, for the exchange of the said 10 lb – 10d. Item, for 2 rowels weighing 2 lb. – 16d. – total – 3s. 6½d.

Total – £4 5½d.

Extrinsic expenses:

Firstly, paid to Master Gerveys for drawing-up a letter and for the copy of the same, from the King to the Duchess of Burgundy – 20s.

Item, to the King's attorney for speaking to the lords on our behalf – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the keeper of the parliament chamber on 2 occasions – 2s. 8d.

Item, to Master Thomas Kent's clerk for carriage of a 'vidimus'⁴⁹⁸ of a letter which came from the Duchess of Burgundy – 12d.

Item, to Rows⁴⁹⁹ and his clerk for a letter of proclamation to the Cinque Ports – 2s.

Item, for boat-hire on various occasions to Westminster and the Chancellor, on behalf of a shipper named Cleyne Cornelius, who was captured by Englishmen, against the peace, and for a commission – 12d.

Item, for a copy of an act for the subsidy – 16d.

Item, for various expenses on Ellis Davy to see that he would be well-inclined towards the mistery⁵⁰⁰ – 22d.

Item, for boat-hire with a shipper of Lord Vere's⁵⁰¹ – 8d.

Item, for a dinner for the Recorder at the house of Richard Riche – 8s. 10d.

Item, for boat-hire on various occasions with the Zealand shippers and others of the mercers' mistery – 2s. 2d.

Item, to John Asche, sergeant, for arresting William Pratte for his obduracy, for the sealing of a document – 12d. f. 184r

Item, for boat-hire when the Mayor went to Westminster over the matter of Calais – 3d.

⁴⁹⁷ These were not, or not only, 'bachelors' or 'yeomen' because from the list of names later one sees that some of them were still apprentices.

⁴⁹⁸ 'A copy of a document bearing an attestation that it is authentic or accurate' (OED).

⁴⁹⁹ Was this Thomas del Rowe, for whom see Wedgwood, *History of Parliament, Biographies*, pp. 728–9; or William Rous or Rows (p. 728), CCR 1447–1454, pp. 25, 519?

⁵⁰⁰ See below, f. 188r, for his bequest.

⁵⁰¹ John de Vere, Earl of Oxford.

- Item, pur batelle a ii temps ovesque lez selanders *et autres* del nostre *companie* – ii s. ix d. ob.
- Item, pur vyne a eux – vi d.
- Item, pur batelle – v d.
- Item, a M. Gerveis pur i *lettre* ovesque la copie envoieé a Middelburgh – v s.
- Item, pur une brieff sub pena directe a Herry Gedge – ii s. vi d.
- Item, a une homme pur porter *et delivere[r]* le mesme brief – viii s. iiiii d.
- Item, pur batelle par iiiii jours pur le mater de le *Seigneur Boneville*⁶⁵⁷ – vi s. ii d.
- Item, a Whitokesmede pur estre nostre amy en le parlement – vi s. viii d.
- Item, a le Recorder pur lez deliverauns *et* declaracion de ii supplicacions l'une au roy *et* l'autre a lez comunes – xiii s. iiiii d.
- Item, a Baudewyn, homme de ley, pur estre nostre amy – vi s. viii d.
- Item, pur l'escripte de ii supplicacions *et* lez copies – iii s.
- Item, to Herry Spilleman pur l'amend' d'une supplicacion pur le *Seigneur Boneville* – vi s. viii d.
- Item, pur batelle – iii d. ob.
- Item, pur i bille *et* le copie pur le comune hous – ii s. iiiii d.
- Item, a John Midelton de Middelburgh a ii temps par l'assent de la *companie* pur son labour – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
- Item, pur une bille a le Roy – ii s. viii d.
- Item, pur la copie d'une *lettre* envoieé a la duchesse de Burgoine – xii d.
- Item, pur le copie del patent dez costomers – xii d.
- Item, a M. Gerveis pur une *lettre et* la copie envoieé a la duchesse de Burgoine – xx s.
- Item, a Lightwode, skriener, pur iii bille a le maier pur lez lombardes – vi s. viii d.
- Item, a Guy Fairefax, Richaert Eton, *et* Bryan pur lez lombardes – xx s.
- Item, a Thomas Bernard, skriener, pur ii *lettres* en latyn envoieez a Middelburgh – xii d.
- Item, paieé pur une dyner a le Myter pur lez gardeins *et autres* de la *companie et* Joh[n] Valle, John Mone *et autres* shippers – xvii s. xi d.
- Item, a le Recorder pur son aler a ii temps a Fortescu, le capitalle justice – vi s. viii d.

657 A now famous newsletter written by John Stodeley on 19 January 1454 explains the 'matter': see British Library, MS Egerton 914 and Gairdner, *Paston Letters*, I, pp. 267–8: 'The meire and merchauntz of London, and the mair and merchauntz of the staple of Caleys, were with the Chaunceller on Monday last passed [14 Jan. 1454 n.s.] at Lamhithe, and compleyned on the Lord Bonville for takyng of the shippes and godes of the Flemmynges and other of the Duke of Burgoynes lordships, and the Chaunceller yave theym none answer to their plesyng; wherfore the substaunce of theym with one voys cryed alowde, "Justice, justice, justice!" Wherof the Chaunceller was so dismayed that he coude ne myght no more sey to theym for fere.'

Item, for boat-hire on 2 occasions with the Zealanders and others of our company – 2s. 9½d.

Item, for wine for them – 6d.

Item, for boat-hire – 5d.

Item, to Master Gerveys for a letter, with a copy, sent to Middelburg – 5s.

Item, for a writ of subpoena against Harry Gedge – 2s. 6d.

Item, to a man for carrying and delivering the same writ – 8s. 4d.

Item, for boat-hire for 4 days over the matter of Lord Bonville⁵⁰² – 6s. 2d.

Item, to Whittocksmead⁵⁰³ for him to be our ‘advocate’⁵⁰⁴ at the Parliament – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Recorder for the delivery and the declaration of 2 supplications, one to the King and the other to the Commons – 13s. 4d.

Item, to Baldewyn,⁵⁰⁵ lawyer, to be our ‘advocate’ – 6s. 8d.

Item, for the writing of 2 supplications and copies of them – 3s.

Item, to Harry Spilleman⁵⁰⁶ for the emendation of a supplication for Lord Bonville – 6s. 8d.

Item, for boat-hire – 3½d.

Item, for a document and a copy of it for the House of Commons – 2s. 4d.

Item, to John Middleton of Middelburg on 2 occasions, with the agreement of the company, for his work – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for a document for the King – 2s. 8d.

Item, for the copy of a letter sent to the Duchess of Burgundy – 12d.

Item, for the copy of the customs officers’ letters patent – 12d.

Item, to Master Gerveys for a letter and a copy of it sent to the Duchess of Burgundy – 20s.

Item, to Lightwode, scrivener, for 3 documents sent to the Mayor concerning the Lombards – 6s. 8d.

Item, to Guy Fairfax, Richard Eton, and [Thomas] Bryan,⁵⁰⁷ concerning the Lombards – 20s.

Item, to Thomas Bernard, scrivener,⁵⁰⁸ for 3 letters in Latin sent to Middelburg – 12d.

Item, paid for a dinner at the Mitre,⁵⁰⁹ for the wardens and others of the company and John Valle, John Mone and other shippers – 17s. 11d.

Item, to the Recorder for his going twice to Fortescue, the Chief Justice⁵¹⁰ – 6s. 8d.

502 William Bonville, Lord Bonville of Chewton (1393–1460/61), a Yorkist. See *ODNB*, vol. 6, pp. 574–5.

503 John Whittocksmead, an attorney at Westminster, see Wedgwood, *History of Parliament, Biographies*, pp. 944–5.

504 The word used, here and below, is ‘amy’ = ‘friend’.

505 John Baldewyn or Baldwin who was later elected serjeant-at-law on 26 September 1463, see *CLB*, ‘L’, p. 36; Wedgwood, *History of Parliament, Biographies*, pp. 36–7.

506 This is probably Henry Spelman, father of John Spelman, a judge, and himself a lawyer, later recorder of Norwich and MP for Norwich. See Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 626; Wedgwood, *History of Parliament, Biographies*, p. 789.

507 These are all lawyers whose names come up regularly in City documents; see e.g. *CPR* 1452–61, and *CLB*, ‘L’, p. 36 on Thomas Bryan; on Fairfax see Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 246; on Eton see *Lincoln’s Inn Admissions*, p. 5; on Bryan see *Lincoln’s Inn Admissions*, p. 4.

508 He was admitted to the Scriveners’ Company on 18 July 1448; see Steer, *Scriveners’ Common Paper*, p. 22.

509 Probably the Mitre in Cheapside; see Lillywhite, *London Signs*, p. 364.

510 John Fortescue, Chief Justice of the King’s Bench from 1442; see Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 276–8; *ODNB*, vol. 20, pp. 460–63.

Item, a John Parker, scrivaner, pur le fasure d'une suplication pur le non garde del mier *et graunte* charge del subsidie, *et divers* copies d'icelle pur le parlement⁶⁵⁸ – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, a le Comune Sergeant, Eton *et* Brian pur le mater dez *servantz* del mercerie – xx s.

Item, a Croxton pur aver l'enditement dez ditz *servantz* – vi s. viii d.

Item, a Stodele, skriwaner, pur la copie d'une acte del parlement pur le subsidie – iii s. iiii d. Item, pur ii copies dez articles de la duchesse de Burgoine al roy, l'une en latyn l'autre en englois – xii d. Item, pur ii notes d'une bille a roy pur le seigneur Boneville – iii s. iiii d. Item, pur ii obligacions sengle *et* une ovesque condicion pur John Colet – viii d.

– viii s. iiii d.

Summa – xix li. iii s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxiii li. iiii s. i d. ob.

Ensy rest due a le mercerie – xlvi li. vi s. ix d.

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Faite par lez auditours { John Olney
Robert Skrayngham *et*
John Shipton

Deliveré a Hugh Wiche *et* sez *companyes* gardeins come apiert le Ciiii^{xx} v ff après – xlvi li. vi s. ix d.

ensy quyte

Item, deliveré a eux une obligacion de v li. de William Pikeryng, mercer.

Item, deliveré a eux ii obligacions de John Colet, mercer, chescon de x li.

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Thacompte of William Redeknape, rentier of þe Mercerie, for an hole yeer at þe fest of Estir þe yeer of oure lord a Mⁱ iiii^c lvi^{ti} and of Kyng Herry þe sixte xxxiiii^{ti}:

The charge of þe said acomptaunt

First, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þe rentes of þe purchase of þe Mercerie for þe said hole yeer – xlvi li. xiiii s.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þe rentes of Whitengtons aftir þencres as apereth þe xv^o folio tofore & þe decrees as apereth on þe topir side of þis leef in þe last acompte – CCxxxvii li. xi s. iiii d.

⁶⁵⁸ See further on this *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, V, pp. 244–7, 283.

Item, to John Parker, scrivener,⁵¹¹ for the drawing-up of a supplication concerning the lack of safe-keeping of the seas and the great burden of the subsidy, and for various copies of this for the Parliament – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Common Sergeant, Eton and Bryan for the matter concerning the mistery's servants – 20s.

Item, to Croxton⁵¹² for the indictment of the said servants – 6s. 8d.

Item, to Stodeley, scrivener, for the copy of an Act of Parliament for the subsidy – 3s. 4d. Item, for 2 copies of the articles from the Duchess of Burgundy to the King, one in Latin the other in English – 12d. Item, for 2 notes of a document to the King about Lord Bonville – 3s. 4d. Item, for 2 simple bonds obligatory and one with conditions for John Colet – 8d.

– 8s. 4d.

Total – £19 3s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £23 4s. 1½d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £46 6s. 9d.

Approved by the auditors { John Olney
Robert Scrayingham and
John Shipton

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Handed over to Hugh Wyche and his fellow-wardens as appears on f. 185 below – £46 6s. 9d.

Thus quit

Item, handed over to them a bond obligatory in the sum of £5 in the name of William Pickering, mercer.

Item, handed over to them 2 bonds obligatory in the name of John Colet, mercer, each in the sum of £10

The account of William Redeknape, renter-warden of the mercers' mistery, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1456, the regnal year 34 Henry VI. 1455–56
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His receipts

Firstly, he declares money received from the mistery's own purchased rental properties, for the said whole year – £46 14s.

Item, money received from the Whittington rental properties after the increases as appear on f. 15 above and the reductions as appear on the other side of this folio in the previous account – £237 11s. 4d.

⁵¹¹ See Steer, *Scriveners' Common Paper*, pp. 11 and 13.

⁵¹² Thomas Croxton, attorney in the King's bench and coroner; see e.g. *CPR 1452–61*, p. 426.

Item, of þ^e rentes of Sir William Estfeld aftir þ^e decrees as apereth in þ^e last acompte on þ^e toþir side of þis leeff – xviii li. viii s.

Item, of þe rentes of John Abbot for þe said hole yeer – xii li. xx d.

Item, of rentes of assise goyng oute of vi divers soiles *withinne* London – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa of þ^e lyvelod – CCCxx li. xiiii d.

Item, he chargeth hym of þ^e rest of his laste acompte as apereth on þ^e toþir side of þis leeff – li li. xvii s. iiii d. ob

Summa – li li. xvii s. iiii d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þe said acompte – CCCLxxi li. xviii s. vi d. ob.

The discharge of þe said acomptaunt

Quyte rentes:

First, he dischargeth hym of mony paied for quyte rentes as apereth folio xvi^o – ix li. xi s. i d. ob.

Preestes:

Item, to ii^e prestes of þ^e chapelle of S. Thomas of Acres, *with* þeir lyvrey, at Midsomer anno 34^{to659} – xiiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Almus men of þ^e mercerie:

Item, to þalmes men of þ^e mercerie, that is to saie to William Olyver at þ^e said Midsomer anno xxxiiii^{to} – iii li. xviii s. Item, to William Irewilliam in lyke wise – iii li. xviii s. Item, to John Midelton of Midelborgh for þ^e said yeer – vi li. xvi d. Item, to Thomas Cok – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Langle for xxviiith wekes at þ^e said Midsomer, þ^e weke xiiii d., *summa* – xxxii s. viii d. Item, to Richaert Box, bedille – iii li. xviii s.

– xxii li. viii s. viii d.

Whitengtons Colage:

Item, to þ^e Maister, Thomas Ebralle, Maister of Whitengtons Collage, & his broderen for a yeer at Midsomer aforsaid – lxiii li.

Item, to þ^e porefolk of þ^e same, to xiii^e persones for liiiith wekes þ^e vii^e daie⁶⁶⁰ of August⁶⁶¹ anno xxxiiii^{to}, þ^e weke xv s. iiii d., *summa* – xl li. xii s. viii d.

RW f. 18r Item, for pobite of þ^e said Whitengton holde þ^e xxxth daie of Juylle – xxxviii s. i d.⁶⁶²

Item, to William Cantelowe, John Sturgeon, John Reyneken, & þ^e said acomptaunt, custoses of þ^e mercerie & conservatours of Whitengtons lyvelod – iiii li.

659 The use of Arabic numerals here is to be noted.

660 The number '26' (in Arabic numerals) has been written faintly above this word.

661 The same hand has written 'Juylle' above this word. These annotations are faint, the reason for them not apparent. The hand may be contemporary or somewhat later.

662 The annotator using a circle with a cross through it has marked this entry and the next in the RH margin.

Item, from Sir William Eastfield's rental properties after the reductions as appear in the previous account on the other side of this folio – £18 8s.

Item, from John Abbot's rental properties for the said whole year – £12 20d.

Item, from rents of assise due from 6 different sites in London – £5 6s. 2d.

Total from the estates – £320 14d.

Item, he declares the balance from his last account, as appears on the other side of this folio – £51 17s. 4½d.

Total – £51 17s. 4½d.

Total of all receipts of the said account – £371 18s. 6½d.

His disbursements

Quit-rents:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents, as appears on f. 16 – £9 11s. 1½d.

Priests:

Item, to 2 priests at the chapel of St Thomas of Acon, with their livery, at Midsummer in the year 34 [Henry VI] – £14 13s. 4d.

The almsmen of the mercers' mistery:

Item, to the almsmen of the mercers' mistery, i.e. to William Olyver at the said Midsummer in the year 34 [Henry VI] – £3 18s. Item, to William Irwilliam similarly – £3 18s. Item, to John Middleton of Middelburg for the said year – £6 16d. Item, to Thomas Cokke – £3 8d. Item, to John Langley for 28 weeks up to the said Midsummer, at 14d. per week, total – 32s. 8d. Item, to Richard Box, beadle – £3 18s.

– £22 8s. 8d.

Whittington College:

Item, to the Master, Thomas Ebralle, Master of Whittington College, and his brethren, for a year up to Midsummer aforesaid – £63

Item, to the poor people of the same, to 13 people for 53 weeks up to 7 August 34 [Henry VI], at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £40 12s. 8d.

Item, for the said Whittington's obit held on 30 July – 38s. 1d.

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Item, to William Cantelowe, John Sturgeon, John Rankyn, and to [William Redeknap], wardens of the mercers' mistery and custodians of the Whittington estate – £4

Sir William Estfeld:

Item, for þobit of Kynwolmershe holde þ^e xv^e daie of December – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for þobite of þ^e forsaid Sir William holde þ^e ix^e daie of Maii – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þ^e iiiii^e custoses of þ^e mercerie – xiii s. iiii d. Item, to þ^e bedille of þ^e mercerie – xx d. Item, for xiiii tapers of wax, every of⁶⁶³, chaunged every quarter

– xvi s. viii d. at Midsomer aforsaid. Item, to Sir John Leget, preest, for a yeer at þ^e said Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

– ix li. xi s. viii d.

John Abbot:

Item, for þobit of þe said John holde þ^e laste daie of Feverer⁶⁶⁴ in S. Laurence in þ^e Jury – vi s. viii d. Item, for a preest syngeng for hym at Fernyngo in Bukynghamshire for a yeer at þ^e said Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

– vii li.

Item, for þ^e dirige of þ^e brederen of þ^e mercerie holde at S. Thomas of Acres – x s.

Fees:

Item, for þe tendauce of þe said acomptaunt ovir þ^e lyvelood, for his fees – xx s.⁶⁶⁵

Item, to Robert Langford for to be of counselle for þ^e lyvelood – xx s.

Item, to John Blesby, rente gaderer, for þe yeer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, for his lyvray – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for makeng of pis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – Ciiii^xii li. xviii s. x d. ob.

Vacacions:

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þe said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of vacacions: At þ^e Crowne in Chepe for i tenement – xxxiii s. iiii d. Item, for i tenement at S. Martyns Otewiche – xii s.

– xlv s. iiii d.

Of Whitengton:

Item, for vii^e tenementes at Baynardes Castelle – v li. xvii s. viii d. Item, for vii^e tenementes in S. Laurence Jury – iiii li. xix s. ii d. Item, for iiii tenementes in Bassingeshawe – xxxv s.

Item, for xi^e tenementes in Colmanstrete – iii li. xix s. x d. Item, for i tenement at S. Bartilmews the lytelle – vi li. Item, for iii tenementes withoute Bisshopisgate – xiii s. iiii d. Item, for vi tenementes at þ^e Tourehille – lvi s.

viii d. Item, for i tenement at S. Donstons in þest – xx s. Item, for i tenement at S. Laurence Pounteney – x s. Item, for iiiii^e tenementes at þ^e Ryalle – iii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for xv tenementes in Budge Rowe – vii li. v s. viii d.

– xxxviii li. x s. viii d.

⁶⁶³ A blank space follows, left for the weight of each candle to be entered when known.

⁶⁶⁴ The words 'laste daie of Feverer' have been written in later, by the scribe himself, in paler ink, into a blank space left for the date.

⁶⁶⁵ A circle with a cross through is placed in the RH margin against this entry.

Sir William Eastfield:

Item, for Kynwolmersh's obit held on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Item, for the aforesaid Sir William's obit held on 9 May – 13s. 4d. Item, to the 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery – 13s. 4d. Item, to the beadle of the mercers' mistery – 20d. Item, for 14 wax tapers, each weighing , changed once a quarter – 16s. 8d. at Midsummer aforesaid. Item, to Sir John Leget, priest, for a year up to the said Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.
– £9 11s. 8d.

John Abbot:

Item, for the said John's obit held on the last day of February in St Lawrence Jewry – 6s. 8d. Item, for a priest singing [mass] for him at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for a year up to the said Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.
– £7

Item, for the Office of the Dead of the mercers' fraternity held at St Thomas of Acon – 10s.

Fees:

Item, for his own care and attention to the estates, for his fees – 20s.
Item, to Robert Langford to be our advisor for the estates – 20s.
Item, to John Bleseby, rent-collector, for the year – £6 13s. 4d.
Item, to Richard Box, beadle, for his livery – 13s. 4d.
Item, for drawing up this account – 6s. 8d.

Total – £182 18s. 10½d.

Vacancies:

In the mistery's property:

Firstly, he declares vacancies: at the Crown in Cheap for 1 tenement – 33s. 4d.
Item, for 1 tenement in St Martin Outwich – 12s.
– 45s. 4d.

In the Whittington estate:

Item, for 7 tenements in Baynard's Castle – £5 17s. 8d. Item, for 7 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – £4 19s. 2d. Item, for 4 tenements in Bassishaw – 35s. Item, for 11 tenements in Coleman Street – £3 19s. 10d. Item, for 1 tenement in St Bartholomew the Less – £6. Item, for 3 tenements in Bishopsgate Without – 13s. 4d. Item, for 6 tenements in Tower Hill – 56s. 8d. Item, for 1 tenement in St Dunstan in the East – 20s. Item, for 1 tenement in St Laurence Pountney – 10s. Item, for 4 tenements in the Royal – £3 13s. 4d. Item, for 15 tenements in Budge Row – £7 5s. 8d.
– £38 10s. 8d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, for v tenementes & gardeins in Morelane – xviii s. vi d.

Summa – xli li. xiiii s. vi d.

Stuff:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of stuff boght for reparacion – iii li. xvii s. ii d.

Summa – iii li. xvii s. ii d.

Reparacions of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for reparacion made at þ^e Crowne – viii s. iii d. ob. Item, at S. Martyns Otewiche – xxxv s. ix d.

– xliiii s.⁶⁶⁶

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Of Whitengton:

Item, at Baynardes Castelle – vi s. xi d. Item, in Milkestrete – xxiii s. iiii d. ob. Item, in S. Laurence Jury – vi s. x d. Item, in Bassingeshawe – v li. xiiii s. Item, in Colmanstrete – iii li. v s. v d. Item, in S. Bartilmews þ^e litelle – liii s. ii d. ob. Item, at þe Tourehille – vi s. vi d. Item, at S. Donstons in þest – iii li. ii s. i d. Item, in Estchepe – iiii s. x d. ob. Item, in S. Laurence Pounteney – iii li. viii s. Item, in þ^e Ryalle – iii s. ix d. ob. Item, in Budge Rowe – xx s. viii d.

– xxi li. xv s. viii d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, in Bredestrete – xxxvii s. i d. Item, in Morelane – ii s. vi d.

– xxxix s. vii d.

Summa – xxv li. xix s. iii d.

Foreyn expenses:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for costes done at Snodebene & oþir places – xiiii s. iii d.

Summa – xiiii s. iii d.

Summa of alle þe discharge – CClv li. iiii s. ob.

So þer is due to þ^e mercerie – Cxvi li. xiiii s. vi d. – Wherof

Is paid to John Marchalle, oon of þ^e wardeins, as *apereth aftir folio xxiii^o* – xx li. Item, paid to John Barby, oon of þe custoses, as *apereth aftir folio xxviii^o* – xiii li. xi s. v d.

Summa paid – xxxiii li. xi s. v d.

⁶⁶⁶ The halfpenny has been omitted from this total.

In the Eastfield estate:

Item, for 5 tenements and gardens in Moor Lane – 18s. 6d.

Total – £41 14s. 6d.

Materials:

Firstly, he declares materials bought for repairs – £3 17s. 2d.

Total – £3 17s. 2d.

Repairs to the mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares repairs carried out at the Crown – 8s. 3½d. Item, at St Martin Outwich – 35s. 9d.

– 44s.

On the Whittington estate:

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Item, in Baynard's Castle – 6s. 11d. Item, in Milk Street – 23s. 4½d. Item, in St Lawrence Jewry – 6s. 10d. Item, in Bassishaw – £5 14s. Item, in Coleman Street – £3 5s. 5d. Item, in St Bartholomew the Less – 53s. 2½d. Item, in Tower Hill – 6s. 6d. Item, in St Dunstan in the East – £3 2s. 1d. Item, in East Cheap – 4s. 10½d. Item, in St Lawrence Pountney – £3 8s. Item, in the Royal – 3s. 9½d. Item, in Budge Row – 20s. 8d.

– £21 15s. 8d.

On the Eastfield estate:

Item, in Bread Street – 37s. 1d. Item, in Moor Lane – 2s. 6d.

– 39s. 7d.

Total – £25 19s. 3d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, he declares costs incurred at Snodbean and other places – 14s. 3d.

Total – 14s. 3d.

Total of all disbursements – £255 4s. ½d.

Therefore there is due to the mercers' mistery – £116 14s. 6d.

Of which

Has been paid to John Marchall, one of the wardens, as appears on f. 23 below – £20

Item, paid to John Barby, one of the wardens, as appears on f. 28 below – £13 11s. 5d.

Total paid out – £33 11s. 5d.

Rest due to þe mercerie – iiii^{xx}iii li. iii s. i d. – For whiche

Is delivered divers dettours to þ^e same somme as apereth aftir folio xxvi^o – iiii^{xx}iii li. iii s. i d.⁶⁶⁷

quyte

1456 Et fait assavoir qe a levant dite feste del Nativité de Saint John Baptiste l'an du
f. 184v, cont. reigne Henry sisme puis la conquete d'Engleterre xxxiiii^o, William Cantelowe,
John S[t]urgione, John Renekyn, et William Redeknape, gardeins av[a]nt dites,
choiserent gardeins pur l'an avenir, c'est assavoir William Cantelowe eslite
Hugh Wyche, John S[t]urgione eslite Thomas Dounton, John Renekyn eslite
John Lok, et William Redeknape eslite John Donne, pur nouvelles gardeins pur le
aun prochein etc.⁶⁶⁸

1456–57 C'est l'acompte de Hugh Wiche, Thomas Dounton, John Lok, et John Donne,
f. 185r gardeins del mistere del mercerie en la Cité de Loundrez pur une an entier a le
fest del Nativité de Seint John Baptiste en l'an du grace M' CCCClvj^e et de Roy
Herry sizme puis le conquest xxxv^e.

La charge

En primes, ils sount chargez en argent sek ressu de William Cantelowe, John
Sturgeon, John Reynken, et William Redeknape, gardeins de l'an darrein passé,
pur la rest de lour acompte, come apiert en la pee del mesme – xlvi li. vi s. ix d.

Item, ressu de Rauff Marche en party de paiement de la rest de la compte de
Geffrey Boleyn, Rauff Verney, John Lyttelton, et dit Rauff Marche, jadis gardeins,
come apiert en la pee de lour acompte de Clxxix ff. devant – xi li. xviii s. iii d.

Summa – lviii li. v s.

Entrees d'apprentices.⁶⁶⁹

En primes, ressu de John Cowlard l'apprentis de Robert Skrayngham –	xx s.
Item, de Hugh Clopton l'apprentis de John Roo –	xx s.
Item, de Richaert Elsy l'apprentis de John Broun –	xx s.
Item, de John Lyaulton l'apprentis de Roger Bonefaunt –	xx s.
Item, de John Hosier l'apprentis de John Warde –	xx s.
Item, de Andrewe Todde l'apprentis de Nicholas Drayton –	xx s.
Item, de Thomas Wenteworth l'apprentis de Thomas Godyng –	xx s.
Item, de Thomas Corbrond l'apprentis de John Chacombe –	xx s.

667 This sum has been written in slightly later, in smaller letters and slightly paler ink, but by the scribe himself.

668 This whole paragraph has been written in a different hand, a very large and florid one, using very dark ink. It may well be a later addition. The following year's account is however in the hand of Box.

669 On the probable reasons for the very high number of apprentices' admissions recorded this year see below, f. 189v.

Balance due to the mercers' mistery – £83 3s. 1d. For which

Have been handed over various debts due towards the said total, as appears below on f. 26 – £83 3s. 1d.

Quit

Memorandum, that at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year 34 Henry VI [24 June 1456], William Cantelow, John Sturgeon, John Rankyn, and William Redeknap, the aforesaid wardens, chose wardens for the coming year, i.e. William Cantelow elected Hugh Wyche, John Sturgeon elected Thomas Downton, John Rankyn elected John Locke, and William Redeknap elected John Donne, as new wardens for the next year, etc. 1456 f. 184v, *cont.*

This is the account of Hugh Wyche, Thomas Downton, John Locke, and John Donne, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1457, the regnal year 35 Henry VI. 1456–57 f. 185r

Receipts

Firstly, they declare the ready money received from William Cantelow, John Sturgeon, John Rankyn, and William Redeknap, wardens for the previous year, as the balance of their account, as appears at the foot of the same – £46 6s. 9d.

Item, received from Ralph March as part-payment of the balance from the account of Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and the said Ralph March, formerly wardens, as appears at the foot of their account on f. 179 above – £11 18s. 3d.

Total – £58 5s.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, received from John Cowlard the apprentice

of Robert Scrayingham –	20s.
Item, from Hugh Clopton the apprentice of John Roo –	20s.
Item, from Richard Elsy the apprentice of John Brown –	20s.
Item, from John Lyaulton the apprentice of Roger Bonefaunt –	20s.
Item, from John Hosier the apprentice of John Ward –	20s.
Item, from Andrew Todde the apprentice of Nicholas Drayton –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Wenteworth the apprentice of Thomas Godyng –	20s.
Item, from Thomas Corbrond the apprentice of John Chacombe –	20s.

f. 185v	Item, de William Slyke et John Skele lez apprentices de John Asche le puisné –	xl s.
	Item, de Robert Rodemerich l'aprentis de Phelip Amersham –	xx s.
	Item, de Nicholas FitzHerbed l'aprentis de John Midelton <i>et a cest ovesque Richaert Gardener</i> –	xx s.
	Item, de Thomas Doget l'aprentis de John Sturmyn –	xx s.
	Item, de William Rollesle l'aprentis de Herry Colet –	xx s.
	Item, de Thomas Dylke l'aprentis de Thomas Crispe –	xx s.
	Item, de John Steryndale l'aprentis de Rauff Marche –	xx s.
	Item, de Edward Skelton	} lez apprentices de John Marchalle – iiii li.
	Item, de John Payne	
	Item, de John Waryn	
	Item, de William Bettes le puisné	
	Item, de Thomas Gogh l'aprentis de Richaert Yoo –	xx s.
	Item, de Cristofer Wartir l'aprentis de Geffrey Blower –	xx s.
	Item, de Robert Rawson l'aprentis de Richaert Rawson –	xx s.
	Item, de William Burton l'aprentis de Richaert Everle –	xx s.
	Item, de Robert Pavy l'aprentis de Robert Gregory –	xx s.
	Item, de Robert Frende –	} Herry Asshewelle – xl s.
	Item, de John Osbarne l'aprentis de John Lambard <i>et a cest ovesque</i>	
	Item, de John Bostok l'aprentis de Richaert Lesyngham –	xx s.
	Item, de Thomas Goldewelle	} lez apprentices de John Goldewelle – xl s.
	Item, de John Palmer	
	Item, de Thomas Davy l'aprentis de Thomas Lee –	xx s.
	Item, de John Brekenoke	} lez apprentices de Rauff Verney – xl s.
	Item, de Thomas Williamson	
	Item, de Robert Hardebon l'aprentis de William Redeknape –	xx s.
	Roger Bowser ⁶⁷⁰	} lez apprentices de Thomas Rykes – xl s.
	William Russelle	
	Roger Spenser l'aprentis de John Pikeryng –	xx s.
	Item, de John Huberd l'aprentis de Richaert Hulle –	xx s.
	Item, de John Prentys l'aprentis de John Alburgh –	xx s.
	Item, de John Malpas l'aprentis de Phelip Howelle –	xx s.
	Item, de Richaert Farleton l'aprentis de Nicholas Edmete –	xx s.
	Item, de Thomas Partriche	} lez apprentices de Richaert Nedam – xl s.
	Item, de Thomas Chiksand	
	Item, de Robert Burgeis l'aprentis de John Kirkeby –	xx s.
	Item, de Robert Fulsham l'aprentis de John Lok –	xx s.
	Item, de Herry Benet l'aprentis de Thomas Muschamp –	xx s.
	Item, de John Bokyngfold l'aprentis de Robert Twyg –	xx s.
	Item, de William Welles l'aprentis de Geffrey Boleyn –	xx s.
	Item, de John Bolton l'aprentis de William Bancroft –	xx s.
	Item, de Richaert Fawne l'aprentis de Robert Cosyn –	xx s.
	Item, de Robert Bartyn l'aprentis de Richaert Syff –	xx s.

⁶⁷⁰ It is odd but the scribe has omitted the usual 'Item de' for these three names.

Item, from William Slyke and John Skele, the apprentices of John Asshe the younger –	40s.	
Item, from Robert Rodemerich the apprentice of Philip Amersham –	20s.	
Item, from Nicholas Fitzherbert the apprentice of John Middleton and now with Richard Gardener –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Doget the apprentice of John Sturmyn –	20s.	
Item, from William Rollesle the apprentice of Henry Colet –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Dylke the apprentice of Thomas Crispe –	20s.	
Item, from John Steryndale the apprentice of Ralph March –	20s.	
Item, from Edward Skelton	} the apprentices of John Marchall –	£4
Item, from John Payne		
Item, from John Waryn		
Item, from William Bettes the younger		
Item, from Thomas Gogh the apprentice of Richard Yeo –	20s.	
Item, from Christopher Wartir the apprentice of Geoffrey Blower –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Rawson the apprentice of Richard Rawson –	20s.	f. 185v
Item, from William Burton the apprentice of Richard Everley –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Pavy the apprentice of Robert Gregory –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Frende	} Harry Ashwell –	40s.
Item, from John Osbarne the apprentice of John Lambard and now with		
Item, from John Bostok the apprentice of Richard Lesyngham –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Goldewelle	} the apprentices of John Goldewelle –	40s.
Item, from John Palmer		
Item, from Thomas Davy the apprentice of Thomas Lee –	20s.	
Item, from John Brekenoke	} the apprentices of Ralph Verney –	40s.
Item, from Thomas Williamson		
Item, from Robert Hardebon the apprentice of William Redeknap –	20s.	
Roger Bowchier	} the apprentices of Thomas Rykes –	40s.
William Russell		
Roger Spenser the apprentice of John Pickering –	20s.	
Item, from John Huberd the apprentice of Richard Hille –	20s.	
Item, from John Prentice the apprentice of John Alburgh –	20s.	
Item, from John Malpas the apprentice of Philip Howell –	20s.	
Item, from Richard Farleton the apprentice of Nicholas Ebmede –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Partridge	} the apprentices of Richard Nedam –	40s.
Item, from Thomas Chiksand		
Item, from Robert Burgeis the apprentice of John Kirkeby –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Fulsham the apprentice of John Locke –	20s.	
Item, from Harry Benet the apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –	20s.	
Item, from John Bokyngfold the apprentice of Robert Twigge –	20s.	
Item, from William Welles the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	20s.	
Item, from John Bolton the apprentice of William Bancroft –	20s.	
Item, from Richard Fawne the apprentice of Robert Cosyn –	20s.	
Item, from Robert Bartyrn the apprentice of Richard Syff –	20s.	

Item, de Emond Bagot	}	lez apprentices de John Stokton –	xl s.
Item, de John Colard	}	lez apprentices de John Saunderson –	xl s.
Item, de Robert Swetnam			
Item, de William Lessy	}	lez apprentices de John Saunderson –	xl s.
Item, de John Swandon l'aprentis de William Elyot –			
Item, de Edward Walrond l'aprentis de John Shipton et a cest ovesque John Warde –			xx s.
Item, de Richaert Tideney l'aprentis de John Reynken –			xx s.
Item, de John Asshebourne	}	lez apprentices de John Tate –	iiii li.
Item, de Robert Tate			
Item, de John Tate			
Item, de Robert Adlen			
Item, de Thomas Marler l'aprentis de Robert Neville –			xx s.
Item, de John Thurkilton l'aprentis de John Boton –			xx s.
Item, de Hugh Broun	}	lez apprentices de John Riche –	xl s.
Item, de Richaert Bole			
f. 186r Item, de Richaert Anlaby	}	lez apprentices de William Heende –	xl s.
Item, de John Massyngberd			
Item, de Charlys Wynne l'aprentis de Saundir Orable –			xx s.
Item, de William Mytton l'aprentis de Richaert Stutvile –			xx s.
Item, de Thomas Bowchier l'aprentis de Thomas Filer –			xx s.
Item, de George Jyon	}	lez apprentices de Thomas Steelle –	xl s.
Item, de Thomas Cok			
Item, de Richaert Cook l'aprentis de Hugh Wiche –			xx s.
Item, de Richaert Lakon et de John Browne, lez apprentices de Thomas Gibbys –			xl s. ⁶⁷¹
Item, de Rauff Bery	}	lez apprentices de William Myles –	xl s.
Item, de Richaert Deny			
Item, de Roger Glade l'aprentis de Thomas Niche –			xx s.
Item, de John Baroun l'aprentis de Thomas Sawston –			xx s.
Item, de Herry Brikhille l'aprentis de Thomas Lonmore –			xx s.
Item, de Robert Pynchamore l'aprentis de Robert Elmeham –			xx s.
Item, de John Bromeham l'aprentis de Robert Serff –			xx s.
Item, de Nicholas Fery	}	lez apprentices de John Colet –	xl s.
Item, de John Lambart			
Item, de Thomas Chaterle l'aprentis de dit John Colet, pur ceo q'il ad païé divers fynes a la mistiere come apiert lez Ciiii ^{xx} iii ff. devant et Ciiii ^{xx} vi après, et auxi pur ceo q'il fuist obligé aprentis quant le dit John fuist hors la companie, il fuist pardonné par toute la companie en une court pur son entré et ensy –			Nichil
Item, de John Beldon l'aprentis de Symond Dawdele –			xx s.
Item, de John Wellyngton l'aprentis de Thomas Muschamp –			xx s.
Item, de John Hempsted l'aprentis de William Purdaunce –			xx s.
Item, de William Chaundeler l'aprentis de Water Roy –			xx s.

671 The words 'et de John Browne, lez apprentices de Thomas Gibbys' have been written in, by the scribe himself in paler ink, over an erasure, and the sum of money has similarly been altered later.

Item, from Edmund Bagot	}	the apprentices of John Stockton –	40s.	f. 186r
Item, from John Colard				
Item, from Robert Swetnam	}	the apprentices of John Saunderson –	40s.	
Item, from William Lessy				
Item, from John Swandon the apprentice of William Elyot –			20s.	
Item, from Edward Walrond the apprentice of John Shipton and now with John Warde –			20s.	
Item, from Richard Tideney the apprentice of John Rankyn –			20s.	
Item, from John Ashbourne	}	the apprentices of John Tate –	£4	
Item, from Robert Tate				
Item, from John Tate				
Item, from Robert Adlen				
Item, from Thomas Marler the apprentice of Robert Neville –			20s.	
Item, from John Thurkilton the apprentice of John Boton –			20s.	
Item, from Hugh Brown	}	the apprentices of John Riche –	40s.	
Item, from Richard Bole				
Item, from Richard Anlaby	}	the apprentices of William Heende –	40s.	
Item, from John Massyngberd				
Item, from Charles Wynne the apprentice of Alexander Orable –			20s.	
Item, from William Mytton the apprentice of Richard Stutvile –			20s.	
Item, from Thomas Bowchier the apprentice of Thomas Fyler –			20s.	
Item, from George Jyon	}	the apprentices of Thomas Steelle –	40s.	
Item, from Thomas Cok				
Item, from Richard Cook the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –			20s.	
Item, from Richard Lakon and from John Browne, the apprentices of Thomas Gibbes –			40s.	
Item, from Ralph Bery	}	the apprentices of William Miles –	40s.	
Item, from Richard Deny				
Item, from Roger Glade the apprentice of Thomas Nyche –			20s.	
Item, from John Baron the apprentice of Thomas Sawston –			20s.	
Item, from Harry Brikhille the apprentice of Thomas Lonmore –			20s.	
Item, from Robert Pynchamore the apprentice of Robert Elmeham –			20s.	
Item, from John Bromeham the apprentice of Robert Serff –			20s.	
Item, from Nicholas Fery	}	the apprentices of John Colet –	40s.	
Item, from John Lambart				
Item, from Thomas Chaterle, the apprentice of the said John Colet, since he [Colet] has paid various fines to the mistery, as appears on f. 183 above and f. 186 below, ⁵¹³ and also because he [Chaterle] was bound apprentice while the said John had been excluded from the company, he was excused from paying his admission fee at a court-meeting by the whole company, and thus –			nil	
Item, from John Beldon the apprentice of Simon Daudley –			20s.	
Item, from John Wellyngton the apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –			20s.	
Item, from John Hempsted the apprentice of William Purdaunce –			20s.	
Item, from William Chaundeler the apprentice of Walter Roy –			20s.	

⁵¹³ The reference should be to f. 188; see Name Index also.

Item, de Robert Asche	} lez apprentices de Richaert Bonefaunt –	xl s.
Item, de John Ascheden		
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Issues d'apprentices:

En primez, de Richaert Rawson jadis l'apprentis de John Olney –	ii s.
Item, de John Appulby jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Steele –	ii s.
Item, de William Whitewey jadis l'apprentis de William Pykeryng –	ii s.
Item, de luy pur une fyne pur ceo q'il ne servoit tout son aprenticialté –	iiii s. viii d.
Item, de William Midelton jadis l'apprentis de William Stevens –	ii s.
Item, de William Purdy jadis l'apprentis de William Gronde et après ovesque Richaert Stutvile –	ii s.
Item, de John Banknot jadis l'apprentis de Richaert Bonefaunt –	ii s.
Item, de John Mynes jadis l'apprentis de John Roo –	ii s.
Item, de John Chopet jadis l'apprentis de William Bridlyngton –	ii s.
Item, de John Elys jadis l'apprentis de William Henache et après ovesque John Sturgeon –	ii s.
f. 186v Item, de William Saunderson	} jadis lez apprentices } de John Middelton – iiii s.
Item, de William Elyot	
Item, de William Bettes jadis l'apprentis de John Warde –	ii s.
Item, de William Bufford jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Crispe –	ii s.
Item, de Herry Colet jadis l'apprentis de John Colet –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Hore jadis l'apprentis de John Artour –	ii s.
Item, de John Multon jadis l'apprentis de John Colet –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Heysand jadis l'apprentis de Richaert Claver –	ii s.
Item, de William Hylle jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Steele –	ii s.
Item, de Richaert Pope jadis l'apprentis de John Broddesworth et après ovesque Thomas Rykes –	ii s.
Item, de John Sheffeld jadis l'apprentis de Robert Hallom –	ii s.
Item, de [William] ⁶⁷² Alborgh jadis l'apprentis de John Lok –	ii s.
Item, de John Clifton jadis l'apprentis de William Lightholders –	ii s.
Item, de Richaert Ansam jadis l'apprentis de Herry Frowyk et après ovesque John Shipton –	ii s.
Item, de John Highfeld	} jadis lez apprentices de Thomas Boston } et après ovesque John Goldewelle – iiii s.
Item, de Thomas Ilom	
Item, de Thomas Burgoyne jadis l'apprentis de Hugh Wiche –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Waryne jadis l'apprentis de Richaert Riche et après ovesque Joh[n] Riche et John Marchalle –	ii s.
Item, de John Pelham jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Nyche –	ii s.
Item, de William Bawdewyn ⁶⁷³	} jadis l'apprentices } de Rauff Verney – iiii s.
Item, de William Purdaunce	

672 The name 'John' has been written in faint ink into a space left by a previous erasure, but this must be an error for William; see Name Index.

673 In the LH margin at this point a later hand has written the name 'Bawdwyn'. This is presumably picking up that he is also listed below under 'shopholders'.

Item, from Robert Asshe	}	the apprentices of Richard Bonefaunt – 40s.
Item, from John Ascheden		
Total – £91		

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, from Richard Rawson formerly the apprentice of John Olney –	2s.	
Item, from John Appleby formerly the apprentice of Thomas Steele –	2s.	
Item, from William Whitewey formerly the apprentice		
of William Pickering –	2s.	
Item, from him as a fine because he did not serve out the full terms		
of his apprenticeship –	4s. 8d.	
Item, from William Middleton formerly the apprentice		
of William Stephens –	2s.	
Item, from William Purdy formerly the apprentice of William Grond		
and afterwards with Richard Stutvile –	2s.	
Item, from John Banknot formerly the apprentice of Richard Bonefaunt –	2s.	
Item, from John Mynes formerly the apprentice of John Roo –	2s.	
Item, from John Chapete formerly the apprentice		
of William Bridlyngton –	2s.	
Item, from John Elys formerly the apprentice of William Henage and		
afterwards with John Sturgeon –	2s.	
Item, from William Saunderson	} formerly the apprentices	4s. f. 186v
Item, from William Elyot		
	} of John Middleton –	
Item, from William Bettes formerly the apprentice of John Warde –	2s.	
Item, from William Burford formerly the apprentice of Thomas Crispe –	2s.	
Item, from Harry Colet formerly the apprentice of John Colet –	2s.	
Item, from Thomas Hore formerly the apprentice of John Arthur –	2s.	
Item, from John Multon formerly the apprentice of John Colet –	2s.	
Item, from Thomas Heysand formerly the apprentice of Richard Claver –	2s.	
Item, from William Hille formerly the apprentice of Thomas Steele –	2s.	
Item, from Richard Pope formerly the apprentice of John Brodsworth		
and afterwards with Thomas Rykes ⁵¹⁴ –	2s.	
Item, from John Sheffield formerly the apprentice of Robert Hallom –	2s.	
Item, from William Alburgh formerly the apprentice of John Locke –	2s.	
Item, from John Clifton formerly the apprentice of William Lightholders –	2s.	
Item, from Richard Ansam formerly the apprentice of Harry Frowyk		
and afterwards with John Shipton –	2s.	
Item, from John Highfield	} formerly the apprentices of Thomas Boston	4s.
Item, from Thomas Ilom		
	} and afterwards with John Goldewelle –	
Item, from Thomas Burgoyne formerly the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.	
Item, from Thomas Waryn formerly the apprentice of Richard Riche		
and afterwards with John Riche and John Marchall –	2s.	
Item, from John Pelham formerly the apprentice of Thomas Nyche –	2s.	
Item, from William Baldewyn	} formerly the apprentices	4s.
Item, from William Purdaunce		
	} of Ralph Verney –	

⁵¹⁴ He transferred from one master to the other in 1449, when John Brodsworth was arrested and sent to prison. See above, f. 169r, and *CPMR* 1437–57, p. 114.

Item, de William Fyncham jadis l'aprentis de Mathew Fowchier et après de John Harowe –	ii s.
Item, de Thomas Walker jadis l'aprentis de Saundir Orable –	ii s.
Item, de Robert Suthewode jadis l'aprentis de Thomas Muschamp –	ii s.
Summa – iii li. x s. viii d.	

Entrees en la lyveré, pur lour tierce an:

En primez, de John Alborgh –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Symond Dawdele –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Rowlee –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Wotton –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Gardener –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Talbot –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Hulle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Baker –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Godyng –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Bowelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Thomas Brice –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de William Groveman –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Syff –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de John Sturmyn –	vi s. viii d.
Summa – iii li. xiii s. iii d.	

Entrees de shopholders:

En primes, de John Randolff –	xii d.
Item, de William Adam –	xii d.
Item, de John Pykton –	xii d.
Item, de William Bawdewyn –	xii d.
Summa – iii s.	

Mercymentes:

En primes, de John Stokton –	iiii d.
Item, de John Frost –	iiii d.
Item, de John Marchalle –	xii d.
Item, de Richaert Syff –	viii d.
Item, de Symond Dawdele –	iiii d.
Item, de John Baker –	iiii d.
Item, de John Chambir –	iiii d.
Item, de John Roo –	ii d.
Item, de Geffrey Blower –	iii s.
Item, de William Skidmore –	iiii s.
f. 187r Item, de John Coppeng –	iii s. iii d.
Item, de Thomas Burgoyne –	vi d.
Item, de Richaert Lesyngham –	xii d.
Item, de Robert Cobholt –	xx d.
Item, de Water Roy –	xii d.
Item, de William Gladman –	xii d.

Item, from William Fyncham formerly the apprentice of Matthew Foucher and afterwards of John Harrow –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Walker formerly the apprentice of Alexander Orable –	2s.
Item, from Robert Southwood formerly the apprentice of Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
Total –	£3 10s. 8d.

Admission to the livery, for their third year:

Firstly, from John Alburgh –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Simon Daudley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Rowley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Wotton –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Gardener –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Talbot –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Baker –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Godyng –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Bowelle –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Brice –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Groveman –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Syffe –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Sturmyn –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£4 13s. 4d.

Admission of shopholders:

Firstly, from John Randolf –	12d.
Item, from William Adam –	12d.
Item, from John Pickton –	12d.
Item, from William Baldewyn –	12d.
Total –	4s.

Fines:

Firstly, from John Stockton –	4d.
Item, from John Frost –	4d.
Item, from John Marchall –	12d.
Item, from Richard Syff –	8d.
Item, from Simon Daudley –	4d.
Item, from John Baker –	4d.
Item, from John Chamber –	4d.
Item, from John Roo –	2d.
Item, from Geoffrey Blower –	2s.
Item, from William Skidmore –	4s.
Item, from John Coppeng –	3s. 4d.
Item, from Thomas Burgoyne –	6d.
Item, from Richard Lesyngham –	12d.
Item, from Robert Cobholt –	20d.
Item, from Walter Roy –	12d.
Item, from William Gladman –	12d.

Item, de Thomas Worlee –	ii s.
Item, de John Goldewelle –	iii s.
Item, de Phelip Amersam –	x d.
Item, de Richaert Turpyn –	x d.
Item, de Richaert Gardener –	viii d.
Item, de William Groveman –	ii s.
Item, de John Lambart –	v s.
Item, de Nicholas Warde –	vi d.
Item, de John Walcote –	iiii d.
Item, de Thomas Godyng –	vi d.
Item, de Thomas Barby –	viii d.
Item, de Robert Twyg –	xvi d.
Item, de John Alborgh –	xii d.
John Sturmyn ⁶⁷⁴ –	xvi d.
Richaert Hulle –	xv d.
John Warde –	xii d.
Phelip Howelle –	iiii d.
John Riche –	ii s.
Robert Cosyn –	iii s.
John Rowlee –	xvi d.
Roger Bonefaunt –	xii d.
Herry Asshewelle –	ii s.
Rauff Marche –	xx d.
John Colet –	iiii d.
William Bancroft –	viii d.
William Heende –	xvi d.
Robert Neville –	xii d.
Thomas Nyche –	iiii s. iiii d.
Richaert Everle –	xx d.
Thomas Brice –	viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iii li. ii s. vii d.	

Fynes d'eux quelez sont licensez de *par* lez courtes:

En <i>primez</i> , de Roger Midelmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Richaert Hayward –	iii s. iiii d.
Item, de John Burton –	vi s. viii d.
Item, de Nicholas Drayton –	xii d.

Summa – xvii s. viii d.

Fynes dez trespassours encontre lez ordenances:

En *primes*, de William Heende pur uncurtois paroles a John Marchalle en overt lieu – xiii s. iiii d.
 Item, de dit John Marchalle pur mesme la cause a dit William – iiii s.
 Item, de Wauter Roy pur disobeisaunce del comaundement dez gardeines – iii s. iiii d.

⁶⁷⁴ This name is the first in the second column of this section, and, unusually, the scribe has omitted the usual 'Item de ...' preceding each name throughout this column.

Item, from Thomas Worlee –	2s.
Item, from John Goldewelle –	3s.
Item, from Philip Amersham –	10d.
Item, from Richard Turpyn –	10d.
Item, from Richard Gardener –	8d.
Item, from William Groveman –	2s.
Item, from John Lambard –	5s.
Item, from Nicholas Warde –	6d.
Item, from John Walcote –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Godyng –	6d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	8d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	16d.
Item, from John Alburgh –	12d.
John Sturmyn –	16d.
Richard Hille –	15d.
John Warde –	12d.
Philip Howell –	4d.
John Riche –	2s.
Robert Cosyn –	3s.
John Rowley –	16d.
Roger Bonefaunt –	12d.
Harry Ashwell –	2s.
Ralph March –	20d.
John Colet –	4d.
William Bancroft –	8d.
William Heende –	16d.
Robert Neville –	12d.
Thomas Nyche –	4s. 4d.
Richard Everley –	20d.
Thomas Brice –	8d.

Total – £3 2s. 7d.

Fees for those with permission not to attend courts:

Firstly, from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hayward –	3s. 4d.
Item, from John Burton –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Drayton –	12d.

Total – 17s. 8d.

Fines from offenders against the ordinances:

Firstly, from William Heende for discourteous words [spoken] to John Marchall in a public place – 13s. 4d.

Item, from the said John Marchall for the same reason, towards the said William – 4s.

Item, from Walter Roy for disobedience to the wardens' orders – 3s. 4d.

Item, de Thomas Shelle pur disobeisaunce a lez gardeines *et* la *compantie* en la courte,⁶⁷⁵ ii jours de prisonement en le Counter, *et* submyssion par luy faite,⁶⁷⁶ il paie a le Chambirleyn de la Gildehalle xx s., *et* a le box – xx s.⁶⁷⁷

Item, de Richaert Ansam pur ceo q'il achaté/e *et* vendu divers marchandises le temps de soun service ovesque John Shipton *et* John Warde, sanz licence a soun propre use, encountre lez bones, sages, *et* poletik rules de veil ordeiné *et* faite; *et* pur ceo qe lez ditz ordenances ne furent par long temps executez *et* auxi le submyssion du dit Richaert considéré, il ne paie pluis mes – iii li.

Item, de Thomas Burgoyne en mesme le fourme le temps de soun service ovesque Hugh Wiche – L s.

Item, de Richaert Yeo en mesme le fourme le temps de soun service ovesque Robert Skrayngham – xx s.

f. 187v Item, de Richaert Lesyngham pur ceo q'il ressu divers darrés de John Pelham, servant de Thomas Niche, saunz license de dit Thomas – xx s.

Item, de Geffrey Blower pur ceo q'il achate *et* vend le temps de son service ovesque John Roo – xl s.

Item, de Robert Yarom pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque John Frost – vi s. viii d.

Item, de Thomas Ilom pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque John Goldewelle – xl s.

Item, de John Fisser pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque John Baker – x s.

Item, de William Skidmore pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque Thomas Filer – xx s.

Item, de William Hille pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque Thomas Steelle – iii li.

Item, de John Coppeng pur mesme la cause *et* pur joer a le dise – xl s.

Item, de John Pikton pur son joe a le dise – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, de Thomas Filer pur l'achate de John Shelle, jadis servant de Hugh Wiche – L s.

Item, de Robert Cobholt pur ceo q'il ne discovere lez achatez *et* venduz le temps de son service quant il fuist examyné – xx d.

Item, de John Mynes pur ceo q'il achate *et* vend le temps de son service ovesque John Roo – xl s.

Item, de Herry Colet pur sez achates *et* vend[uz] ovesque servantz de divers hommes – xx s.

Item, de Water Roy pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque Hugh Wiche – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, de Thomas Waryn pur son disdeynows langage quant il fuist examyné – iii s. iiiii d.

675 This word is followed by the letter 'f', which may perhaps stand for 'fyne', but is more likely a scribal error.

676 The phrase 'et submyssion par luy faite' is inserted above the line after an omission mark.

677 See further the *Acts of Court*, p. 46.

Item, from Thomas Shelley for disobedience in the court to the wardens and the company, 2 days of imprisonment in the Counter, and, after he had submitted himself [to the wardens' authority], he paid to the Guildhall Chamberlain – 20s., and to the communal funds – 20s.

Item, from Richard Ansam because he bought and sold various merchandise while in the service of John Shipton and John Warde, without permission and on his own behalf, in contravention of the good, wise, and judicious⁵¹⁵ rules long ago ordained and enacted,⁵¹⁶ but since the said ordinances had not been enforced for a long time, and taking into consideration also the submission to authority of the said Richard, he did not pay more than – £4

Item, from Thomas Burgoyne similarly, while in the service of Hugh Wyche – 50s.

Item, from Richard Yeo similarly, while in the service of Robert Scrayingham – 20s.

Item, from Richard Lesyngham for receiving various wares from John Pelham, servant of Thomas Nyche, without permission of the said Thomas – 20s. f. 187v

Item, from Geoffrey Blower for buying and selling while in the service of John Roo – 40s.

Item, from Robert Yarom for the same reason while in the service of John Frost – 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Ilom for the same reason while in the service of John Goldewelle – 40s.

Item, from John Fisher for the same reason while in the service of John Baker – 10s.

Item, from William Skidmore for the same reason while in the service of Thomas Fyler – 20s.

Item, from William Hille for the same reason while in the service of Thomas Steele – £3

Item, from John Coppeng for the same reason and for playing at dice – 40s.

Item, from John Pickton for playing at dice – 3s. 4d.

Item, from Thomas Fyler for buying from John Shelley, formerly servant of Hugh Wyche – 50s.

Item, from Robert Cobholt because he did not disclose, when questioned, his buying and selling activities while he was in service – 20d.

Item, from John Mynes for buying and selling while he was in the service of John Roo – 40s.

Item, from Harry Colet for buying from and selling to various men's servants – 20s.

Item, from Walter Roy for the same reason while he was in the service of Hugh Wyche – 13s. 4d.

Item, from Thomas Waryn for his contemptuous language when questioned – 3s. 4d.

515 The word used is 'poletik' ('politic'), which has the sense of prudence and of concern for a whole community.

516 See the *Book of Ordinances*, f. 4r: 'Also that noo persone undir the saide obeysaunce be no maner coloure, geve licence, or suffre his apprentyse, lowes, servaunte, or attorney to bye or selle withynne the tyme of his apprentysehoode or other servyse ony maner of ware to his owne use, nor to the use of ony oþer apprentyse or suche servaunte, but oonly to the use of hys saide maister or to a shoppe holder of þe same.' The penalty is set at £40 sterling. A later ordinance allows serving-men, not apprentices, to trade on their own behalf if given licence by their master: see *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 27r–28r.

Item, de Nicholas Agor pur son ressu de divers darrez de Richaert Ansam, *servant* de John Shipton – iii li.

Item, de Richaert Yarom pur sez achatez et vend[uz] le temps de son service ovesque divers *servantz* – iii s. iii d.

Item, de William Elyot pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque John Middelton – vi s. viii d.

Item, de John Shelle pur mesme la cause le temps de son service ovesque Hugh Wiche – iii li.

Item, de William Bancroft pur son resseit de divers darrés de divers *servantz* – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, de John Pikeryng pur sez achates et vend[uz] le temps de son service ovesque Rauff Verney – xl s.

Item, de John Neve pur mesme le chose le temps de son service ovesque Richaert Bonefaunt – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, de William Gladman pur sez achates et ressez de darrés de John Holme, *servant* de John Marchalle – xiii s. iii d.

Item, de Robert Cosyn pur sez achates et venduz ovesque divers *servantz* et son joer a le dise – liii s. iii d.

Summa – xliiii li. ix s.

Item, ressu de Rauff Marche pur une offence faite le temps de *nostre darrein predecessours* – xl s.

Viscounte:

Item, ressu de Rauff Verney, viscounte, envers lez costes de viii^{te} trompettes a soun presentacion a Westmynster en cest an – xl s.

Summa – iii li.

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Dettours de darrein acompte:

En primez, ressu de John Colet, mercier, en plein payment de ii obligacions duez par luy a la compagnie del mercerie, et par lez darrein wardeins William Cantelowe et sez companyes a nous suisdonez et deliverez, come apiert le Ciiii^{xx} iii ff. devant – xx li.

Item, ressu de dit John Colet de son propre volunté q'il ad doné a la mistere de mercerie pur l'entent q'il ocupiera lez ii shoppes q'il tient en la selde nommé le Leg en Chepe, de lez quelez une shoppe fuist graunté par une awarde de William Redeknape, lez queles ii shoppes il ad translaté et faite une, et il ad païé a dit William⁶⁷⁸ et a le box – v li.

Summa – xxv li.

Summa totalis de lour charge – CCxxxiiii li. ii s. iii d.

⁶⁷⁸ A gap follows, left for the sum to be filled in.

Item, from Nicholas Agor for receiving various wares from Richard Ansam, servant of John Shipton – £4

Item, from Richard Yarom for buying from and selling to various servants during the time he was in service – 3s. 4d.

Item, from William Elyot for the same reason while he was in service with John Middleton – 6s. 8d.

Item, from John Shelley for the same reason while he was in service with Hugh Wyche – £3

Item, from William Bancroft for receiving various wares from various servants – 26s. 8d.

Item, from John Pickering for buying and selling while he was in service with Ralph Verney – 40s.

Item, from John Neve for the same thing while he was in service with Richard Bonefaunt – 26s. 8d.

Item, from William Gladman for buying from and receiving wares from John Holme, servant of John Marchall – 13s. 4d.

Item, from Robert Cosyn for buying from and selling to various servants, and for playing at dice – 53s. 4d.

Total – £44 9s.

Item, received from Ralph March for an offence committed during the term of office of our immediate predecessors – 40s.

Sheriff:

Item, received from Ralph Verney, sheriff, towards the costs of 8 trumpeters at his presentation at Westminster this year – 40s.

Total – £4

Debtors from the last account:

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Firstly, received from John Colet, mercer, in full payment of 2 bonds obligatory due by him to the mercers' company, which had been ceded and handed over to us by the last wardens, William Cantelowe and his fellow-wardens, as appears on f. 184 above – £20

Item, received from the said John Colet as a voluntary donation to the mercers' mistery on the understanding that he will be the holder of 2 shops which he has in the seld known as the Leg in Cheap, one of which was granted by the decision of William Redeknape, and these 2 shops he has transformed into one, and he has paid to the said William and to the communal funds – £5

Total – £25

Sum total of their receipts – £234 2s. 3d.

Item, lez ditz acomptauntz sount chargez de iii li. xii s. a eux deliverez pur Elys Davy (qe dieu assoile)⁶⁷⁹ pur ii ans passez pur avoier lez aulmes de luy et sa femme en recomandacion a nostre dirige specialment, de lez queles est espendu et doné pur une boier faite a la compagnie a le dirige quant nostre fest fuist tenu – xl s. – rest – xxxii s.

Le discharge dez ditz gardeins

En primes, païé pur paper et inke – viii d.

Item, pur bargehire pur le ternement del Roy Henry V^e – x s. ii d.

Item, pur bargehire et russhes a le presentacion de⁶⁸⁰ – x s. v d.

Item, pur bargehire et russhes a le presentacion de Thomas Canyng, Maier – x s. iiiii d.

Item, pur le dirige et messe de requiem pur le fraternyté del mercerie – x s.

Item, pur lez lavier et amender dez ornamentz del chapelle – xx d.

Item, pur iiiii garlondes pur l'aleccion dez nouvelles gardeins – viii d.

Item, pur faiture et escripte d'icest acompte en cest livre – vi s. viii d.

Item, pur bromes – i d.

Item, pur xvi tapers cere pur le chapelle poisant x lb. a vii d., *summa* – v s. x d.

Item, ii rolles cere poisant ii lb. [a] xii d., *totalis* – vii s. ii d.

Summa – Lvii s. x d.

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Foreyn Expenses:

En primes, païé pur la mendement de lez arowes – ii s. vii d.

Item, pur i clave pur le countour – iiiii d.

Item, païé pur viiii^e chaperouns de cremesoun pur viiii^e trompettes, et dimi chaperon pur Thomas ovesque le trompe et viii rolles et dimi pur mesme lez chaperons encountre la presentacion de Rauff Verney, viscounte – xvii s. ix d.

Item, a lez ditz viiii^e trompettes pur lour labour – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, pur boier a eux par le voie – ii s. v d.

Item, pur reneweng de viii baners pur lez trompettes – v s.

Item, pur la mend d'une stappe en le chapelle, ovesque le stuff – xx d.

Item, pur payn et vyn espendu sur lez duc de Somerset et le Seigneour Roos a le Bole en Chepe – ii s.

Item, pur une quarter drape bloy pur l'ensaumple de la liverey – ii s.

Item, pur xv verges et dimi drape bloy pur lez ii chapeleins, Robert Langford, et Richaert Box, bedille, a v s. vi d. la verge, *summa* – iiiii li. v s. iii d.

Item, pur v verges bloy pur M. Thomas Ebralle, Maistre de Whitengtouns Colage, a vi s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxxi s. viii d.

Item, pur une verge et dimi bloy pur le Maistre de Seint Thomas pur une chaperon – ix s. vi d.

679 His will is dated 3 November 1455 and was proved on 6 October 1462; see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 548.

680 A gap follows, left blank to insert the sheriff's name. This is odd as he is named both above and below here.

Item, they declare £3 12s. handed to them on behalf of Ellis Davy (may God absolve him) for the last two years, in order to have his soul and that of his wife especially commended at our Office of the Dead, from which money has been paid out and given for drinks offered to the company at the Office of the Dead, when our feast was held – 40s. balance – 32s.

The disbursements of the said wardens

Firstly, paid for paper and ink – 8d.

Item, for barge-hire for the obit of King Henry V – 10s. 2d.

Item, for barge-hire and rushes at the presentation of [Ralph Verney] – 10s. 5d.

Item, for barge-hire and rushes at the presentation of Thomas Canyng, Mayor – 10s. 4d.

Item, for the Office of the Dead and the requiem mass for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.

Item, for washing and repair of the chapel accoutrements – 20d.

item, for 4 garlands at the election of the new wardens – 8d.

Item, for drawing-up and writing of this account in this book – 6s. 8d.

Item, for brooms – 1d.

Item, for 16 wax tapers for the chapel weighing 10 lb, at 7d. [per lb.], total – 5s.

10d. Item, 2 rowels of wax weighing 2 lb, at 12d. [per lb.], total – 7s. 2d.

Total – 57s. 10d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, paid for the repair of the arrows⁵¹⁷ – 2s. 7d.

Item, for a key for the counting-desk⁵¹⁸ – 4d.

Item, paid for 8 crimson hoods for 8 trumpeters, and half a hood for Thomas with the large trumpet, and 8½ circlets for the same hoods, on the occasion of the presentation of Ralph Verney, sheriff – 17s. 9d.

Item, to the said 8 trumpeters for their labours – 53s. 4d.

Item, for drinks for them along the road – 2s. 5d.

Item, for the refurbishment of 8 banners for the trumpeters – 5s.

Item, for the repair of a step in the chapel, with the materials – 20d.

Item, for bread and wine spent on the Duke of Somerset⁵¹⁹ and the Lord Ros⁵²⁰ at the Bull in Cheap – 2s.

Item, for a quarter of blue cloth for a sample of the livery – 2s.

Item, for 15½ yards of blue cloth for the 2 chaplains, Robert Langford, and Richard Box, beadle, at 5s. 6d. per yard, total – £4 5s. 3d.

Item, for 5 yards of blue cloth for Master Thomas Ebralle, Master of Whittington College, at 6s. 4d. [per yard], total – 31s. 8d.

Item, 1½ yards of blue cloth for the Master of St Thomas of Acon, for a hood – 9s. 6d.

517 The word in the text is clearly written and would mean this, but one does wonder whether it was not an 'arras', a wall hanging or tapestry that had needed repair.

518 The word used is 'countour', also used for 'the Counter', but the mercers would not be paying for a key to that building.

519 Henry Beaufort, see *ODNB*, vol. 4, pp. 632–4.

520 Thomas de Ros, ninth Baron Ros, see *ODNB*, vol. 47, pp. 727–8.

Item, pur iiii verges bloy doné a M. Thomas Kent par l'assent de la compagnie – xxviii s.

Item, pur i verge i quarter cremesoun engreyned doné a le Seigneour Fawconbridge par mesme l'assent – xvi s. viii d.

Item, doné a Richaert Box, bedille, pur son chaperon de cremesoun – x s.

Item, païé pur batelle pur Thomas Tikhille et John Marchalle vers Westmynster et arere – ii d.

Item, pur le fesure de xxxiiii^e obligacions de divers persones de la compagnie, obligez a lez gardeins pur la bone governaunce del mesme – v s. viii d.

Item, a une laborer en nostre sale a ii foitz pur swepyng et laver dez fenestrez etc – iiiii d.

Item, païé par Hughe Wiche pur une livre de parchemyn contenant xx quayers ovesque divers statutes faitez par parlementz – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, païé pur l'escire ovesque le stuff d'une livre contenant ii quaiers ovesque divers libertees grauntez a la citezeins de Loundres – viii s. iiiii d.

Item, païé pur le fesure d'une obligacion de John Pelham faite a lez gardeins – ii d.

Item, pur le fesure d'une bille de iiiii articles dez ordenances – xx d.

Item, païé a Richaert Box pur la colleccion ensemble et l'escriver dez veiles ordenances et nouvelles et divers autres billes ensealez par divers persones de la compagnie – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, Richaert Box, bedille, humblement prie et demaunde, pur taunte q'il ad esté usé et acustumé de veile qe le bedille pur le temps esteaunt, l'an quant la compagnie n'avoit robe de nouvelle liveray, il prendra pur son liveray xiii s. iiiii d., de lez quelez soun predecessours avount esté posessez. Et auxi divers estraunges skrivanners pur lez fesure et escripte de l'acompte des gardeins en cest livre soloient aver pur lour labour vi s. viii d., le quele acompte pur le pluis secretenes del mistier le dit Richaert par toute le temps q'il ad ocupié ad faite et escripte et annuelment fuist païé, except l'an quant Geffrey Boleyn, Rauff Verney, John Lytelton, et Rauff Marche furent gardeins, lez queles choses par nous William Cantelowe, John Sturgeon, John Reynkene, et William Redeknape⁶⁸¹ considerez et vieuz, alowoms a dit Richaert xiii s. iiiii d. pur son robe. Et vi s. viii d. pur l'acompte pur l'an suisdit, summa alowé – xx s.

⁶⁸¹ The auditors this year, see below.

Item, for 4 yards of blue cloth given to Master Thomas Kent with the agreement of the company – 28s.

Item, for 1¼ yards of crimson cloth dyed in grain given to Lord Fauconberg with the same agreement – 16s. 8d.

Item, given to Richard Box, beadle, for his crimson hood – 10s.

Item, for boat-hire for Thomas Tickhill and John Marchall to Westminster and back – 2d.

Item, for the drawing-up of 34 bonds obligatory from various members of the company, bound to the wardens, for the good governance of the company – 5s. 8d.

Item, to a labourer on two occasions at our hall, for sweeping and washing of windows etc. – 4d.

Item, paid by Hugh Wyche for a book of parchment leaves, containing 15 quires, with various Statutes of Parliament – 26s. 8d.

Item, paid for the writing of a book, and for the materials, containing 2 quires, with various liberties granted to the citizens of London – 8s. 4d.

Item, paid for the drawing-up of a bond obligatory from John Pelham, made out to the wardens – 2d.

Item, for the drawing-up of a document of 4 articles from the ordinances – 20d.

Item, paid to Richard Box for collecting together and writing out old ordinances and new ones, and various other sealed documents from various members of the company – 13s. 4d.

Item, Richard Box, beadle, makes humble request and asks, in that whereas it has long been the custom that the beadle in office, in years when the company does not issue new livery clothes, receives 13s. 4d. in lieu of livery, and his predecessors had been in receipt of this money. And equally, various scriveners, not of our company, have customarily received, for the drawing-up and writing of the wardens' account in this book, 6s. 8d. for their work, and, in order to keep matters private within the mistery, the said Richard has, during all the time he has been in office, drawn-up and written the said accounts, and has been paid annually, except in the year when Geoffrey Boleyn, Ralph Verney, John Littleton, and Ralph March were wardens,⁵²¹ which matters were considered and examined by us, William Cantelow, John Sturgeon, John Rankyn, and William Redeknape, and we authorise 13s. 4d. to the said Richard for his gown. And 6s. 8d. for the account for the aforesaid year, total authorised – 20s.

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f. 189r Item, païé pur une dyner faite a le *seigneur* de Faucounbrig *et* autres le *prochein* jour *après* nostre dynere, le quele fuist mys en respite *par* lez auditours, come apiert en le paper d'acompte. Et *après* en une courte tenu le xxvii^e jour de Marche l'an xxxvi^e fuiste *graunté et* allowé a ditz acomptauntz *par* toute la courte – iiij li. xi s. iiij d.⁶⁸²

Summa – xxi li. xv s. x d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxiiii li. xiii s. viii d.

Ensy rest due a le mercerie – CCxi li. vii d.

Faite *par* lez auditours: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{William Cantelowe} \\ \text{John Sturgeon} \\ \text{John Reyneken} \\ \text{William Redeknappe} \end{array} \right\}$ darrein gardeins

Deliveré a John Middleton *et* sez *companyes* gardeins, come apiert en l'auter parte de cest foile – CCxi li. vii d.

Ensy quyte

Item, deliveré a eux une obligacion de William Pikeryng de v li.

Item, deliveré a eux une obligacion de John Symond *et* sa femme de v li.

1456–57
RW f. 19r Thacompte of John Donne, oon of þ^e custoses of þ^e mercerie & rentier of þ^e lyvelood of þe same, for an hole yeer at þ^e fest of Ester þ^e yeer of oure lord xiiii^c lviiⁱⁱ & Kyng Herry þe sixte xxxvⁱⁱ:

The charge of þ^e said acomptaunt

Lyvelood of þ^e mercerie:

First, þe said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* for þ^e said yer of þ^e tenementes purchaced by þ^e mercery – xlvi li. xiiii s.

Of Whitengton:

Item, of þ^e tenementes goven by Richaert Whitengton – CCxxxvii li. xi s. iiij d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, of þ^e tenementes goven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght – xviii li. viii s.

Of Abbot:

Item, of þ^e tenementes goven by John Abbot – xii li. xx d.

⁶⁸² See also further the *Acts of Court*, pp. xviii and 46.

Item, paid for a dinner held for Lord Fauconberg and others on the day after our dinner,⁵²² payment for which was withheld by the auditors, as appears in the paper document of the account. And later at a court held on 27 March 36 Henry VI it was granted and authorised by the whole court to the said men rendering their account – £4 11s. 4d.

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Total – £21 15s. 10d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £24 13s. 8d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £211 7d.

Approved by the auditors: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{William Cantelowe} \\ \text{John Sturgeon} \\ \text{John Rankyn} \\ \text{William Redeknap} \end{array} \right\}$ last year's wardens

Handed over to John Middleton and his fellow-wardens, as appears on the other side of this folio – £211 7d.

Thus quit

Item, handed over to them a bond obligatory from William Pickering in the sum of £5

Item, handed over to them a bond obligatory from John Symond and his wife in the sum of £5

The account of John Donne, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1457, the regnal year 35 Henry VI.

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His receipts

Properties of the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, he declares money received for the said year from the tenements purchased by the mercers' mistery – £46 14s.

Whittington:

Item, from the tenements given by Richard Whittington – £237 11s. 4d.

Eastfield:

Item, from the tenements given by Sir William Eastfield, knight – £18 8s.

Abbot:

Item, from the tenements given by John Abbot – £12 20d.

⁵²² i.e. their annual 'feast', held at Midsummer each year.

Item, of rentes of assise of divers tenementes in London – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa of þ^e lyvelood – CCCxx li. xiiii d.

Item, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* toward þ^e reparacion – viii s. iiiii d.

Summa – viii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þ^e said acomptaunt – CCCxx li. ix s. vi d.

The discharge of þ^e said acomptaunt

Of þ^e mercerie:

Quyte rentes:

First, he dischargeth hym of mony paid for quyte rentes goyng oute of þ^e lyvelood of þe mercerie for þe said yeer – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Preestes:

Item, paid to ii^e prestes of þ^e mercerie for þe same yeer at þe fest of Midsomer *anno xxxv*^{to} – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Almus men:

Item, paid to William Olyver for a yer at þ^e said Midsomer – iii li. xviii s. Item, to William Irewilliam – iii li. xviii s. Item, to Thomas Cokkes – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Langle – iii li. viii d. Item, to Richaert, bedille – iii li. xviii s. Item, to John Midelton of Midelburgh for iii termes at Ester *aforsaid* – iiiii li. xi s. – xxii li. vi s. iiiii d.

Summa – xl li. iii s. iiiii d.

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Of Whitengton:

Prestes:

First, he dischargeth hym of mony paid to *Maister* Thomas Ebralle, *maister* of þ^e Colage, for hym & his brederen for i yeer at Midsomer *anno xxxv*^{to} – lxiii li.

Almus peple:

Item, to John Lyncolne, tutour, & xii opir pore folkes in þ^e same Colage from þ^e vii^e daie of August⁶⁸³ *anno xxxiiii*^{to} unto þ^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juyll *anno xxxv*^{to}, for lii wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxxix li. xvii s. iiiii d.

pobite:

Item, for pobite of þ^e said Whitengton hold þ^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juyll – xli s.⁶⁸⁴

⁶⁸³ In the LH margin the same contemporary or slightly later annotator has written 'fro 26 juyll'.

⁶⁸⁴ A circle with a cross through annotation mark has been placed in the RH margin against this entry and the next.

Item, from rents of assise on various tenements in London – £5 6s. 2d.

Total from the estates – £320 14d.

Item, he declares money received towards repairs – 8s. 4d.

Total – 8s. 4d.

Total of all his receipts – £320 9s. 6d.

His disbursements

From the mystery's own properties:

Quit-rents:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents on the mystery's properties for the said year – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests:

Item, paid to 2 priests of the mercers' mystery for the same year, at the feast of Midsummer 35 [Henry VI] – £13 6s. 8d.

Almsmen:

Item, paid to William Olyver for a year at the said Midsummer – £3 18s. Item, to William Irwilliam – £3 18s. Item, to Thomas Cokke – £3 8d. Item, to John Langley – £3 8d. Item, to Richard, the beadle – £3 18s. Item, to John Middleton of Middelburg for 3 terms, at Easter as above – £4 11s.
– £22 6s. 4d.

Total – £40 3s. 4d.

Whittington:

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Priests:

Firstly, he declares money paid to Master Thomas Ebralle, Master of the College, for him and his brethren for 1 year, at Midsummer in the year 35 [Henry VI] – £63

Alms-folk:

Item, to John Lincoln, Tutor, and 12 other poor people in the same college, from 7 August 34 [Henry VI] [1456] until 30 July 35 [Henry VI] [1457], for 52 weeks, at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £39 17s. 4d.

The obit:

Item, for the said Whittington's obit held on 30 July – 41s.

Conservatours:

Item, to Hugh Wiche, Thomas Dounton, John Lok, & p^e said acomptaunt, custoses & conservatours of þe said lyvelood – iiii li.

Quyte rentes:

Item, of quyte rentes goyng oute of his lyvelod in London – v li. v d. ob.

Summa – Cxiii li. xviii s. ix d. ob.

Of Estfeld:

þobites:

First, he dischargeth hym of mony paid for þobit of Sir William Kynwolmershe hold at S. Martyns þe Graunte þe xv^e daie of December – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for þobite of þe said Estfeld hold at Aldirmanbery þe ix^e daie of Maii – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to p^e said iiii^e custoses for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þe bedille for his attendaunce – xx d.

Wexchaundler:

Item, for xiiii^e tapers chaunged quarterly brennyng in Aldirmanbery chirche – xvi s. viii d.

Preest:

Item, to Sir John Leget for i yeer at Midsomer anno xxxv^{to} – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Quyte rente:

Item, for socage oute of p^e Thre Coupes – iiii d.

Summa – ix li. xii s.

Of Abbot:

First, for þobite of p^e said John Abbot hold in S. Laurence parish in p^e Jury þe last daie of Feverer – vi s. viii d.

Item, to his preest syngeng at Fernyngo in Bukynghamshire for i yer at Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Summa – vii li.

Vacacions of p^e mercerie:

First, he dischargeth hym of vacacions of ii tenementes in p^e Crowne – L s.

Summa – L s.

Of Whitengton:

Item, of v tenementes at Baynardes Castelle – iii li. v s.

Item, of iii tenementes in S. Laurence Jury – iii li. xi s. viii d.

Item, of ii tenementes in Bassingeshawe – xlv s.

Item, of iii tenementes in Colmanstrete – xxviii s. iiii d.

Custodians:

Item, to Hugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Locke, and [John Donne], wardens and custodians of the said estates – £4

Quit-rents:

Item, quit-rents due on his estate in London – £5 5½d.

Total – £113 18s. 9½d.

Eastfield:

The obits:

Firstly, he declares money paid for Sir William Kynwolmersh's obit held at St Martin le Grand on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Item, for the said Eastfield's obit held at Aldermanbury Church on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the said 4 wardens for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle for his attendance – 20d.

Wax-chandler:

Item, for 14 tapers, changed quarterly, burning in Aldermanbury Church – 16s. 8d.

Priest:

Item, to Sir John Leget for 1 year, at Midsummer 35 [Henry VI] – £6 13s. 4d.

Quit-rent:

Item, for socage due on The Three Cups – 4d.

Total – £9 12s.

Abbot:

Firstly, for the said John Abbot's obit held in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Item, to his priest singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for 1 year, at Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.

Total – £7

Vacancies in the mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares vacancies in 2 tenements in the Crown – 50s.

Total – 50s.

Whittington:

Item, in 5 tenements in Baynard's Castle – £3 5s.

Item, in 3 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – £3 11s. 8d.

Item, in 2 tenements in Bassishaw – 45s.

Item, in 3 tenements in Coleman Street – 28s. 4d.

Item,⁶⁸⁵ of iii tenementes at Tourehille – xxx s.
 Item, of i tenement at S. Laurence Pounteney – x s.
 Item, of ii tenementes in þ^e Ryalle – liii s. ii d.
 Item, of xi tenementes in Budge Rowe – xli s. ii d.
 Item,⁶⁸⁶ of i gardeyne withoute Bisshopisgate – vi s. viii d.
Summa – xvii li. xi s. vi d.

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Of Estfeld:

Item, of i gardeyne in þ^e Morelane – xviii d.
Summa – xviii d.

Summa of alle þe vacacions – xx li. ii s. viii d.

The decrees of Whitengton:

First, he dischargeth hym of decres of Richaert Syff in Milkestrete for i yeer – vi s. viii d.

Item, of i tenement in Colmanstrete for i yeer – xx d.

Summa – viii s. iii d.

Stuff boght:

First, he dischargeth hym of stuff boght as tiles, bordes, lathes, nailles, bryke, & lyme for reparacion – xiii li. xviii s. ix d.

Summa – xiii li. xix s. ix d.⁶⁸⁷

Reparacions:

Of þ^e Mercerie:

First, he dischargeth hym of mony paied at þ^e Crowne, ovir þ^e stuff – xv d.

Item, paied for reparacion at S. Martyn Otewiche, ovir þe stuff – xl s. x d. ob.

Summa – xlii s. i d. ob.

Of Whitengton:

First, for reparacion at Baynardes Castelle, ovir þ^e stuff – iii li. iii s. v d. ob.

Item, at S. Laurence Jury, ovir þe stuff – xxxviii s. iii d.

Item, at Bassingeshawe, ovir þe stuff – vi s. viii d. ob.

Item, at Colmanstrete, ovir þe stuff – xxviii s. v d. ob.

Item, at S. Bartilmews þe litelle, ovir þe stuff – liii s. i d.

Item, at S. Donstons in þest, ovir þe stuff, for translateg of a goter – xiiii li. xix s. v d.

Item, at S. Laurence Pounteney, ovir þe stuff – ix s. i d.

Item, in þ^e Ryalle, ovir þe stuff – xii s. iii d. ob.

Item, in Budge Rowe, ovir þe stuff – x s. i d.

Summa – xxvii li. xxiii d.

685 A contemporary annotator, very probably the scribe himself, has written a small letter 'b' in the LH margin beside this entry.

686 The same annotator has written a small 'a' beside this entry.

687 The two sums are certainly thus and perhaps the scribe has omitted a line with some extra costs of 12d.

Item, in 3 tenements in Tower Hill –	30s.
Item, in 1 tenement in St Laurence Pountney –	10s.
Item, in 2 tenements in the Royal –	53s. 4d.
Item, in 11 tenements in Budge Row –	41s. 2d.
Item, in 1 garden in Bishopsgate Without –	6s. 8d.
Total –	£17 11s. 6d.

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Item, in 1 garden in Moor Lane –	18d.
Total –	18d.

Total of all vacancies – £20 2s. 8d.

Rent-reductions in the Whittington estate:

Firstly, he declares a reduction for Richard Syff in Milk Street for 1 year – 6s. 8d.

Item, on 1 tenement in Coleman Street for 1 year – 20d.

Total – 8s. 4d.

Materials bought:

Firstly, he declares materials bought, such as tiles, boards, laths, nails, bricks, and lime, for repairs – £13 18s. 9d.

Total – £13 19s. 9d.

Repairs:

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid out on the Crown, over and above the materials – 15d.

Item, paid for repairs in St Martin Outwich, over and above the materials – 40s. 10½d.

Total – 42s. 1½d.

Whittington:

Firstly, for repairs at Baynard's Castle, over and above the materials – £4 4s. 5½d.

Item, in St Lawrence Jewry, over and above the materials – 38s. 4d.

Item, in Bassishaw, over and above the materials – 6s. 8½d.

Item, in Coleman Street, over and above the materials – 28s. 5½d.

Item, in St Bartholomew the Less, over and above the materials – 53s. 1d.

Item, in St Dunstan in the East, over and above the materials, for the repositioning of a water-course⁵²³ – £14 19s. 5d.

Item, in St Laurence Pountney, over and above the materials – 9s. 1d.

Item in the Royal, over and above the materials – 12s. 3½d.

Item, in Budge Row, over and above the materials – 10s. 1d.

Total – £27 23d.

⁵²³ The word used is 'goter' = 'gutter' and the large costs involved must indicate not a gutter attached to a building but a water-channel running along a street. 'Goter' can be used for a natural water-course or a constructed one.

Of Estfeld:

First, for reparacion doon at þ^e Thre Coupes, ovir the stuff – iiiii li. v s. vii d. ob.

Item, in Morelane, ovir þe stuff – viii d.

Summa – iiiii li. vi s. iii d. ob.

RW f. 20v Item, paied John Broun of Fynesbery for lom, gravelle, & sonde spente in divers soiles – vi s. vi d.

Item, paied to Brisebon þ^e plomer for leed & sowdir spente in divers soiles, ovir þ^e olde leed & for þeschaunge of þe same – xlvi s. viii d.

Summa – liiii s. ii d.

Summa of alle þe reparacions – xxxvi li. iii s. vi d.

Fees:

First,⁶⁸⁸ he dischargeth hym of mony paied to þ^e said acomptaunt for his attendaunce to þ^e lyvelod – xx s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rentgaderer, for iii quarters at Cristemas – v li. Item, for Ester quarter – iii li. vi s. viii d. – viii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for makeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Item, in potacions in gadereng of þe rente – xiii s. viii d.

Summa – x li. vii s.

Foreyn espenses:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paied for divers costes, in drynkeng, obligacions makeng, & oþir necessities for þe lyvelood – xxxi s. ii d.

Summa – xxxi s. ii d.

Summa of alle þ^e discharge of þe said acomptaunt – CCliiii li. vi s. vi d. ob.

So þer is due to þe mercerie – lxxvii li. ii s. xi d. ob. – Wherof

Is paied to John Marchalle, oon of þ^e custoses & rentier, as apereth aftir folio xxiii^o – xxxv li.

Item, paied to John Barby, oon of þ^e custoses & rentier, as apereth folio xxviii^{o689} – xii li. vi s. iiiii d.

Item, in divers dettours as apereth after, folio xxvi^{to} – xix li. xvi s. vii d.

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⁶⁸⁸ In the LH margin beside this entry is the annotation mark of a circle with a cross through it.

⁶⁸⁹ This folio number has been added slightly later in a space left for it.

Eastfield:

Firstly, for repairs carried out at The Three Cups, over and above the materials – £4 5s. 7½d.

Item, in Moor Lane, over and above the materials – 8d.

Total – £4 6s. 3½d.

Item, paid to John Brown of Finsbury for earth, gravel, and sand used on various sites – 6s. 6d. RW f. 20v

Item, paid to Brisbon the plumber for lead and solder used on various sites, over and above the old lead and the exchange of the same – 46s. 8d.

Total – 53s. 2d.

Total of all repairs – £36 3s. 6d.

Fees:

Firstly, he declares money paid to himself for his care and attention to the estates – 20s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rent-collector, for 3 quarters up until Christmas – £5. Item, for the Easter quarter – £3 6s. 8d. – £8 6s. 8d.

Item, for the drawing-up of this account – 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks at the collecting of the rents – 13s. 8d.

Total – £10 7s.

Extrinsic expenses:

Firstly, he declares money paid for various expenses, on drinks, drawing-up bonds obligatory, and other things necessary for the estates – 31s. 2d.

Total – 31s. 2d.

Total of all his disbursements – £253 6s. 6½d.

Therefore there is due to the mercers' mystery – £67 2s. 11½d.

Of which

Has been paid out to John Marchall, one of the wardens and renter-warden, as appears below on folio 23 – £35

Item, paid to John Barby, one of the wardens and renter-warden, as appears on folio 28 – £12 6s. 4d.

Item, various debts as appear below on folio 26 – £19 16s. 7d.

Quit

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f. 189v C'est l'acompte de John Middelton, Thomas Steelle, Richaert Nedam, John Warde, gardeins de la mistere del mercerie en la cité de Loundrez, pur une an entier a le fest del Nativité de Seint John Baptiste l'an du grace Mⁱ CCCCLviii^{te}, et du Roy Herry sizme xxxvi^e.

La charge

En primes, ils sount chargez en argent sek ressu de Hugh Wiche, Thomas Dounton, John Lok, et John Donne, gardeins en l'an darrein passé, pur la rest de lour acompte, come apiert en la pee del mesme en l'auter parte d'icest ff. – CCxi li. vii d.

Summa – *patet*

Entrees d'apprentices:

En primes, ressu de Thomas Edgore, l'apprentis de Richaert Gardener après la nouvelle custome darrein ordeyné – iii li. vi s. viii d.⁶⁹⁰

Item, de Robert Sareheed, l'apprentis de John Ippeng – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, de Thomas Paris, jadis l'apprentis de John Shipton (qe dieu assoile) et a ceste temps ovesque John Warde, son executour. Et pur tant qe le dit Thomas fuiste jurré le temps de John Middelton, John Roo, Richaert Nedam, et Thomas Rikes, gardeins, et ne fuist trové en le livre, come par son nouvelle jurré⁶⁹¹ il ad affermé q'il fuist jurré et [ad] païé son dute, par une courte tenu le xxvi^e jour d'april le l'an xxxvi^e par tout la compagnie il fuist pardonné et pur ceo il paie riens – Nichille⁶⁹²

Summa – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Issues d'apprentices:

En primes, ressu de Thomas Wrangle jadis l'apprentis de Sandir Orable et après ovesque William Groveman –

ii s.

Item, de Robert Nicolle jadis l'apprentis de John Lok –

ii s.

Item, de John Castelle jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Muschamp

et après ovesque John Sturmyn –

ii s.

Item, de John Doget jadis l'apprentis de Phelippe Spire

et après ovesque Richaert Syffe –

ii s.

Item, de Piers Orum jadis l'apprentis de John Sturgeon

et après ovesque Emond Bettes –

ii s.

Item, de Robert Mercer jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Steelle –

ii s.

Item, de John Sandes jadis l'apprentis de Roger Middelmor –

ii s.

f. 190r Item, de John Ippeng jadis l'apprentis de Thomas Gosse

et après ovesque Robert Neville pur son issues et pur

ceo q'il noo servy tout son terme –

xx s.

Item, de John Edward jadis l'apprentis de John Lok –

ii s.

690 There has been a reference in last year's account to Richard Box writing up old and new ordinances of the company, but their contents are not specified, nor have Box's documents survived; here it is apparent that one of the new ordinances must have been to raise the admission fee for apprentices from 20s. to £3 6s. 8d., an exception later made for sons of freemen who continue to pay the old fee of 2s. (see below, f. 192r, and *Acts of Court*, p. 47). This huge increase no doubt explains the very high number of admissions of apprentices paid for last year, as masters rushed to get them in at the still-valid lower rate.

691 The scribe had written 'nouvelle sere', no doubt for the common French word for an oath 'serement', and then has expuncted and scored through the half-word 'sere' and continued on writing 'jurre'.

692 This is written as a 'sum' at the side of this whole paragraph.

This is the account of John Middleton, Thomas Steele, Richard Nedam, John Warde, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London, for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of grace 1458, the regnal year 36 Henry VI.

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Receipts

Firstly, they declare the ready money received from Hugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, John Locke, and John Donne, wardens during the previous year, for the balance of their account, as appears at the foot of the same on the other side of this folio – £211 7d.

Total – as above

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, received from Thomas Edgore, the apprentice of Richard Gardener, according to the new rate recently ordained – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, from Robert Sareheed the apprentice of John Ippyng – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Paris, formerly the apprentice of John Shipton (may God absolve him) and now with John Warde, his executor. And because the said Thomas took his oath during the term of office as wardens of John Middleton, John Roo, Richard Nedam, and Thomas Ryke, and this was not found written in the book, and since by a new oath he has affirmed that he did take his oath and did pay his fee, by a court held on 26 April in the year 36 [Henry VI]⁵²⁴ he was exonerated by the whole company and therefore pays nothing – Nil

Total – £6 13s. 4d.

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, received from Thomas Wrangle formerly the apprentice of

Alexander Orable and afterwards with William Groveman – 2s.

Item, from Robert Nicolle formerly the apprentice of John Locke – 2s.

Item, from John Castelle formerly the apprentice of Thomas Muschamp and afterwards with John Sturmyn – 2s.

Item, from John Docket formerly the apprentice of Philip Spire and afterwards with Richard Syffe – 2s.

Item, from Piers Orum formerly the apprentice of John Sturgeon and afterwards with Edmund Bettes – 2s.

Item, from Robert Mercer formerly the apprentice of Thomas Steele – 2s.

Item, from John Sandes formerly the apprentice of Roger Middlemore – 2s.

Item, from John Ippyng formerly the apprentice of Thomas Gosse and afterwards with Robert Neville, for his issue and because he did not serve out his full terms – 20s. f. 190r

Item, from John Edward formerly the apprentice of John Locke – 2s.

⁵²⁴ No record of this survives in the *Acts of Court*.

Item, de Robert Weston jadis l'aprentis de John Andrewe – ii s.
 Item, de Thomas Porter jadis l'aprentis de John Stokton – ii s.
Summa – xl s.

Entrees of shopholders:

En primez, ressu de William Fyncham – xii d.
 Item, de Roger Coplee – xii d.
 Item, de John Reyner le puisné – xii d.
 Item, de Olyver Coplee – xii d.
Summa – iiiii s.

Mercymentz:

En primez, ressu de Thomas Nyche – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Thomas Brice – viii d.
 Item, de John Riche – xx d.
 Item, de John Goldewelle – xx d.
 Item, de Herry Asshewelle – xx d.
 Item, de Robert Cobholt – xii d.
 Item, de Geffrey Blower – xii d.
 Item, de John Alburgh – xii d.
 Item, de William Groveman – vi d.
 Item, de John Marchalle – xii d.
 Item, de Richaert Hulle – x d.
 Item, de Thomas Lonmore – viii d.
 Item, de William Bancroft – viii d.
 Item, de Emond Bettes – iiiii d.
 Item, de William Pikeryng – xii d.
 Item, de John Lambart – v s.
 Item, de John Colet – viii d.
 Item, de Robert Twigge – viii d.
 Item, de Robert Barle – viii d.
Summa – xxvii s. iiiii d.

Fynes d'eux qe sount licensez de par lez courtz:

En primez, ressu de Roger Middelmores – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de John Burton – vi s. viii d.
 Item, de Nicholas Drayton – xx d.
Summa – xv s.

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Bequestes:

En primes, ressu de Thomas Bataile (qe dieu assoile) par John Sturgeon⁶⁹³ – v li.
Summa – patet

Summa totalis de lour charge – CCxxvii li. iii d.

⁶⁹³ John Sturgeon and John Boton were the executors of Thomas Bataille's will dated 11 April 1455 and proved on 12 May 1456. See PCC VI Stokton, ff. 44v–45r.

Item, from Robert Weston formerly the apprentice of John Andrew – 2s.
 Item, from Thomas Porter formerly the apprentice of John Stockton – 2s.
 Total – 40s.

Admission of shopholders:

Firstly, received from William Fyncham – 12d.
 Item, from Roger Copley – 12d.
 Item, from John Reyner the younger – 12d.
 Item, from Oliver Copley – 12d.
 Total – 4s.

Fines:

Firstly, received from Thomas Nyche – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Thomas Brice – 8d.
 Item, from John Riche – 20d.
 Item, from John Goldewelle – 20d.
 Item, from Harry Ashwell – 20d.
 Item, from Robert Cobholt – 12d.
 Item, from Geoffrey Blower – 12d.
 Item, from John Alburgh – 12d.
 Item, from William Groveman – 6d.
 Item, from John Marchall – 12d.
 Item, from Richard Hille – 10d.
 Item, from Thomas Lonmore – 8d.
 Item, from William Bancroft – 8d.
 Item, from Edmund Bettes – 4d.
 Item, from William Pickering – 12d.
 Item, from John Lambard – 5s.
 Item, from John Colet – 8d.
 Item, from Robert Twigge – 8d.
 Item, from Robert Barley – 8d.
 Total – 27s. 4d.

Fees from those with permission not to attend courts:

Firstly, received from Roger Middlemore – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from John Burton – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Nicholas Drayton – 20d.
 Total – 15s.

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Firstly, received from Thomas Bataille (may God absolve him) via John Sturgeon
 – £5
 Total – as above

Sum total of their receipts – £227 3d.

La discharge dez ditz gardeins

En primes, païé pur paper *et inke* – viii d.

Item, pur une barge en groos vers Westmynster *et arere pur le ternement del Roy, lez presentacions dez viscountz et Geoffrey Boleyn, Maier* – xxx s. Item, doné a lez bargemen pur boier – vii d. – *totalis* – xxx s. vii d.

Item, païé a le chantour de Saint Thomas d'Acres pur lez dirige *et messe de requiem pur lez almes del mercerie passez a Dieu* – x s.

Item, pur v elles iii quarters toile Champaigne pur awter clothes a x d., *summa* – iiiii s. ix d. ob.

Item, pur iiiii sedules de mattes *et i petit*⁶⁹⁴ matte pur le chapelle – xi d.

Item, pur xxvi tapers de cere poisant xiii lb., a vii d., *summa* – vii s. vii d. Item, ii rolles cere poisant ii lb., *pris* – xvi d., *totalis* – viii s. xi d.

Item, pur laver dez ornamentz del chapelle par tout l'an – xx d.

Item, pur iiiii garlondes pur l'aleccion dez nouvelles gardeins – viii d.

Item, pur le fesure d'icest acompte *et escrire en cest livre* – vi s. viii d.

Summa – iii li. iiiii s. x d. ob.

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Foreyn espenses:

En primez, païé pur xii verges *et di. morrey pur chaperons pur xvi trompettes et Thomas ovesque le trompe, quant Geoffrey Boleyn fuist présenté a Westmynster pur estre Maier, la verge* ii s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxix s. ii d.

Item, pur xvii rolles pur mesmez lez chaperons – v s. viii d.

Item, pur le fesure d'eux – v s. viii d. Item, pur seweng of þe frenge pur viii baners nouvelles – xvi d., *summa* – vii s.

Item, a lez ditz xvi trompettes pur lour labour – v li. vi s. viii d. Item, in boier par la voie a Westmynster *et arere* – iiiii s. Item, pur ernest – iiiii d., *totalis* – v li. xi s.

Item, pur iii verges tarteryn rouge fyn pur faire viii baners pur trompettes – vii s.

Item, pur steyneng de lez viii baners – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, pur vi unces *et ii peny weight frenge riban et ronde laces de soy pur lez ditz baners* a xiiii d., *summa* – vii s.

Item, pur poynteng de xxiiii laces pur baners – ii d.

Item, deliveré a Thomas Lonmore, John Broun, Roger Hyde, *et Herry Colet pur distrubuer entour lez bachelers queles chivacheront ovesque Geoffrey Feldyng quant il fuist Maier*,⁶⁹⁵ pur ceo qe la *summa* de vi li. fuist coilé le mesme temps de eles, lez queles ne chivacheront, *et fuist mys en la conte dez ditz Geoffrey et sez companyes donques gardeins, et fuist allowé arere en une courte tient le xv^e jour d'ottobre l'an 36.*⁶⁹⁶ – vi li.

694 The MS uses the abbreviation sign usually for -er = peter, but it has seemed probable that the above is meant, unless there was some special type of mat called a peter-mat, but I have not been able to find such.

695 Geoffrey Feldyng was Mayor in 1452–53, and the details of the £6 are on f. 176v above.

696 One may note this use of Arabic numerals, here and below.

The disbursements of the said wardens

Firstly, paid for paper and ink – 8d.

Item, for a barge, in all for the journeys to Westminster and back for the King's obit, for the presentations of the sheriffs and of Geoffrey Boleyn, Mayor – 30s.

Item, given to the bargemen for drinks – 7d. – Total – 30s. 7d.

Item, paid to the precentor of St Thomas of Acon for the Office of the Dead and the requiem mass for the souls of all those of the mercers' mistery who have passed over – 10s.

Item, for 5¾ ells of Champagne linen for altar cloths, at 10d. [per ell], total – 4s. 9½d.

Item, for 4 mat stools⁵²⁵ and one little mat for the chapel – 11d.

Item, for 26 wax tapers weighing 13 lb., at 7 d. [per lb.], total – 7s. 7d. Item, 2 rowels of wax weighing 2 lb., costing 16d. – total – 8s. 11d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements, for the whole year – 20d.

Item, for 4 garlands for the election of the new wardens – 8d.

Item, for the drawing-up of this account and writing it into this book – 6s. 8d.

Total – £3 4s. 10½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, paid for 12½ yards murrey cloth⁵²⁶ for hoods for 16 trumpeters and for Thomas with the big trumpet, on the occasion of Geoffrey Boleyn's presentation at Westminster as Mayor, at 2s. 4d. per yard, total – 29s. 2d.

Item, for 17 circlets for the same hoods – 5s. 8d.

Item, for the making of them – 5s. 8d. Item, for sewing the fringe for 7 new banners – 16d. – total – 7s.

Item, to the said 16 trumpeters for their labours – £5 6s. 8d. Item, for drinks along the way to Westminster and back – 4s. Item, as earnest-pence – 4d. total – £5 11s.

Item, for 3 yards of fine red tartarin to make 8 banners for the trumpeters – 7s.

Item, for the staining of the 8 banners⁵²⁷ – 26s. 8d.

Item, for 6 oz. 2 dwt. of fringe, ribbon, and round silk laces for the said banners, at 14d. [per oz.], total – 7s.

Item, for the 'pointing' of 24 laces⁵²⁸ for the banners – 2d.

Item, handed over to Thomas Lonmore, John Brown, Roger Hyde, and Harry Colet, to be distributed amongst the bachelors⁵²⁹ who rode in procession with Geoffrey Fielding when he was Mayor, because the sum of £6 was collected at that time from those who did not ride in the procession, and it was put into the account of the said Geoffrey and his fellow-wardens, and it was authorised at a court held on 15 October in the year 36 [Henry VI] – £6

525 'Sedules de mattes' is unclear: the word 'sedule' is commonly found as a form of the modern 'schedule', meaning a ticket, label or small document of some kind; thus here it might mean that they are paying out on four bills for mats. However, the Latin word 'sedula' can mean a stool or seat and it has seemed possible in context that these were hassocks.

526 Cloth of the colour of mulberries, purplish-red, obtained from the murex dye.

527 It would seem very likely that what was 'stained' or painted on was a representation of the Mercers' maiden.

528 i.e. making 'points' (tags) for them. See also above, f. 161r.

529 This appellation here is to be noted, and apart from its use as a term for the 'bachelors' or 'yeomen' of a mistery, one notes that it is they who are accompanying the Mayor, a practice which became standard. See above, p. 129, note 48.

Item, pur vyne espendu sur divers persones pur l'examynacion d'une riot purposé in Lombardstrete par lez juvenes gentz del mercery et autres.⁶⁹⁷ – xiii d

Item, a Richaert Riche pur argent due a luy par longe temps passé pur la rest del freight del Margrete, et fuist graunté a luy en une courte tient le x^e jour de janever l'an 36. – vi li. xiii s. vi d.⁶⁹⁸

Item, a une currouer pur porter d'une copie d'une composicion faite par la vile d'Andewerp par William Ovraie – xvi d.

Item, a Maister Gerveis pur fesure d'une lettre a la vile de Bruges pur une variance parentre lez englois merchauntz et divers englois merchauntz del Staple de Calais – vi s. viii d.

Item, a Maister Roger pur fesure d'une lettre a lez constablez et compagnie del dit Staple pur mesme mater – iii s. iii d.

Item, a Guy Fairefax pur diviser une lettre a William Ovray pur mesme cause – iii s. iii d.

Item, pur une dyner faite a lez Maires de Loundres, Staples dez Calais et Westmynster et lez gardeins del mercerie et autres notables hommes del Staples suisdit pur mesme la cause – xxxiii s. iii d.

Item, a Power pur son fee pur le sealeng d'une lettre de par le Maier directe a mon seigneur Counte de Warewik – ii s., et a le clerk de Maister Roger pur escrire del mesme – xii d., totalis – iii s.

Item, a Maister Roger suisdit pur soun fee – Nichill

Item, a Maister Thomas Kent pur conceyver divers lettres et escrire dez mesmes pur mesme la matier – Nichil

Item, pur la mendement de la sere a le chapelle dore – v d.

Item, pur l'escrire dez divers lettres envoiez outre le meer et autres copies d'une patent graunté a le Staple de Calais et testamentz pur le Cony de Cornehille – iii s. iii d.

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Item, païé a Ratheby pur la copie d'une patente nouvelle graunté a la compaignie del Staple de Calais – iii s. iii d.

Item, a le clerk de Maister Thomas Kent pur l'escript dez divers lettres, come apiert devant – iii s. iii d.

Summa – xxv li. x s. viii d.

Summa totalis de lour discharge – xxviii li. xv s. vi d. ob.

Ensy rest due a la mercerie – Ciiii^{xx} xviii li. iii s. viii d. ob.

⁶⁹⁷ There was a serious anti-Lombard riot on 9 June 1457; see *CLB*, 'K', pp. 385–90. The mercers involved who are mentioned by name are Thomas Thurston and Thomas Graunte, servants of Ralph March, these two being named as the 'chief & principall moevers'. Also named are Robert Taillour, servant of Robert Gregory, Thomas Bek, servant of Ralph March, Edward Skelton, servant of John Marchall, John Box, servant of William Growman, Thomas Rouley, servant of John Rouley, and Richard Mapy, servant of William Denton.

⁶⁹⁸ See the *Acts of Court*, p. 46, and see above, f. 171r.

Item, for wine disbursed for various persons at the investigation of an intended riot in Lombard Street by the yeomen of the mercers' mistery and others – 13d.

Item, to Richard Riche for money due to him from a long time ago for the balance from the 'freight'⁵³⁰ of the Margaret, and it was granted to him at a court held on 10 January 36 [Henry VI] – £6 14s. 6d.

Item, to a runner for carrying a copy of an agreement made by the town of Antwerp and by William Ovray⁵³¹ – 16d.

Item, to Master Gerveys for drawing-up a letter to the town of Bruges over a discrepancy⁵³² between the English merchants and various other English merchants of the Calais Staple – 6s. 8d.

Item, to Master Roger for drawing-up a letter to the Constable and the Company of the said Staple over the same matter – 3s. 4d.

Item, to Guy Fairfax for drafting a letter to William Ovray over the same matter – 3s. 4d.

Item, for a dinner put on for the Mayors of London and of the Staples of Calais and Westminster, and the mercers' wardens and various other important men of the aforesaid Staples, over the same matter – 33s. 4d.

Item, to Power for his fee for the sealing of a letter from the Mayor to my lord the Earl of Warwick⁵³³ – 2s. and to Master Roger's clerk for writing out the same – 12d., total – 3s.

Item, to the aforesaid Master Roger for his fee – nil

Item, to Master Thomas Kent⁵³⁴ for drafting various letters and writing the same, over the same matter – nil

Item, for the repair of the lock on the chapel door – 5d.

Item, for the writing of various letters sent overseas and other copies of letters patent granted to the Calais Staple and of wills for the Cony⁵³⁵ on Cornhill – 3s. 4d.

Item, paid to Ratheby for the copy of new letters patent granted to the company of the Calais Staple – 3s. 4d. f. 191v

Item, to Master Thomas Kent's clerk for writing various letters, as appears above – 3s. 4d.

Total – £25 10s. 8d.

Sum total of their disbursements – £28 15s. 6½d.

Therefore there remains due to the mercers' mistery – £198 4s. 8½d.

530 This must most probably be in the sense of 'Hire of a vessel for the transport of goods; the service of transporting goods ... the sum of money paid for this' (*OED*), although it might mean the cargo, the goods carried.

531 He was a Fishmonger, and governor of the Merchant Adventurers from 1456 to 1458.

532 The word used is 'variance' which can mean either 'disagreement', 'contention' or else a 'discrepancy', 'discrimination'. On this matter see Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 258.

533 Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, 'the Kingmaker'.

534 He became secondary in the office of the Privy Seal: see *CPR 1461–67*, pp. 126, 520.

535 This brewhouse is probably the one mentioned in *CPMR 1458–82*, p. 27.

Faite par lez auditours $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hugh Wiche} \\ \text{Thomas Dounton} \\ \text{John Lok et} \\ \text{John Donne} \end{array} \right\}$ darrein gardeins

Deliveré a Rauff Verney, John Burton, John Stokton, *et* John Marchalle, gardeins pur l'an ensuant, come apiert en le *proschein* ff. – Ciiii^{xx} xviii li. iiii s. viii d.

Ensy quyte

Item, deliveré a eux une obligacion de William Pikeryng de – v li.

Item, une obligacion de John Symond *et* sa femme de – v li.

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Thacompte of John Warde, oon of þe custoses of þe mercerie & rentier of þe lyvelood of þe same, for an hole yeer at the fest of Ester þe yeer of oure Lord xiiii^c lviiiⁱⁱ & of Kyng Herry þe sixte xxxviⁱⁱ:

The charge of þe said acomptaunt

Of þe mercerie:

First, the said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þe lyvelood purchased by þe mercery – xlvi li. xiiii s.

Of Whitengton:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þe lyvelood goven by Whitengton, ovir þe decrees as aperith tofore in þe last acompte, folio xx^o – CCxxxvii li. iii s.

Of Estfeld:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þe lyvelood goven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght – xviii li. viii s.

Of Abbot:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þe lyvelood goven by John Abbot – xii li. xx d.

Item, of rentes of assise goyng oute of divers *tenementes* in London, ovir xi s. viii d. unpaied as apereth tofore, folio xi^o – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa of alle þe charge of þe said acomptaunt – CCCxix li. xii s. x d.

The discharge of þe said acomptaunt

Of þe mercerie:

First, þe *forsaid* acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for quyte rente goyng oute of divers *tenementes* of þe mercerie for þe said yeer – iiii li. x s. iiii d.

Approved by the auditors $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hugh Wyche} \\ \text{Thomas Downton} \\ \text{John Locke and} \\ \text{John Donne} \end{array} \right\}$ previous wardens

Handed over to Ralph Verney, John Burton, John Stockton, and John Marchall, wardens for the following year, as appears on the next folio – £198 4s. 8d.

Thus quit

Item, handed over to them, one bond obligatory from William Pickering in the sum of – £5

Item, one bond obligatory from John Symond and his wife in the sum of – £5

The account of John Warde, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter warden of their estates, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1458, the regnal year 36 Henry VI. 1457–58
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His Receipts

From the mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money received from the properties purchased by the mercers' mistery – £46 14s.

From Whittington:

Item, money received from the estate given by Whittington, excluding the rent-reductions as appear above in the previous account on f. 20 – £237 3s.

From Eastfield:

Item, money received from the estate given by Sir William Eastfield, knight – £18 8s.

From Abbot:

Item, money received from the estate given by John Abbot – £12 20d.

Item, rents of assise from various tenements in London, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid, as appears above on f. 11 – £5 6s. 2d.

Total of all his receipts – £319 12s. 10d.

His Disbursements

The mistery's own properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents on various tenements of the mercers' mistery for the said year – £4 10s. 4d.

Prestes:

Item, for mony paiēd to ii^e prestes syngeng at S. Thomas for i yeer at Midsomer anno xxxvi^{to} – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for þeir lyvrey þe same yeer – xxvi s. viii d.

Almus men:

Item, to William Olyver for i yeer at Midsomer aforsaid – iii li. xviii s. Item, to William Irewillyam in lyke wise – iii li. xviii s. Item, to Thomas Cokkes in lyke wise – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Langle in lyke wise – iii li. viii d. Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, in lyke wise – iii li. xviii s. Item, to þ^e said Richaert for his lyvrey – xiii s. iiii d.

– xviii li. viii s. viii d.

Summa – xxxvii li. xii s. iiii d.

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Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paiēd for quyte rentes goyng owte of divers tenementes by þ^e said Richaert Whitengton goven – v li. v d. ob.

Prestes:

Item, of mony paiēd to Maister Thomas Ebralle, maister of þ^e Colage, & his brederen for a yeer at þe said Midsomer – lxiii li.

Almus peple:

Item, of mony paiēd to John Lyncolne, tutour, & xii opir pore folkes of þe said Colage, fro þe xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle⁶⁹⁹ anno xxxv^{to} unto þ^e xxix^{ti} daie of Juylle anno xxxvi^{to}, by liii^{ti} wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiii d. – xxxix li. xvii s. iiii d.

þobite:

Item, for þobite of þ^e said Richaert holde þe xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle – xxxviii s. ix d.⁷⁰⁰

Conservatours:

Item, for mony paiēd to John Midelton, Thomas Steelle, Richaert Nedam, & þ^e said acomptaunt, custoses & conservatours of þ^e same – iiii li.

Summa – Cxiii li. xvi s. vi d. ob.

Of Estfeld:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paiēd for quyte rente goyng oute of þ^e Thre Coupes for socage – iiii d.

Preste:

Item, to Sir John Leget syngeng in Aldirmanbery chirche for þ^e soule of Sir William Estfeld, knyght, for i yeer at þ^e said Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

⁶⁹⁹ This date has been written over an erasure.

⁷⁰⁰ This entry and the next have been marked in the RH margin by the circle with a cross through it.

Priests:

Item, money paid to 2 priests singing [mass] at St Thomas of Acon for 1 year at Midsummer 36 [Henry VI] – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, for their livery for the same year – 26s. 8d.

Almsmen:

Item, to William Olyver for 1 year at Midsummer aforesaid – £3 18s. Item, to William Irwilliam similarly – £3 18s. Item, to Thomas Cokke similarly – £3 8d.

Item, to John Langley similarly – £3 8d. Item, to Richard Box, beadle, similarly – £3 18s. Item, to the said Richard for his livery – 13s. 4d.

– £18 8s. 8d.

Total – £37 12s. 4d.

Whittington:

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Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents on various tenements given by the said Richard Whittington – £5 5½d.

Priests:

Item, money paid to master Thomas Ebralle, master of the College, and his brethren, for a year at the said Midsummer – £63

Alms-folk:

Item, money paid to John Lincoln, Tutor, and 12 other poor-folk of the said College, from 30 July 35 [Henry VI] [1457] until 29 July 36 [Henry VI] [1458], 52 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week – £39 17s. 4d.

The obit:

Item, for the said Richard's obit held on 30 July – 38s. 9d.

Custodians:

Item, money paid to John Middleton, Thomas Steele, Richard Nedam, and [John Warde], wardens and custodians of the same – £4

Total – £113 16s. 6½d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rent on the The Three Cups, for socage – 4d.

Priest:

Item to Sir John Leget singing [mass] in Aldermanbury Church for the soul of Sir William Eastfield, knight, for 1 year, at the said Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.

pobites:

Item, for pobite of Sir William Kynwolmershe holde at S. Martyns þ^e Graunte þ^e xv^e daie of December – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for pobite of þ^e said Estfeld holde þe ix^e daie of Maii – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þ^e forsaid iiii^e custoses of þ^e mercerie for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, to þ^e bedille of þe same for his labour – xx d.

Item, to þ^e chaundeler for xiiii tapers wex chaunged quarterly – xvi s. viii d.

Summa – ix li. xii s.

Of Abbot:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paied for a preste syngeng at Fernyngo in Bukynghamshire for þ^e soule of John Abbot, for a yeer at þe said Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, for pobite of þ^e said John holde at S. Laurence Jury the last day of Feverer – vi s. viii d.

Summa – vii li.

Vacacions:

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of i tenement at þ^e Crowne – v li.

Item, of ii tenementes at S. Martyn Otewiche – x li. viii s.

Summa – xv li. viii s.

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Of Whitengton:

First, of vii^e tenementes at Baynardes Castelle – vii li. xiii s.

Item, of v tenementes in S. Laurence Jury – iii li. xvi s. vi d.

Item, of ii tenementes in Bassingeshawe – iii li.

Item, of v tenementes in Colmanstrete – xxxi s. viii d.

Item, of i gardeyn withoute Bisshopgate – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, of v tenementes at Tourehille – xxxix s. ii d.

Item, of iii tenementes at þe Rialle – xxxix s. ii d.

Item, of xiii tenementes in Budge Rowe – iiii li. xiiii s. viii d.

Summa – xxvi li. x d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, of i gardeyn in Morelane – iiii s.

Summa – iiii s.

Summa of alle þ^e vacacions – xli li. xii s. x d.

The obits:

Item, for the obit of Sir William Kynwolmersh held at St Martin le Grand on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Item, for the said Eastfield's obit held on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the aforesaid 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle of the same for his work – 20d.

Item, to the Chandler for 14 wax tapers changed quarterly – 16s. 8d.

Total – £9 12s.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid for a priest singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire] for the soul of John Abbot, for a year, at the said Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for the said John's obit held at St Lawrence Jewry on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7

Vacancies:

The mistery's own properties:

Firstly, he declares [a vacancy] in one tenement at the Crown – £5

Item, 2 tenements in St Martin Outwich – £10 8s.

Total – £15 8s.

Whittington:

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Firstly, 7 tenements in Baynard's Castle – £7 13s.

Item, 5 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – £3 16s. 6d.

Item, 2 tenements in Bassishaw – £3

Item, 5 tenements in Coleman Street – 31s. 8d.

Item, 1 garden in Bishopsgate Without – 26s. 8d.

Item, 5 tenements in Tower Hill – 39s. 2d.

Item, 3 tenements in the Royal – 39s. 2d.

Item, 13 tenements in Budge Row – £4 14s. 8d.

Total – £26 10d.

Eastfield:

Item, 1 garden in Moor Lane – 4s.

Total – 4s.

Total of all vacancies – £41 12s. 10d.

Stuff:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for mony paid for stuff boght, as for stone, tyle, saweng, nailes, & oþir þinges – xvi li. ii s. ii d. ob.

Summa – xvi li. ii s. ii d. ob.

Reparacions:

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for reparacion doon at þ^e Crowne, ovir þe stuff – xx s.

Item, at S. Martyn Otewiche, ovir þ^e stuff – lv s. viii d. ob.

Summa – iii li. xv s. viii d. ob.⁷⁰¹

Of Whitengton:

Item, for reparacion doon at Baynardes Castelle, ovir þ^e stuff – xvi s. v d. ob.

Item, for reparacion doon in S. Laurence Jury, ovir þ^e stuff – v li. vii s. ix d. ob.

Item, for reparacion doon in Bassingeshawe, ovir þe stuff – xlviii s. xi d.

Item, for reparacion doon in Colmanstrete, ovir þ^e stuff – iii li. xix s.

Item, for reparacion doon in S. Bartilmeus þe lytelle, ovir þ^e stuff – iii li. xi d.

Item, for reparacion doon withoute Bisshopgate – xxi d.

Item, for reparacion doon at þ^e Tourehille, ovir þe stuff – xxvi s.

Item, for reparacion doon at S. Donstons in pest, ovir þe stuff – iii s. x d.

Item, for reparacion doon in Estchepe, ovir þe stuff – iii li. vi s. ix d.

Item, for reparacion doon in S. Laurence Pounteney, ovir þ^e stuff – xxx s. xi d.

Item, for reparacion doon in þ^e Ryalle, ovir þ^e stuff – vii s. vi d.

Item, for reparacion doon in Budge Rowe, ovir þe stuff – xvi s. vi d.

Summa – xxv li. xi s. iii d.

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Of Estfeld:

Item, for reparacion doon at þe Thre Coupes in Brede Strete, ovir þ^e stuff – xxxvi s. x d.

Summa – xxxvi s. x d.

Item, for mony paid to Brisbon, plomer, for chaungeng of leed & for newe leed & soudere spent in divers soiles – lix s. vii d.

Summa – lix s. vii d.

Summa of alle þe reparacions – xxxiiii li. iii s. v d. ob.

⁷⁰¹ Unusually, there are several corrected errors for these sums for mercery repairs. These might indicate careless copying, but since this scribe is normally so punctilious it may be that there was confusion in the draft he was given to copy from.

Materials:

Firstly, he declares money paid for materials bought, such as stone, tiles, sawdust,⁵³⁶ nails, and other things – £16 2s. 2½d.

Total – £16 2s. 2½d.

Repairs:

The mistery's own properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs done at the Crown, over and above the materials – 20s.

Item, in St Martin Outwich, over and above the materials – 55s. 8½d.

Total – £3 15s. 8½d.

Whittington:

Item, for repairs done at Baynard's Castle, over and above the materials – 16s. 5½d.

Item, for repairs done in St Lawrence Jewry, over and above the materials – £5 7s. 9½d.

Item, for repairs done in Bassishaw, over and above the materials – 48s. 11d.

Item, for repairs done in Coleman Street, over and above the materials – £3 19s.

Item, for repairs done in St Bartholomew the Less, over and above the materials – £3 11d.

Item, for repairs done in Bishopsgate Without – 21d.

Item, for repairs done in Tower Hill, over and above the materials – 26s.

Item, for repairs done in St Dunstan in the East, over and above the materials – 3s. 10d.

Item, for repairs done in East Cheap, over and above the materials – £4 6s. 9d.

Item, for repairs done in St Laurence Pountney, over and above the materials – 30s. 11d.

Item, for repairs done in the Royal, over and above the materials – 7s. 6d.

Item, for repairs done in Budge Row, over and above the materials – 16s. 6d.

Total – £25 11s. 4d.

Eastfield:

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Item, for repairs done at The Three Cups in Bread Street, over and above the materials – 36s. 10d.

Total – 36s. 10d.

Item, for money paid to Brisbon, plumber, for the exchange of lead and for new lead and solder used on various sites – 59s. 7d.

Total – 59s. 7d.

Total of all repairs – £34 3s. 5½d.

⁵³⁶ The word used is 'saweng' which had the now obsolete meaning of 'sawdust', as well as that of the action of sawing, which may be the meaning here, cf. the entry on f. 30r below.

Fees:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid to
 þe said *acomptaunt* for his attendaunce upon þe lyvelood – xx s.
 Item, to Robert Langford for to be of counselle for þe lyvelood – xx s.
 Item, to John Blesby, rente gaderer, for þe yeer – x li.
 Item, for potacion to þe tenautes at divers tymes – xvi s. ii d.
 Item, for makeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.
Summa – xiii li. ii s. x d.

Foreyn expenses:

Item, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for mony paid for divers expenses
 made þe recovere of quyte rentes & opir þinges, & for þe Greyhond – v li. xviii s.
 vii d. ob.
 Item, for cariage of robous, tymbir, & opir þinges in divers soiles – xiii s. vii d. ob.
Summa – vi li. xii s. iii d.

Summa of alle þe discharge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* –
 CClxxix li. xiiii s. v d. ob.

So þer is due to þ^e *mercerie* – xxxix li. xviii s. iiiii d. ob. – Wherof

Is paid to John Barby, oon of þ^e *custoses* & *rentier*, as apereth aftir, folio xxviii^o
 – xxi s.
 Item, in divers dettours as apereth aftir, folio xxvi^o – xxxviii li. xvii s. iiiii d.

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This is thacompte of Rauff Verney, aldirman, John Burton, John Stokton, & John
 Marchalle, *merciers* & *custoses* of þ^e same, for an hole yeer at þ^e fest of Midsomer
 the yeer of Kyng Herry þe Sixte xxxvii^u

The charge

Argent sek:⁷⁰²

First, the said *acomptantz* charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Middelton,
 Thomas Steelle, *Richaert* Nedam, & John Warde, late *custoses* for þ^e yeer passed,
 for þarest of þeir acompte, as apereth in þ^e foot of þe same in þ^e next leef tofore
 – Ciiii^{xx} xviii li. iiiii s. viii d.
Summa – *patet*

⁷⁰² Although the scribe has clearly taken a decision (or had it taken for him) to write the accounts from now
 on in English, habit dies hard and one notes here his use of a French sub-heading.

Fees:

Firstly, he declares money paid to himself for his care and
 attention to the estates – 20s.
 Item, to Robert Langford to be our legal advisor for the estates – 20s.
 Item, to John Bleseby, rent-collector, for the year – £10
 Item, for drinks for the tenants at various times – 16s. 2d.
 Item, for the drawing-up of this account – 6s. 8d.
 Total – £13 2s. 10d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Item, he declares money paid for various costs incurred on the collection of quit-rents and other things, and for the Greyhound⁵³⁷ – £5 18s. 7½d.
 Item, for carriage of rubbish, timber, and other things at various sites – 13s. 7½d.
 Total – £6 12s. 3d.

Total of all his disbursements – £279 14s. 5½d.

Therefore there is due to the mercers' mistery – £39 18s. 4½d.
 Of which

Has been paid to John Barby one of the wardens and renter-warden, as appears below on folio 28 – 21s.

Item, various debts as appear below on folio 26 – £38 17s. 4d.

Quit

This is the account of Ralph Verney, alderman, John Burton, John Stockton, and John Marchall, mercers and wardens of the same, for a whole year up to the feast of Midsummer 37 Henry VI [24 June 1459].

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Receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Middleton, Thomas Steele, Richard Nedam, and John Warde, former wardens for the previous year, for the balance of their account, as appears at the foot of the same on the previous folio – £198 4s. 8d.
 Total – as above

⁵³⁷ This was in East Cheap, was part of the Whittington estate, and there are several other references to it, see Index.

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þ ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony <i>resseyved</i> for þentre of John Gaywode, þaprentis of Geffrey Blower –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Donnilton þaprentis of Richaert Gardener –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of þ ^e said Richaert for þat he rolled þ ^e said aprentis at þ ^e Yilde Halle or he were entred here at Seint Thomas, for a fyne –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Hugate & John Westwoed	} þaprentices of } Thomas Bryce – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, of Richaert Miller þaprentis of Rauff Kempe –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Gunter þaprentis of John Shelley –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Saunderson þaprentis of Herry Bompsted –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Cotyngham þaprentis of Rauff Verney –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Pykeng, late þ ^e sone of John Pykeng, mercier, þaprentis of the said Rauff, aftir þordenance ⁷⁰³ –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Vawee þaprentis of Thomas Nyche – Summa – xxx li. viii s. viii d.	iii li. vi s. viii d.

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Issues of apprentices:

First, þe said acomptantz chargen þem of mony <i>resseyved</i> of Thomas Byron, late þaprentis of John Camvyle –	ii s.
Item, of William Cobham late þaprentis of Thomas Fyler –	ii s.
Item, of Nicholas Waldiff late þaprentis of Robert Baroun & aftir with Thomas Sawston –	ii s.
Item, of John Pevir late þaprentis of John Sturgeon & aftir with Richaert Syff –	ii s.
Item, of Robert Broun late þaprentis of Thomas Rykes –	ii s.
Item, of Robert Arnewey late þaprentis of John Stokton –	ii s.
Item, of John Pynder late þaprentis of John Asshe þ ^e yonger & aftir with Phelippe Howelle –	ii s.
Item, of Steven Freman late þaprentis of Robert Barle –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Baxster late þaprentis of William Stevens –	ii s.
Item, of John Wendy late þaprentis of Robert Skreynggham –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Judde late þaprentis of Thomas Pery –	ii s.
Item, of William Burton late þaprentis of John Burton –	ii s.
Item, of Emond Joes late þaprentis of Geffrey Boleyn –	ii s.
Item, of William Shore late þaprentis of John Reynken –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Fabyan late þaprentis of John Adam & aftir with John Baker –	ii s.
Summa – xxx s.	

703 This ordinance of 19 September 1458 is preserved in the *Acts of Court*, see p. 47.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received for the admission of	
John Gaywode, the apprentice of Geoffrey Blower –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Donnilton the apprentice of Richard Gardener –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from the said Richard because he enrolled the said apprentice at the Guildhall before he was admitted here at St Thomas's, for a fine –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hugate and } the apprentices of	£6 13s. 4d.
John Westwood } Thomas Brice –	
Item, from Richard Miller the apprentice of Ralph Kemp –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Gunter the apprentice of John Shelley –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from William Saunderson the apprentice of Harry Bumpstead –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from John Cotyngham the apprentice of Ralph Verney –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickering, son of the late John Pickering, ⁵³⁸ mercer, the apprentice of Ralph [Verney], according to the ordinance –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Vawee the apprentice of Thomas Nyche –	£3 6s. 8d.
Total –	£30 8s. 8d.

Issues of apprentices:

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Firstly, they declare money received from Thomas Byron, formerly the apprentice of John Camvyle –	2s.
Item, from William Cobham formerly the apprentice of Thomas Fyler –	2s.
Item, from Nicholas Waldiff formerly the apprentice of Robert Baron and afterwards with Thomas Sawston –	2s.
Item, from John Pevir formerly the apprentice of John Sturgeon and afterwards with Richard Syff –	2s.
Item, from Robert Brown formerly the apprentice of Thomas Ryke –	2s.
Item, from Robert Arneway formerly the apprentice of John Stockton –	2s.
Item, from John Pynder formerly the apprentice of John Asshe the younger and afterwards with Philip Howelle –	2s.
Item, from Stephen Freman formerly the apprentice of Robert Barley –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Baxster formerly the apprentice of William Stephens –	2s.
Item, from John Wendy formerly the apprentice of Robert Scrayingham –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Judde formerly the apprentice of Thomas Pery –	2s.
Item, from William Burton formerly the apprentice of John Burton –	2s.
Item, from Edmund Joosse formerly the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	2s.
Item, from William Shore formerly the apprentice of John Rankyn –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Fabyan formerly the apprentice of John Adam and afterwards with John Baker –	2s.
Total –	30s.

⁵³⁸ The text in fact says 'the late son of ...'.

Shopholders:

First, þ^e said *acomptantz* chargeth þem of mony *resseyved* of John Fairehed – xii d.

Summa – xii d.

Fremen admytted:

First, þ^e said *acomptantz* charge þem of mony *resseyved* of William Lacon, sergeant of lawe – v li.

Item, of Maister Thomas Kent, doctor of lawe & clerke of þ^e kynges counselle, for his goode frendship – Nichille

Summa – v li.

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Entrees in to þ^e lyvrey þ^e first yeer:

First, þe said *acomptantz* charge þem *with* mony *resseyved*

of John Neve – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Pikereng – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Purdance – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Emond Bettes – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Hylle – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Skidmore – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Shelley – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Broun – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Lonmore – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Phelippe Amersham – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Herry Bompsted – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Barby – vi s. viii d.

Summa – iiiii li.

Geyne of þ^e lyvrey:

First, þ^e said *acomptantz* charge þem *with* mony *resseyved* of þ^e forsaid xii persones for þe geyne of here gownes & hodis, that is to saie of Thomas Shelley for as moche as he had a gowne cloth of þ^e same – vi s. viii d. Of John Neve for he had an hooide new of þe same – xx d. Item, in geyne of þ^e cloth ovir þe said *sommes* – iiiii li. xii s. iiiii d. – *totalis* – v li. viii d.

Summa – v li. viii d.

Mercymentes:

First, þ^e said *acomptantz* chargen þem *with* mony *resseyved*

of Herry Asshewelle – vi d.

Item, of John Colet – iiiii d.

Item, of Rauff Marche – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Fyler – ii s.

Item, of Thomas Brice – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Robert Twigge – xxii d.

Item, of Thomas Belyetir – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Richaert Hulle – ii s.

Item, of Thomas Lee – iiiii d.

Shopholders:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Fairehed – 12d.

Total – 12d.

Freemen admitted:

Firstly, they declare money received from William Lacon,⁵³⁹ sergeant-at-law – £5

Item, from Master Thomas Kent, doctor of law and clerk of the King's Council, for his good friendship – nil

Total – £5

Admission to the livery, the first year:

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Firstly, they declare money received

from John Neve –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickering –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Purdaunce –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Edmund Bettes –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Skidmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Shelley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Brown –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Lonmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Philip Amersham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Bumpstead –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4	

Profit on the livery:

Firstly, they declare money received from the aforesaid 12 persons for the extra for their gowns and hoods, i.e. from Thomas Shelley in that he had a gown of the same cloth – 6s. 8d. From John Neve in that he had a new hood of the same cloth – 20d. Item, for the profit on the cloth over and above the said sums – £4 12s. 4d. – total – £5 8d.

Total – £5 8d.

Fines:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Harry Ashwell –	6d.
Item, from John Colet –	4d.
Item, from Ralph March –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Fyler –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Brice –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	22d.
Item, from Thomas Beleter –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Hille –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Lee –	4d.

⁵³⁹ For further information on him, see e.g. his entry under 'Laken' in Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 391–2.

Item, of John Goldewelle –	xii d.
Item, of Herry Colet –	viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Hagur –	xii d.
Item, of John Lok –	viii d.
Item, of Roger Hyde –	vi d.
Item, of Thomas Wotton –	ii s.
Item, of John Lambard –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Emond Bettes –	viii d.
Item, of William Hylle –	vi d.
Item, of William Heend –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Gladman –	vi d.
Summa – xlvii s. x d.	

Fynes for lycensid from courtes:

First, þ^e said acomptantz chargen [þem] *with mony resseyved* of Roger Midelmore – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Nicholas Drayton – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – x s.

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Fynes of trespassours:

First, þe said acomptantz charge þem *with mony resseyved* of John Martyn for takeng of oon John Alfey to his apprentis for þ^e terme of vii yeer, whiche by þordenance shall none take undir x^e yeer. And for as moche as þ^e said John Martyn confessid openly in a courte þat he knewe none soche ordenance he was pardoned fro xl li. to xl s., wherof þ^e said apprentis for þ^e discovereng & pursueng of þ^e same aftir þordenance is paied x s., rest – xxx s.

Summa – xxx s.

Byquestes:

First, þ^e said acomptantz charge þem *with mony resseyved* of William Pykereng in full paymente of þ^e biquet of William Milrethe (whom God assoile) of xx li. – v li.

Item, of þ^e wiff late John Lyttelton (whom God assoile) – xl s.

Summa – vii li.

Rewardis of dute:

First, þ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Richaert Nedam, shriff of London, toward þ^e costes of viii trompettes at his presentacion at Westmynster – xl s.

Summa – xl s.

Summa of all þe charge of resseitz – CClvii li. xii s. x d.

The discharge of þ^e said acomptantz

First, þei discharge þem of mony paied for bargehire in grete for þe kynges dirige, presentacions of þ^e shryfes & of þ^e Maier – xxx s. Item, in russhes & drinke to þ^e bargemen – ix d., *totalis* – xxx s. ix d.

Item, from John Goldewelle – 12d.
 Item, from Harry Colet – 8d.
 Item, from Nicholas Agor – 12d.
 Item, from John Locke – 8d.
 Item, from Roger Hyde – 6d.
 Item, from Thomas Wotton – 2s.
 Item, from John Lambard – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Edmund Bettes – 8d.
 Item, from William Hille – 6d.
 Item, from William Heende – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Gladman – 6d.

Total – 47s. 10d.

Fees from those with permission not to attend court:

Firstly, they declare money received from Roger Middlemore – 6s. 8d.

Item, from Nicholas Drayton – 3s. 4d.

Total – 10s.

Fines from offenders:

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Firstly, they declare money received from John Martyn for taking one John Alfey to be his apprentice for the term of 7 years, when by ordinance none should be taken for less than 10 years. And since the said John Martyn admitted openly in a court that he did not know of any such ordinance, his fine was remitted from £40 to 40s., of which has been paid, in accordance with the ordinance, to the said apprentice, for the disclosure and the pursuing of the same – 10s. – balance – 30s.

Total – 30s.

Bequests:

Firstly, they declare money received from William Pickering in full settlement of the bequest of £20 from William Meldreth (may God absolve him) – £5

Item, from the wife of the late John Littleton (may God absolve him)⁵⁴⁰ – 40s.

Total – £7

Grants of dues:

Firstly, they declare money received from Richard Nedam, sheriff of London, towards the costs of 8 trumpeters at his presentation at Westminster – 40s.

Total – 40s.

Total of all receipts – £257 12s. 10d.

Their disbursements

Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire, in all, for the King's obit, presentations of the sheriffs and the Mayor – 30s. Item, for rushes and drinks for the bargemen – 9d. – Total – 30s. 9d.

⁵⁴⁰ For his will of 21 September 1456, see Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, p. 532.

Item, to þe Maister & bretheren of *Seint Thomas* of Akres for dirige & messe of requyem for þ^e soules of þ^e brederen of þe mercerie – x s.

Item, to þ^e wexchaundeler for xi lb. wex in xxii tapers at vii d., *summa* vi s. v d.

Item, iii rolles wex – ii s., for þe chapelle – viii s. v d.

Item, for paper & inke – xii d.

Item, for wassheng of þornamentes of þ^e chapelle – xx d., & amend of þem – vi d. – ii s. ii d.

Item, for iiiii garlondes for þ^e said custoses at þelleccion – xii d.

Item, for þ^e makeng of þis acompte & writeng in to þis booke – vi s. viii d.

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Forein espenses:

First, þei discharge þem of mony paid for vi yerdes of sangweyne for viii^e hodes for viii^e trompettes for þ^e presentacion of *Richaert Nedam*, shryve – xiiii s. i d.

Item, for viii rolles for þ^e said hodes – iii s.

Item, for drynke by þ^e wey for þe said trompettes – ii s. iii d.

Item, to þ^e said viii^e trompettes for þeire labour – liii s. iiiii d.

Item, to *Thomas* with þ^e trompe for oure parte for his half hooide – xiii d.

Item, for a bolte of iren to þ^e chapelle dore – ii d. ob.

Item, for drynke at divers tymes for seeng of evidences – xxii d.

Item, for makeng of viii^e hodes for þ^e trompettes – ii s. viii d.

Item, for botehire at divers tymes to my lordes þ^e Chaunceler, Tresorer, & to *Westmynster* – iii s. i d.

Item, for expenses made by T. Dounton, J. Lok, & oþer of oure felashippe for þeir besynes & answer of a writte for a new conage to have be had & conceyved by þem & oþer persones of divers craftes⁷⁰⁴ – ix s.

Item, in mony delivered to *Herry Bompsted* for divers costes for þ^e mercerie – vi s. viii d.

Item, for iii yerdes 3 violet engreyned for *Robert Langford* at viii s. vi d. – xxix s. ix d.

Item, for vii yerdes violet engreyned for oure ii prestes at viii s. vi d. – lix s. vi d.

Item, for iiiii yerdes violet engreyned for *Maister Thomas Kente* at viii s. vi d. – xxxiiii s.

Item, for a yerd 3 violet engreyned for þ^e *Maister* of *Seint Thomas* – xii s. ix d.

Item, for a yerd 3 violet engreyned for *Maister Thomas Ebralle* – xii s. ix d.

Item, for iii yerdes quarter violet engreyned for *Richaert Box*, bedille, at viii s. iiiii d. – xxvii s. i d.

Item, for i yerd & di. quarter skarlet for þ^e said *Richaert* – ix s. ix d.

Item, for i panne for setteng of fire & a peire belewes – x d.

Item, for a quarter coles & C & di. bilettes & di. quarteron fagotes – ii s. viii d.

704 See CCR 1454–61, pp. 384–7, with a date of 11 April 1459.

Item, to the Master and brethren of St Thomas of Acon for the Office of the Dead and the requiem mass for the souls of the mercers' fraternity – 10s.

Item, to the wax-chandler for 11 lb. wax in 22 tapers, at 7d. [per lb.], total – 6s. 5d.

Item, 3 rowels of wax – 2s. for the chapel – 8s. 5d.

Item, for paper and ink – 12d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements – 20d. and for their repair – 6d. – 2s. 2d.

Item, for 4 garlands for the said wardens at the election – 12d.

Item, for the drawing-up of this account and writing it into this book – 6s. 8d.

Total – £3

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, they declare money paid for 6 yards of sanguine cloth for 8 hoods for 8 trumpeters for the presentation of Richard Nedam, sheriff – 14s. 1d.

Item, for 8 circlets for the same hoods – 3s.

Item, for drinks along the way for the said trumpeters – 2s. 3d.

Item, to the said 8 trumpeters for their labours – 53s. 4d.

Item, to Thomas with the large trumpet for our share for his half hood – 13d.

Item, for an iron bolt for the chapel door – 2½d.

Item, for drinks on various occasions at examination of documents⁵⁴¹ – 22d.

Item, for the making of 8 hoods for the trumpeters – 2s. 8d.

Item, for boat-hire on various occasions [when going to see] the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, and to Westminster – 3s. 1d.

Item, for expenses incurred by T. Dounton, J. Locke and others of our company for their dealing with and responding to a writ for new coinage to be made, made and devised by them and other persons of various misteries – 9s.

Item, for money handed over to Harry Bumpstead for various costs of the mercers' mistery – 6s. 8d.

Item, for 3½ yards of violet in grain for Robert Langford, at 8s. 6d. [per yard] – 29s. 9d.

Item, for 7 yards of violet in grain for our 2 priests, at 8s. 6d. [per yard] – 59s. 6d.

Item, for 4 yards of violet in grain for Master Thomas Kent, at 8s. 6d. [per yard] – 34s.

Item, for 1½ yards of violet in grain for the Master of St Thomas of Acon – 12s. 9d.

Item, for 1½ yards of violet in grain for Master Thomas Ebralle – 12s. 9d.

Item, for 3¼ yards of violet in grain for Richard Box, beadle, at 8s. 4d. [per yard] – 27s. 1d.

Item, for 1½ yards of scarlet cloth for the said Richard – 9s. 9d.

Item, for 1 fire-pan and 1 pair of bellows – 10d.

Item, for a quarter of coals and for 1½ hundredweight of billets⁵⁴² and half a quarter of faggots – 2s. 8d.

541 The word 'evidences' used here can mean specifically 'title deeds', but also any kind of documents that constitute evidence or proof.

542 i.e. logs for firewood.

Item, for a man & an hors to ryde for Rauff Verney for þe decees of John Riche, yongest wardeyn – ii s. viii d.

Item, allowed to þ^e said acomptantz by þ^e hole felashippe for þarerage of þ^e dyner, ovir v s. *resseyved* of every persone, for as moche as þ^e lordes þe Tresorer of Ingland, þ^e Baron of Dudle, þ^e Chief Justice, Sir John Fray, Sir Thomas Broun, knyghte, *with* many oþer dyned þere – v li.

Item, allowed þem by þauditours for þarerage of an imposicion made for lettyng of þe costomeng & openeng of pakkes & goodes at þ^e waterside – iii li. xv s. iiii d.

Item, for a copie of þacte of þ^e parlement for þ^e costomeng of wares – viii d.

Item, for a copie of þ^e writte for þ^e new conage to have be hadde *with* þanswer of þ^e retourne of þe same – xii d.

Summa – xxiii li. v s. v d. ob.

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Summa totalis paid & allowed – xxvi li. v s. v d. ob. So

þere is due to þ^e mercerie – CCxxxi li. vii s. iiii d. ob. – Wherof

John Middelton	}	auditours
Richaert Nedam &		
John Warde		

Is paied to Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, Thomas Muschampe & John Barby, wardeins of new elited for þ^e yeer foloweng – Cxxx li. xix s. iiii d.

Item, þer is paied by þ^e boke of þ^e lyvelood more þan was resseyved, as apereth in þacompte of John Marchalle, folio xxv^{to} of þ^e same booke – lvi li. x s. xi d.

Item, þ^e said John Marchalle hath delivered ovir in dettours as apereth in þ^e boke of lyvelood, folio xxvi^{to} þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer – xv li. v s. ix d. ob.

Item, þ^e said John hath delivered ovir in dettours as apereth in his acompte in þ^e boke of lyvelood folio xxvii^o þ^e tyme of Roger Roos, rentgaderer – xvi li. iiii s. viii d.

Item, for a man and a horse to ride for Ralph Verney because of the death of John Riche, the most recent warden⁵⁴³ – 2s. 8d.

Item, authorised by the whole company to be paid to them, for the arrears for the dinner, over and above 5s. received from each person, and for the occasion when the Lord Treasurer of England, Baron Dudley,⁵⁴⁴ the Chief Justice, Sir John Fray, Sir Thomas Browne, knight, and many others dined here – £5

Item, authorised to them by the auditours for the arrears of an imposition made for the 'letting'⁵⁴⁵ of the customs dues payable and for opening packs and goods at the Waterside – £3 15s. 4d.

Item, for a copy of the Act of Parliament concerning customs imposed on goods⁵⁴⁶ – 8d.

Item, for a copy of the writ requesting there to be the new coinage with the answer of the return⁵⁴⁷ of the same – 12d.

Total – £23 5s. 5½d.

Sum total paid and authorised – £26 5s. 5½d. Therefore

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There is due to the mercers' mistery – £231 7s. 4½d. Of which

John Middleton	} auditors
Richard Nedam and	
John Warde	

Has been paid to Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, new wardens elected for the following year – £130 19s. 4d.

Item, there was paid out, according to the account-book of the estates, more than was received, as appears in the account of John Marchall, on f. 25 of the same book – £56 10s. 11d.

Item, the said John Marchall has handed over in debts, as appears in the estates account-book, on f. 26, from the term of office of John Bleseby, rent-collector – £15 5s. 9½d.

Item, the said John has handed over in debts, as appears in his account in the estates account-book, on f. 27, from the term of office of Roger Roos, rent-collector – £16 4s. 8d.

⁵⁴³ There is no record of John Riche ever being a warden. This translation of 'yongest' is suggested, and as meaning that he had recently been chosen to be warden in the following year; if so, Ralph Verney would certainly have needed to be hastily informed (or, alternatively, have needed to inform others).

⁵⁴⁴ John (Sutton) de Dudley, 6th baron Dudley. See *ODNB*, vol. 53, pp. 389–90.

⁵⁴⁵ It is not clear what precisely this means here but is probably in the sense of delaying, hindering, opposing. On the mercers' battles over customs duties at this time, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 298–9.

⁵⁴⁶ This perhaps refers to the provisions made in the 1455 Parliament, see *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, V, pp. 297–300.

⁵⁴⁷ i.e. the report sent back in answer to the writ, with comments.

So þer is due to þ^e mercerie ovir þ^e said dettours – xii li. vi s. viii d.

(Item, delivered to þe said wardeins iii obligacions every of xxxiii s. iiiii d. made by John Squyer payable to þe said wardeins & þeir successours for his sone bounde aprentis to William Pratte, as apereth)⁷⁰⁵ – *escript le proschein acompte*

1458–59 Thacompte of John Marchalle, oon of þe custoses of þe mercerie & rentier of þ^e
RW f. 23r lyvelood of þe same, for an hole yeer at þe fest of Ester þ^e yeer of oure Lorde xiiii^c
lix^{ti} & of Kyng Herry the sixte xxxvii^{ti}:

The charge of þe said acomptaunt

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood purchased by þ^e mercerie, for þ^e said hole yeer – xlii li. xiiii s.

Of Whitengton:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood goven by Richaert Whitengton for þ^e said yeer – CCxxxvii li. iii s.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of quyte rentes goven by þ^e said Richaert, ovir xi s. viii d. unpaid, as apereth tofore, folio xi^o – v li. vi s. ii d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood goven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght – xviii li. viii s.

Of Abbot:

Item, of mony *resseyved* of þe lyvelood goven by John Abbot – xii li. xx d.

Pencrees:

Item, of pencrees of a tenant þat Nicholas Hatton ocupieth in þ^e Crowne, whiche is of þ^e purchase of þ^e mercerie, for iii quarters at þ^e said Estir – v s.

Summa – CCCxix li. xvii s. x d.

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of William Redeknape, in party of paiement of þarest of his acompte, as apereth tofore, folio xviii^o – xx li.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of John Donne, in party of payment of þarest of his acompte, as apereth tofore, folio xx^o – xxxv li.

Summa – lv li.

⁷⁰⁵ Three crosses have been scored across this paragraph, and the scribe has then added the following note – interestingly in French.

Therefore there is due to the mercers' mistery, over and above the said debts – £12 6s. 8d.

(Item, handed over to the said wardens 3 bonds obligatory each of them in the sum of 33s. 4d. made by John Squire, payable to the said wardens and their successors, for his son to be bound apprentice to William Pratte, as appears) – written up in the next account –

The account of John Marchall, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1459, the regnal year 37 Henry VI. 1458–59
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His receipts

From the mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money received from the properties purchased by the mercers' mistery, for the said whole year – £46 14s.

From Whittington:

Item, money received from the estate given by Richard Whittington, for the said year – £237 3s.

Item, money received from quit-rents given by the said Richard, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid, as appears above on f. 11 – £5 6s. 2d.

From Eastfield:

Item, money received from the estate given by Sir William Eastfield, knight – £18 8s.

From Abbot:

Item, money received from the estate given by John Abbot – £12 20d.

The increase:

Item, from the increase on a tenement that Nicholas Hatton occupies in the Crown, which belongs to property purchased by the mercers' mistery, for 3 quarters up to the said Easter – 5s.

Total – £319 17s. 10d.

Firstly, he declares money received from William Redeknape, in part payment of the balance of his account, as appears above, on folio 18 – £20

Item, money received from John Donne, in part payment of the balance of his account, as appears above, on folio 20 – £35

Total – £55

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of John Reynken for breking of a walle at þ^e Thre Coupes, whiche is of Estfeldes gifte – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* – CCCLxxv li. xiiii d.

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The discharge of þ^e said *acomptaunt*

Of þ^e *mercerie*:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paied for quyte *rentes* goyng owte of þ^e lyvelood purchased by þ^e *mercerie* for þ^e said yeer – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Prestes:

Item, for mony paied to ii^e *prestes* syngeng at S. Thomas of Acres for i yeer a[t] Midsomer *anno xxxvii*^o – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Almus men:

Item, to William Olyver for i yeer at þ^e said Midsomer – iii li. xviii s. Item, to William Irewilliam in lyke wise – iii li. xviii s. Item, to Thomas Cokkes – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Langle – iii li. xviii s. Item, to Richaert Box, bedille – iii li. xviii s.

– xvii li. xv s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxxv li. xii s. iiiii d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paied for quyte *rentes* goyng oute of þ^e lyvelood given by Richaert Whitengton for þe said yeer – v li. v d. ob.

Prestes:

Item, of mony paied to *Maister* Thomas Ebralle, *maister* of þ^e Colage, & his brederen, for i yeer at Midsomer *aforsaid* – lxiii li.

Almus peple.⁷⁰⁶

Item, of mony paied to þ^e pore folke of þe same Colage from þe xxix^{ti} daie of Juylle *anno xxxvi*^{to} unto þ^e iiiii^e daie of August *anno xxxvii*^o, by lii^{ti} wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxxix li. xvii s. iiiii d.⁷⁰⁷

Pobite:

Item, for þobite of þ^e said Richaert holde þ^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle – xl s. viii d.⁷⁰⁸

706 A sixteenth-century hand, perhaps the same as that writing the annotation below, has written 'all' (or perhaps a longer word ending in '-all') in the LH margin at this point.

707 The same annotator as on f. 20v has written here in the LH margin: 'to 28 Juyll'.

708 This entry and the next have been noted in the RH margin with the mark of the circle with a cross through it.

Item, he declares money received from John Rankyn for breaking⁵⁴⁸ a wall at The Three Cups, a property given by Eastfield – 3s. 4d.

Total – 3s. 4d.

Total of all his receipts – £375 14d.

His disbursements

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, de declares money paid for quit-rents for the said year on the properties purchased by the mercers' mistery – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests:

Item, money paid to 2 priests singing [mass] at St Thomas of Acon, for 1 year, at Midsummer 37 [Henry VI] – £13 6s. 8d.

Almsmen:

Item, to William Olyver for 1 year at the said Midsummer – £3 18s. Item, to William Irwilliam similarly – £3 18s. Item, to Thomas Cokke – £3 8d. Item, to John Langley – £3 18s. Item, to Richard Box, beadle – £3 18s.

– £17 15s. 4d.

Total – £35 12s. 4d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents for the said year on the estate given by Richard Whittington – £5 5½d.

Priests:

Item, money paid to Master Thomas Ebralle, Master of the College, and his brethren, for 1 year at Midsummer aforesaid – £63

Alms-folk:

Item, money paid to the poor-folk of the same College from 29 July 36 [Henry VI] [1458] until 4 August 37 [Henry VI] [1459], for 52 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £39 17s. 4d.

The obit:

Item, for the said Richard's obit held on 30 July – 40s. 8d.

⁵⁴⁸ It is possible that 'brekeng' could mean 'bricking' and this be money received for construction not destruction. See the *MED* for 'breke' as an alternative spelling for *BRIKE*.

Conservatours:

Item, to Rauff Verney, John Burton, John Stokton, & þe said *acomptaunt*, custoses of þe mercerie & conservatours of þe same lyvelood – iii li.

Summa – Cxiii li. xviii s. v d. ob.

Of Estfeld:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for quyte rente goyng oute of þe lyvelode goven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght, for þe said yeer – iii li.

Preste:

Item, to Sir John Leget syngeng in Aldirmanbery for þe soule of þe said Sir William, for a yer at Midsomer *forsaid*⁷⁰⁹ – vi li. xiii s. iii li.

Pobites:

Item, for þobit of þe said Sir William hold in Aldirmanbery þe ix^e daie of Maii – xiii s. iii li.

Item, to þe *forsaid* iii^e custoses for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iii li.

Item, to þe bedille of þe mercerie for his labour – xx d.

Item, to þe wexchaundeler for xiiii^e *tapers* in Aldirmanbery chaunged *quarterly* – xvi s. viii d.

Item, for þobit of Sir William Kynwolmershe holde at S. Martyns *Graunt* þe xv^e daie of Decembre – xiii s. iii li.

Summa – ix li. xii s.

Of Abbot:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid to a prest syngeng at Fernyng in Bukynghamshire for i yeer at Midsomer *anno xxxvii^o* – vi li. xiii s. iii li.

Item, for þobite of þe said John Abbot holde in S. Laurence Jury þe last day of Fevver – vi s. viii d.

Summa – vii li.

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Vacacions:

Of þe mercerie:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of þe *vacacion* of iii^e *tenementes* in þe Crowne in þe same yeer – v li. xv s.

Item, of ii^e *tenementes* in S. Martyns Otewich – xiiii li. viii d.

Summa – xix li. xv s. viii d.

⁷⁰⁹ MS: 'at Midsomer at *forsaid*'.

Custodians:

Item, to Ralph Verney, John Burton, John Stockton, and [John Marchall], wardens of the mercers' mistery and custodians of the same estate – £4

Total – £113 18s. 5½d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents for the said year on the estate given by Sir William Eastfield, knight – 4d.

Priest:

Item, to Sir John Leget singing [mass] in Aldermanbury [church] for the soul of the said Sir William, for a year at Midsummer aforesaid – £6 13s. 4d.

The obits:

Item, for the said Sir William's obit held in Aldermanbury [church] on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the aforesaid 4 wardens for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle of the mistery for his work – 20d.

Item, to the wax-chandler for 14 tapers in Aldermanbury [church] changed quarterly – 16s. 8d.

Item, for the obit of Sir William Kynwolmersh held at St Martin le Grand on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Total – £9 12s.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid to a priest singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for 1 year at Midsummer 37 [Henry VI] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for the obit of the said John Abbot held in St Lawrence Jewry on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7

Vacancies:

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares vacancies in 4 tenements in the Crown during the same year – £5 15s.

Item, in 2 tenements in St Martin Outwich – £14 8d.

Total – £19 15s. 8d.

Of Whitengton:

First, of þ^e vacacion of vi^e tenementes at Baynardes Castle

þe same yeer –

v li. xiiii s.

Item, of vi^e tenementes in S. Laurence Jury –

iiii li. v s. vi d.

Item, of iii^e tenementes in Bassingeshawe –

iiii li. xix s. ii d.

Item, of xi^e tenementes in Colmanstrete –

xxviii s. vi d.

Item, of i tenement in S. Bartilmews þ^e litelle –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of i gardeyne & ii tenementes withoute Bisshopgate –

xxxv s. x d.

Item, of vi^e tenementes at þe Tourehille –

xlvi s. ix d.

Item, of i tenement in Estchepe –

xiii s. iii d.

Item, of iii^e tenementes in þe Ryalle –

xlvi s. iii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in Budge Rowe –

v li. xi s. x d.

Summa – xxxii li. xi s. xi d.

Of Estfeld:

First, for þ^e vacacion of i gardeyne in Morelane þ^e same yeer – xii d.

Summa – xii d.

Decrees:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of þ^e decrees of þ^e tenement þat Roger Bonefaunt holdith in S. Laurence Jury, for þ^e terme of Ester aforsaid – vi s. viii d.

Item, for þ^e decrees of þ^e tenement late John Dekens in S. Martyns Otewich, for þ^e said terme – xii d.

Summa – vii s. viii d.

Stuff:

First, þe said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of stuff boght & spent in divers soyles, as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte, & for saweng – liiii li. xvii s. vii d. ob.

Summa – liiii li. xvii s. vii d. ob.

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Reparacions:

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for reparacion doon at þ^e Crowne in Chepe – ii s. viii d.

Item, for reparacion doon in Seven fote Lane⁷¹⁰ in S. Laurence Jury, ovir þe stuff – v li. vii s. iii d.

Item, for reparacion doon in S. Martyn Otewich, ovir þe stuff, specially at þ^e Pye – ix li. xiiii s. ix d.

Summa – xv li. iii s. viii d.⁷¹¹

⁷¹⁰ On this appellation for Sevenhode Lane see Ekwall, *Street Names*, p. 142.

⁷¹¹ Before writing 'xv li.' here, the scribe wrote 'xii li.' and then crossed that out. This and other evidence suggests that the scribe may have been responsible, at least sometimes, for doing the sub-totals, his 'paper of acompte' having only the individual amounts.

Whittington:

Firstly, vacancies in 6 tenements in Baynard's Castle

in the same year –

£5 14s.

Item, in 6 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry –

£4 5s. 6d.

Item, in 4 tenements in Bassishaw –

£4 19s. 2d.

Item, in 11 tenements in Coleman Street –

28s. 6d.

Item, in 1 tenement in St Bartholomew the Less –

£3 6s. 8d.

Item, in 1 garden and 2 tenements in Bishopsgate Without –

35s. 10d.

Item, in 6 tenements in Tower Hill –

48s. 9d.

Item, in 1 tenement in East Cheap –

13s. 4d.

Item, in 3 tenements in the Royal –

48s. 4d.

Item, in various tenements in Budge Row –

£5 11s. 10d.

Total – £32 11s. 11d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, the vacancy of 1 garden in Moor Lane in the same year – 12d.

Total – 12d.

Rent-reductions:

Firstly, he declares the reduction of rent for the tenement that Roger Bonefaunt holds in St Lawrence Jewry, for the term of Easter aforesaid – 6s. 8d.

Item, for the reduction for the tenement lately held by John Deken in St Martin Outwich, for the said term – 12d.

Total – 7s. 8d.

Materials:

Firstly, he declares materials bought and used on various sites, as appears in the paper account document, and for sawing⁵⁴⁹ – £54 17s. 7½d.

Total – £54 17s. 7½d.

Repairs:

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at the Crown in Cheap – 2s. 8d.

Item, for repairs carried out in Sevenhode Lane in St Lawrence Jewry, over and above the materials – £5 7s. 3d.

Item, for repairs carried out in St Martin Outwich, over and above the materials, and in particular at the Pye – £9 14s. 9d.

Total – £15 4s. 8d.

⁵⁴⁹ See also above, f. 22r and below f. 38r.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for *reparacion* doon at Baynardes castelle – xiii s. i d.

Item, for *reparacion* in S. Laurence Jury, for þe *takeng* doun of an hous by þ^e Miter Aley, & *reparacion* in oþer places in þ^e same parish, ovir þe stuff – xviii li. xiii s.

Item, to William Robert, carpenter, in grete for setteng up of þ^e new hous þer – xix li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for *reparacion* in Milkestrete, ovir þe stuff – iii li. v s. iii d. ob.

Item, for *reparacion* in Bassingeshawe, ovir þe stuff – v li. iii s. ii d.

Item, for *reparacion* in Colmanstrete, ovir þe stuff – iii li. iii s. iii d. ob.

Item, for *reparacion* in S. Bartilmeus þe litelle, ovir þe stuff – iii li. xi s. iii d.

Item, for *reparacion* withoute Bisshopgate – xvii d.

Item, for *reparacion* at þ^e Tourehille, ovir þe stuff – vi li. xiiii s. xi d.

Item, for *reparacion* in S. Donstons in þeest, specially at þ^e George, ovir þ^e stuff – xi li. iii s. x d.

Item, for *reparacion* in Estchepe – xxix s. viii d. ob.

Item, for *reparacion* in S. Laurence Pounteney, ovir þe stuff – xlii s. i d.

Item, for *reparacion* in þe Ryalle, ovir þ^e stuff – xiii s. v d.

Item, for *reparacion* in Budge Rowe, ovir þe stuff – xxiii s. viii d.

Summa – lxxviii li. vi s. ix d. ob.

Of Estfeld:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for *reparacion* doon at þ^e Thre Coupes, for *makeng* of a new lofte, ovir grete stuff – xxv li. iii s. viii d. ob.

Item, for *reparacion* in Morelane, ovir þ^e stuff – xxviii s. vii d. ob.

Summa – xxvi li. xii s. iii d.

Of Abbot:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for *reparacion* doon in Catten Lane in S. Laurence Jury parish – xxx s. ix d.

Summa – xxx s. ix d.

Item, for *makeng* of a pytte for sawyers in þe Tymber Hawe in Colmanstrete & oþer necessities – xii s. i d. ob.

Summa – xii s. i d. ob.

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Fees:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid to þe said *acomptaunt* for his attendaunce upon þ^e lyvelood – xx s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rente gaderer, for þ^e terme of Midsomer & for his attendaunce to þ^e reparacions to Mighelmas after – v li.

Item, for potacions to þ^e tenauntes þe same tyme – iii s. iii d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at Baynard's Castle – 13s. 1d.

Item, for repairs in St Lawrence Jewry, for taking down a house in Mitre Alley, and repairs in other places in the same parish, over and above the materials – £18 13s.

Item, to William Robert, carpenter, in total, for putting up the new house there – £19 6s. 8d.

Item, for repairs in Milk Street, over and above the materials – £3 5s. 3½d.

Item, for repairs in Bassishaw, over and above the materials – £5 3s. 2d.

Item, for repairs in Coleman Street, over and above the materials – £3 4s. 4½d.

Item, for repairs in St Bartholomew the Less, over and above the materials – £4 11s. 3d.

Item, for repairs in Bishopsgate Without – 17d.

Item, for repairs in Tower Hill, over and above the materials – £6 14s. 11d.

Item, for repairs in St Dunstan in the East, in particular at the George, over and above the materials – £11 4s. 10d.

Item, for repairs in East Cheap – 29s. 8½d.

Item, for repairs in St Laurence Pountney, over and above the materials – 42s. 1d.

Item, for repairs in the Royal, over and above the materials – 13s. 5d.

Item, for repairs in Budge Row, over and above the materials – 23s. 8d.

Total – £78 6s. 9½d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at The Three Cups, for making a new 'loft',⁵⁵⁰ over and above the total for materials – £25 3s. 8½d.

Item, for repairs in Moor Lane, over and above the materials – 28s. 7½d.

Total – £26 12s. 4d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out in Catton Lane in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – 30s. 9d.

Total – 30s. 9d.

Item, for the making of a sawpit for the sawyers in the timber yard in Coleman Street, and for other necessities – 12s. 1½d.

Total – 12s. 1½d.

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Firstly, he declares money paid to himself for his care and attention to the estates – 20s.

Item, to John Bleseby, rent-collector, for Midsummer term, and for his attentions to the repairs up until the following Michaelmas – £5

Item, for drinks to the tenants during the same time – 4s. 3d.

⁵⁵⁰ 'An upper chamber, an attic; an apartment or chamber in general' (*OED*).

Item, to Roger Roos, rent gaderer, for Cristemas & Ester anno xxxvii^o – vi li. xiii s. iiii d., & for a reward for þ^e gaderyng of Mighelmas terme anno xxxvi^{to}– xxxiii s. iiii d. – viii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for potacions to þ^e tenautes þe same tyme – x s.

Item, for þe makeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xv li. vii s. vii d.

Foreyn expenses:

First, þe said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for makeng of divers endentures, drinkenges, billes, & oþer necessities – lvii s. ii d.

Pore folkes lyvrey:

Item, for xli yerdes russet for þe pore folkes of Whitengtons Colage for gownes – iii li. xvii s. iiii d.

Summa – vi li. xiiii s. vi d.

Item, þe said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony delivered by obligacion to John Defford,⁷¹² vynter, whiche he shalle have while he ocupieth þ^e Greyhound in Estchepe, as þ^e condicion of þe obligacion specifieth – xiii li. vi s. viii d.⁷¹³

Summa – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa of alle þ^e discharge of þ^e said acomptaunt – CCCCxxxi li. xii s. i d.

So þer is due to þ^e said acomptaunt – lvi li. x s. xi d. – Whiche

Is allowed hym in þacompte of þ^e mercerie of Seint Thomas, as hit apereth folio Ciiii^{xx}xiiii^o ⁷¹⁴

quyte

712 Or 'Desford'. See Name Index.

713 See below f. 43r for this sum being repaid.

714 No sum is written here but above, on f. 194v of the Wardens' Account book, the sum of £56 10s. 11d. has been deducted from the wardens' account, to be paid to John Marchall.

Item, to Roger Roos, rent-collector, for Christmas and Easter [terms] in the year 37 [Henry VI] – £6 13s. 4d., and as a single payment for collecting the rent during Michaelmas term 36 [Henry VI] – 33s. 4d. – £8 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks for the tenants during the same time – 10s.

Item, for the drawing up of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total – £15 7s. 7d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, he declares money paid for drawing up various indentures, for drinks, for documents, and for other necessities – 57s. 2d.

Livery for the poor people:

Item, for 41 yards of russet cloth for the poor people of Whittington College, for gowns – £3 17s. 4d.

Total – £6 14s. 6d.

Item, he declares money handed over by bond obligatory to John Defford, vintner, which he shall keep while he holds possession of the Greyhound in East Cheap, as specified in the condition of the bond obligatory – £13 6s. 8d.

Total – £13 6s. 8d.

Total of all his disbursements – £431 12s. 1d.

Therefore there is due to him – £56 10s. 11d. Which

Has been authorised to him from the account rendered by the mercers' [wardens] at Saint Thomas of Acon, as appears on f. 194 –

Quit

1455–59 RW f. 25v	Theis aftir be þ ^e names of þe dettours the tyme of John Bleseby, rentegaderer, ⁷¹⁵ due in þe tymes of William Redeknape, John Donne, John Warde, & John Marchalle, rentiers in þ ^e yeres of Kyng Herry þ ^e vi ^{te} xxxiii ^{ti} , xxxiiii ^{ti} , xxxv ^{ti} , xxxvi ^{ti} & xxxvii ^{ti} . ⁷¹⁶	
col. 1	The Crowne in Chepe	
	Nicholas Hatton <i>tyme</i> Warde – x s.	} xx s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – x s.	
	John Chamber <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –	x s. ⁷¹⁷
	S. Martyns Otewiche	
	Bilesard Barde <i>tyme</i> Donne – vi s. viii d. ⁷¹⁸	} iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xlvi s. viii d.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xx s.	} xxxvi s.
	Thomas Brigges <i>tyme</i> Donne – xii s.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde xxiiii s.	} viii s.
	Nicholas Aunselle <i>tyme</i> Warde –	
	Baynardes Castelle	
	John Foster <i>tyme</i> Redeknape – xxvii s. vi d.	} iii li. ii s. vii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Donne – xx s.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – x s. vii d.	} xii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iiiii s. vi d.	
	Andrewe Boyne <i>tyme</i> Donne –	} xxii s. vi d.
	William Brampton <i>tyme</i> Donne – xviii s.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iiiii s. vi d.	
	Milkestrete	
	John Senykle <i>tyme</i> Warde – xiii s. iiiii d.	} xxvi s. viii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xiii s. iiiii d.	
	S. Laurence Jury	
	John de Boys <i>tyme</i> Redeknape –	} xiii s.
	Nicholas Belle <i>tyme</i> Redeknape – viii s.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Donne – xxiiii s.	} iii li. viii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xxiiii s.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xii s.	} xxiii s. iiiii d.
	Thomas Mason <i>tyme</i> Donne –	
	John Guybon <i>tyme</i> Donne –	} ii s. vi d.
	Nicholas Chirche <i>tyme</i> Donne – vi s. viii d.	
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s. iiiii d.	x s.

715 One may compare these accumulated debts to the situation elsewhere in London at the time, and the evidence available; see e.g. Nightingale, *Medieval Mercantile Community*, pp. 465–6, who refers to 'that scourge of the late fifteenth-century property-owner, arrears of rent'.

716 A few of the following names have an 'R' marked against them in the LH margin beside their name indicating that they later paid up. This is indicated here in footnotes.

717 R.

718 R.

Here below are the names of debtors during the term of office of John Bleseby, rent-collector, due during the terms of office of William Redeknape, John Donne, John Warde, and John Marchall, renter-wardens during the regnal years 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 Henry VI [1455–59]

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The Crown in Cheap:

col. 1

Nicholas Hatton, in Warde's time – 10s.	}	20s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 10s.		
John Chamber in Marchall's time –		10s.

St Martin Outwich:

Bilesard Barde in Donne's time – 6s. 8d.	}	£3 13s. 4d.
Item, in Warde's time – 46s. 8d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 20s.		
Thomas Brigges in Donne's time – 12s.	}	36s.
Item, in Warde's time – 24s.		
Nicholas Aunselle in Warde's time –		8s.

Baynard's Castle:

John Foster in Redeknape's time – 27s. 6d.	}	£3 2s. 7d.
Item, in Donne's time – 20s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 10s. 7d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 4s. 6d.		
Andrew Boyne in Donne's time –		12s.
William Brampton in Donne's time – 18s.	}	22s. 6d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 4s. 6d.		

Milk Street:

John Senycle in Warde's time – 13s. 4d.	}	26s. 8d.
Item in Marchall's time – 13s. 4d.		

St Lawrence Jewry:

John de Boys in Redeknape's time –		13s.
Nicholas Belle in Redeknape's time – 8s.	}	£3 8s.
Item, in Donne's time – 24s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 24s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 12s.		
Thomas Mason in Donne's time –		23s. 4d.
John Guybon in Donne's time –		2s. 6d.
Nicholas Chirche in Donne's time – 6s. 8d.	}	10s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s. 4d.		

	Mawde Aunselle <i>tyme</i> Donne – iiiii s.	}	viii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – iiiii s.		
	Thomas Cokeyn <i>tyme</i> Donne – xii d.	}	xi s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – viii s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – ii s.		
	John Abyn <i>tyme</i> Warde – xii d.	}	v s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iiiii s.		
col. 2	Adhuc S. Laurence:		
	Robert Shirbourne <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		vi s. viii d.
	Richaert Bonefaunt <i>tyme</i> Redeknape –		iii li. vi s. viii d.
	John Markaunt <i>tyme</i> Redeknape – xxxiiii s. viii d.	}	iiii li. xiii s. v d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Donne – xv s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xxxv s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – viii s. ix d.		
	Richaert Thrustelle <i>tyme</i> Redeknape – xxv s.	}	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xxxiii s. iiiii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – viii s. iiiii d.		
	Bassyngeshawe		
	Thomas Belyeter <i>tyme</i> Donne –		xvi s. viii d.
	John Kirkeby <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		ix s. ii d.
	John Hayward <i>tyme</i> Donne – xxiii s. iiiii d.	}	xl s. x d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xi s. viii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – v s. x d.		
	Symken Carter <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		vi s. viii d. ⁷¹⁹
	Anneis Birde <i>tyme</i> Warde – xiii s. iiiii d.	}	xx s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – vi s. viii d.		
	Benet Jonettis <i>tyme</i> Warde –		xxii s. vi d.
	Herry Pery <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s. viii d. ⁷²⁰	}	xiiii s. ii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – vii s. vi d.		
	Colmanstrete		
	Jenet Egyngworth <i>tyme</i> Donne –		v s.
	John Evot <i>tyme</i> Donne – xii s.	}	xxi s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s.		
	Thomas Coste <i>tyme</i> Warde – xxvi s. viii d.	}	xxxiiii s. iiiii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – vi s. viii d.		
	Andrew Wilmore <i>tyme</i> Warde – v s.	}	vi s. iii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xv d.		
	John Abot <i>tyme</i> Warde – vii s. iiiii d.	}	x s. viii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s. iiiii d.		
	John Ruddok <i>tyme</i> Warde – iii s.	}	vi s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s.		

719 R.

720 R.

Maud Aunselle in Donne's time – 4s.	}	8s.
Item, in Warde's time – 4s.		
Thomas Cokeyn in Donne's time – 12d.	}	11s.
Item, in Warde's time – 8s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 2s.		
John Abyn in Warde's time – 12d.	}	5s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 4s.		

St Lawrence Jewry, continued:

col. 2

Robert Sherborne in Marchall's time –	6s. 8d.
Richard Bonefaunt in Redeknap's time –	£3 6s. 8d.

John Markaunt in Redeknap's time – 34s. 8d.	}	£4 13s. 5d.
Item, in Donne's time – 15s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 35s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 8s. 9d.		
Richard Thrustille in Redeknap's time – 25s.	}	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, in Warde's time – 33s. 4d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 8s. 4d.		

Bassishaw:

Thomas Beleter in Donne's time –	16s. 8d.	
John Kirkeby in Marchall's time –	9s. 2d.	
John Hayward in Donne's time – 23s. 4d.	}	40s. 10d.
Item, in Warde's time – 11s. 8d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 5s. 10d.		
Simkin Carter in Marchall's time –	6s. 8d.	
Agnes Birde in Warde's time – 13s. 4d.	}	20s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 6s. 8d.		
Bennet Jonettis in Warde's time –	22s. 6d.	
Harry Pery in Warde's time – 6s. 8d.	}	14s. 2d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 7s. 6d.		

Coleman Street:

Janet Egyngworth in Donne's time –	5s.	
John Evot in Donne's time – 12s.	}	21s.
Item, in Warde's time – 6s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s.		
Thomas Coste in Warde's time – 26s. 8d.	}	33s. 4d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 6s. 8d.		
Andrew Wilmot in Warde's time – 5s.	}	6s. 3d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 15d.		
John Abbot in Warde's time – 7s. 4d.	}	10s. 8d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s. 4d.		
John Ruddock in Warde's time – 3s.	}	6s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s.		

Bartilmeus þ^e litelle

Thomas Muschampe *tyme* Marchalle – iii li.⁷²¹

Bisshopgate *extra*

Thomas Whitehed *tyme* Donne – vi s. viii d.

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Tourehille

William Maundevile *tyme* Redeknape – xx s.

Item, *tyme* Donne – xv s.

Item, *tyme* Warde – xx s.

Item, *tyme* Marchalle – v s.

John Glover *tyme* Donne – xx d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – iii s. iiiii d.

John Ludlowe *tyme* Donne – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – xx s.

John Noke *tyme* Donne –

William Cristeson *tyme* Donne –

John Gilmyn *tyme* Warde –

John Walsshe *tyme* Warde – v s.

Item, *tyme* Marchalle – v s.

iii li.

v s.

xxvii s. iiiii d.

iii s. iiiii d.

v s.

vi s. viii d.

x s.

Donston in þest

Mawde Ashton *tyme* Warde – x s.

William Seyntwyn *tyme* Warde – xxii s. vi d.

Estchepe

Robert Cokerelle *tyme* Redeknape – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *tyme* Marchalle – xiii s. iiiii d.

L s.

Budge Rowe

Alson Hulet *tyme* Redeknape – xx s. x d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – xx d.

Piers Crawle *tyme* Redeknape – xviii s.

Item, *tyme* Donne – x s.

Item, *tyme* Warde – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *tyme* Marchalle – xii d.

Kateryne Hardeman *tyme* Redeknape –

John Ale *tyme* Donne – viii d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – iiiii s.

John Darent *tyme* Donne – ii s. viii d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – v s.

Item, *tyme* Marchalle – xii d.

Richaert Martyn *tyme* Donne – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *tyme* Warde – vi s. viii d.

xxii s. vi d.

xxxiii s. iiiii d.

vi s. viii d.

iiii s. viii d.

viii s. viii d.

xx s.

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St Bartholomew the Less:

Thomas Muschamp in Marchall's time – £3

Bishopsgate Without:

Thomas Whitehead in Donne's time – 6s. 8d.

Tower Hill:

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William Mandeville in Redeknape's time – 20s.	}	£3
Item, in Donne's time – 15s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 20s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 5s.		
John Glover in Donne's time – 20d.	}	5s.
Item, in Warde's time – 3s. 4d.		
John Ludlow in Donne's time – 7s. 4d.	}	27s. 4d.
Item, in Warde's time – 20s.		
John Noke in Donne's time –		3s. 4d.
William Cristeson in Donne's time –		5s.
John Gilmyn in Warde's time –		6s. 8d.
John Walsshe in Warde's time – 5s.	}	10s.
Item, in Marchall's time – 5s.		

St Dunstan in the East:

Maud Ashton in Warde's time – 10s.

William Seyntwyn in Warde's time – 22s. 6d.

East Cheap:

Robert Cokerelle in Redeknape's time – 13s. 4d.	}	50s.
Item, in Warde's time – 23s. 4d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 13s. 4d.		

Budge Row:

Alison Hulet in Redeknape's time – 20s. 10d.	}	22s. 6d.
Item, in Warde's time – 20d.		
Piers Crawley in Redeknape's time – 18s.	}	33s. 4d.
Item, in Donne's time – 10s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 4s. 4d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 12d.		
Katharine Hardeman in Redeknape's time –		6s. 8d.
John Ale in Donne's time – 8d.	}	4s. 8d.
Item, in Warde's time – 4s.		
John Durant in Donne's time – 2s. 8d.	}	8s. 8d.
Item, in Warde's time – 5s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 12d.		
Richard Martyn in Donne's time – 13s. 4d.	}	20s.
Item, in Warde's time – 6s. 8d.		

	William Burgh <i>tyme</i> Donne – xiii s. iiiii d.	}	xxx s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xiii s. iiiii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s. iiiii d.		
	John Shernefeld <i>tyme</i> Donne – iiiii s.	}	viii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – iiiii s.		
	Kateryne Cleve <i>tyme</i> Donne – iii s.	}	vii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – iiiii s.		
col. 2	Jonet White <i>tyme</i> Donne – x d.	}	xx d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – x d.		
	John Laurens <i>tyme</i> Donne – xii d.	}	vii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s.		
	John Beverle <i>tyme</i> Donne – x s. ⁷²²	}	xx s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – x s.		
	John Burre <i>tyme</i> Don[ne] –		ii s.
	John Coles <i>tyme</i> Warde –		viii s.
	Davy Brekenoke <i>tyme</i> Warde –		viii s. iiiii d.
	Robert Tedde <i>tyme</i> Warde – xv s.	}	xxiii s. ix d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – viii s. ix d.		
	William Warter <i>tyme</i> Warde –		xxx s.
	John Asshby <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		ii s. iiiii d.
	John Clement <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		viii s. iiiii d.
	Richaert Okley <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		ii s.
	Davy Howelle <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		xii d.
	une tenaunt <i>tyme</i> Marchalle –		iii s.
	Morelane		
	Richaert Whitebarogh <i>tyme</i> ⁷²³ Redeknape – xv s.	}	xxxv s. iiiii d.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Donne – v s. iiiii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – xii s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – iii s.	}	x s. v d.
	John Hawkens <i>tyme</i> Redeknape – ii s. vi d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Donne – xx d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – v s.	}	xviii s.
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xv d.		
	Phelip Bryet <i>tyme</i> Don[ne] – xii s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s.	}	iiii s.
	John Hoghton <i>tyme</i> Donne – ii s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – ii s.	}	xiii s. vi d.
	William Smeke <i>tyme</i> Donne – vi s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xviii d.	}	xv s.
	William Goos <i>tyme</i> Donne – vi s. viii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Warde – vi s. viii d.		
	Item, <i>tyme</i> Marchalle – xx d.	}	iii s.
	Herry Mersshe <i>tyme</i> Warde –		

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William Burgh in Donne's time – 13s. 4d.	}	30s.	col. 2	
Item, in Warde's time – 13s. 4d.				
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s. 4d.				
John Shernefeld in Donne's time – 4s.	}	8s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 4s.				
Katharine Cleve in Donne's time – 3s.	}	7s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 4s.				
Janet White in Donne's time – 10d.	}	20d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 10d.				
John Laurence in Donne's time – 12d.	}	7s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 6s.				
John Beverley in Donne's time – 10s.	}	20s.		
Item, in Warde's time – 10s.				
John Burre in Donne's time –		2s.		
John Coles in Warde's time –		8s.		
Davy Brekenoke ⁵⁵¹ in Warde's time –		8s. 4d.		
Robert Tedde in Warde's time – 15s.	}	23s. 9d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 8s. 9d.				
William Warter in Warde's time –		30s.		
John Ashby in Marchall's time –		2s. 4d.		
John Clement in Marchall's time –		8s. 4d.		
Richard Oakley in Marchall's time –		2s.		
Davy Howell in Marchall's time –		12d.		
a woman tenant in Marchall's time –		3s.		
Moor Lane:				
Richard Whitebarogh in Redeknape's time – 15s.	}	35s. 4d.		
Item, in Donne's time – 5s. 4d.				
Item, in Warde's time – 12s.				
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s.	}	10s. 5d.		
John Hawkens in Redeknape's time – 2s. 6d.				
Item, in Donne's time – 20d.				
Item, in Warde's time – 5s.	}	18s.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 15d.				
Philip Bryet in Donne's time – 12s.				
Item, in Warde's time – 6s.	}	4s.		
John Hoghton in Donne's time – 2s.				
Item, in Warde's time – 2s.	}	13s. 6d.		
William Smeke in Donne's time – 6s.				
Item, in Warde's time – 6s.				
Item, in Marchall's time – 18d.	}	15s.		
William Goos in Donne's time – 6s. 8d.				
Item, in Warde's time – 6s. 8d.				
Item, in Marchall's time – 20d.	}	3s.		
Harry Marsh in Warde's time –				

⁵⁵¹ This is very probably the man who had earlier been wardrober to John, Duke of Bedford. For a brief biography, see Stratford, *Bedford Inventories*, pp. 407–8.

William Gladman tyme Warde – ii s.	}	ii s. vi d.
Item, tyme Marchalle – vi d.		
John Birde tyme Warde –		iii s. vi d.
Thomas Man tyme Marchalle –		vii d. ob.

RW f. 26v	Theis aftir be desperate dettis þ ^e tyme of Bleseby, rente gaderer:		
	Emond Wise <i>tyme Donne</i> –	iii s. ix d.	
	Elsabeth Kyng <i>tyme Donne</i> – xii d.	}	vi s.
	Item, <i>tyme Warde</i> – v s.		
	Herry Sommere <i>tyme Donne</i> –		xii d.
	Herry Freman <i>tyme Donne</i> – xiii s. iiiii d.	}	xv s.
	Item, <i>tyme Warde</i> – xx d.		
	John Brayfeld <i>tyme Donne</i> –		ii s.
	Aleyn Freman <i>tyme Donne</i> –		v s.
	William Broun <i>tyme Donne</i> – xii s.	}	xxiiii s.
	Item, <i>tyme Warde</i> – xii s.		
	Herry Slyman <i>tyme Donne</i> –		vi s. ii d.
	Alisaundir Blake <i>tyme Donne</i> –		vi s. viii d.
	John Est <i>tyme Donne</i> –		vi s. viii d.
	Anneis Birde <i>tyme Warde</i> –		iii s. ix d.
	Jone Goldyng <i>tyme Warde</i> –		xii d.
	Jone Pyke <i>tyme Warde</i> –		xvi d.
	Jenyn Furnevale <i>tyme Warde</i> –		xii s.
	Margret Cristeson <i>tyme Warde</i> –		v s.
	Oon þer as White dwelled <i>tyme Warde</i> –		x s.

Summa of þ^e desperates – v li. ix s. iiiii d.

John Bleseby, rente gaderer þ ^e tyme of William Redeknappe,	
ovir þ ^e dettours afor writen –	lxix li. xi s. xi d.
Item, tyme Warde –	vi li. iiiii s. x d. ob.
Item, tyme Marchalle –	xi s. x d.

Richaert Box tyme Marchalle –	vi s. viii d. ⁷²⁴	
Item, þ ^e tyme of Donne – iii s. iiiii d.	}	
Item, þ ^e tyme of Warde – iii s. iiiii d.		x s.
Item, þ ^e tyme of Marchalle – iii s. iiiii d.		

Summa of alle þe dettours the tyme of Bleseby, rente gaderer –
Clvii li. ii s. x d. Wherof

⁷²⁴ R. Note also that the sum of vi s. viii d. had been written over a previous erasure.

William Gladman in Warde's time – 2s.	}	2s. 6d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 6d.		
John Birde in Warde's time –		3s. 6d.
Thomas Man in Marchall's time –		7½d.

These below are the desperate debts⁵⁵² from the time while John Bleseby was rent-collector: RW f. 26v

Edmund Wise in Donne's time –		3s. 9d.
Elisabeth Kyng in Donne's time – 12d.	}	6s.
Item, in Warde's time – 5s.		
Harry Sommere in Donne's time –		12d.
Harry Freman in Donne's time – 13s. 4d.	}	15s.
Item, in Warde's time – 20d.		
John Brayfield in Donne's time –		2s.
Alan Freman in Donne's time –		5s.
William Brown in Donne's time – 12s.	}	24s.
Item, in Warde's time – 12s.		
Harry Slyman in Donne's time –		6s. 2d.
Alexander Blake in Donne's time –		6s. 8d.
John East in Donne's time –		6s. 8d.
Anneis Birde in Warde's time –		3s. 9d.
Joan Goldyng in Warde's time –		12d.
Joan Pyke in Warde's time –		16d.
Jenyn Furnevale in Warde's time –		12s.
Margaret Cristeson in Warde's time –		5s.
One who lived where White lived, in Warde's time –		10s.

Total of all desperate debts – £5 9s. 4d.

John Bleseby, rent-collector, during the time of William Redeknappe,
over and above the debts written above – £69 11s. 11d.
Item, in Warde's time – £6 4s. 10½d.
Item, in Marchall's time – 11s. 10d.

Richard Box in Marchall's time –		6s. 8d.
Item, in Donne's time – 3s. 4d.	}	10s.
Item, in Warde's time – 3s. 4d.		
Item, in Marchall's time – 3s. 4d.		

Total of all debts during the term of office of Bleseby, rent-collector –
£157 2s. 10d. Of which

⁵⁵² i.e. whose recovery is beyond hope.

Is due þ ^e tyme of Redeknape –	iiii ^x iii li. iii s. i d.
Item, þe tyme of Donne –	xix li. xvi s. vii d.
Item, þ ^e tyme of Warde –	xxxviii li. xvii s. iiiii d. ob.
Item, þe tyme of Marchalle –	xv li. v s. ix d. ob.

RW f. 27r Theis be dettours the tyme of Roger Roos, mercier, rente gaderer of þe mercerie for iii quarters at þe fest of Ester anno xxxvii^o the tyme of John Marchalle, rentier:

John Chambir –	x s.
Jone Laurence –	iiii s.
John Foster –	xvi d.
William Brampton –	viii s. x d.
John Abyn –	xvi d.
Nicholas Belle –	vi s.
Richaert Box –	xx s.
John Markaunt –	viii s. ix d.
Symken Carter –	iii s. iiiii d.
Anneis Barde –	iii s. iiiii d.
John Abote –	xii d.
John Leeff –	iii s.
Isabelle Kyng –	ii s. vi d.
Thomas Muschamp –	iiii li.
Thomas Mason –	xii d.
William Maundevile –	v s.
John Toker –	viii d.
John Manby –	ii s. i d.
John Robyn –	v s. viii d.
Robert Cokerelle –	iii s. iiiii d.
John Clement –	xxv s.
John Norwich –	iii s. iiiii d.
John Durant –	xii d.
Piers Crawle –	iiii s.
John Broun –	iii s.
Robert Pery –	xx d.
Alson Sheffeld –	xii d.
John Colles –	iiii s.
Alesandir Blakhalle –	xvi d.
Thomas Shorne –	xii d.
John Bridde –	xxi d.

Summa – x li. xviii s. iii d.

Theis be dettours whiche voyded oute of þeir places at þentre of receit of þ^e said Roger:

Richaert Thrustelle –	viii s. iiiii d.
John Richaert & } Thomas Coste }	vi s. viii d.
Jenet Grey –	xv d.

Is due for the term of office of Redeknape –	£83 3s. 1d.
Item, for the term of office of Donne –	£19 16s. 7d.
Item, for the term of office of Warde –	£38 17s. 4½d.
Item, for the term of office of Marchall –	£15 5s. 9½d.

These are the debtors during the term of office of Roger Roos, mercer, rent-collector of the mercers' mistery for 3 quarters [of the year] up until the feast of Easter 37 [Henry VII] [1459], during the term of office of John Marchall, renter-warden: RW f. 27r

John Chamber –	10s.
Joan Lawrence –	4s.
John Foster –	16d.
William Brampton –	8s. 10d.
John Abyn –	16d.
Nicholas Belle –	6s.
Richard Box –	20s.
John Markaunt –	8s. 9d.
Simkin Carter –	3s. 4d.
Anneis Barde –	3s. 4d.
John Abbot –	12d.
John Leeff –	3s.
Isabelle Kyng –	2s. 6d.
Thomas Muschamp –	£4
Thomas Mason –	12d.
William Mandeville –	5s.
John Toker –	8d.
John Manby –	2s. 1d.
John Robyn –	5s. 8d.
Robert Cokerelle –	3s. 4d.
John Clement –	25s.
John Norwich –	3s. 4d.
John Durant –	12d.
Piers Crawley –	4s.
John Brown –	3s.
Robert Pery –	20d.
Alison Sheffield –	12d.
John Coles –	4s.
Alexander Blackhall –	16d.
Thomas Shorne –	12d.
John Birde –	21d.
Total –	£10 18s. 3d.

These are the debtors who vacated their premises when the said Roger took up office:

Richard Thrustille –	8s. 4d.
John Richard and Thomas Coste	} 6s. 8d.
Janet Grey –	
	15d.

William Cristeson – xv d.
 John Ludlowe – xx d.
 Richaert Agu – ii s.
Summa – xxi s. ii d.

Roger Roos oweth – iiii li. v s. iii d.

1459–60 This is thacompte of Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, Thomas Muschampe, & John
 f. 195r Barby, merciers and custoses of þ^e same for an hole yeer at þe fest of Midsomer
 the yeer of oure [Lorde] xiiiiC lxⁱⁱ and of Kyng Herry þ^e vi^{te} xxxviiiⁱⁱ.

The charge of þe said acomptauntz:

First, the said acomptauntz charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Rauf Verney, John
 Burton, John Stokton, & John Marchalle, late custoses for þ^e yeer laste passid for
 þarest of þeir acompte, as apereth in þ^e foote of þe same in þ^e nexte leef tofore –
 Cxxx li. xix s. iiii d.

Summa – *patet*

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony *resseyved* for

Thomas Stavirton, þaprentis of John Barby afor^{said} – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, of William Smyth, þaprentis of Geffrey Blower – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, of Roger Domelowe, þaprentis of William Sewestir – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, of John Cowle, þaprentis of John Martyn – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for William oo Werke, þaprentis of John Broun – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for William Domelowe, þaprentis of Richaert Wise – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for William Heton, þaprentis of William
 Cogayne⁷²⁵ – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for William Dylke, þaprentis of Richaert Heynes – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for Robert Walrom, þaprentis of William
 Lightholders – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for Nicholas Middelmores, þaprentis & sone of
 Roger Middelmores – ii s.
 Item, for Gilbert Palmer, þaprentis of Thomas Burgoyne – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for a fyne for he was rolled tofore at þ^e Yilde halle – iiii d.
 Item, for William Lok, þaprentis of John Lok – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for Richaert Twyg, þaprentis of Robert Skrayngham – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for John Andrewe, þaprentis & sone of John
 Andrewe – ii s.
 Item, for John Muschampe þe sone of Thomas
 Muschampe & þaprentis of John Warde – ii s.
 Item, for Laurence Cok, þaprentis of William Hylle – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for a fyne for he was not entred *withinne*
 þe first yeer – iiii d.
 Item, for John Martyn, þaprentis & sone of John Martyn – ii s.

⁷²⁵ The names 'William Heton' and 'Cogayne' are written over previous complete erasures.

William Cristeson –	15d.
John Ludlow –	20d.
Richard Agewe –	2s.
Total –	21s. 2d.

Roger Roos owes – £4 5s. 3d.

This is the account of Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, mercers and wardens of the same for a whole year up to the feast of Midsummer in the year of our Lord 1460 and the regnal year 38 Henry VI. 1459–60 f. 195r

Their receipts

Firstly, they declare money received from Ralph Verney, John Burton, John Stockton, and John Marchall, former wardens for the previous year, for the balance of their account, as appears at the foot of the same on the preceding page – £130 19s. 4d.

Total – as above

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received for Thomas Staverton,
the apprentice of the aforesaid John Barby – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, from William Smyth the apprentice of Geoffrey Blower – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, from Roger Domelowe the apprentice of William Sewester – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, from John Cowle the apprentice of John Martyn – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William oo Werke the apprentice of John Brown – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Domelowe the apprentice of Richard Wise – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Heton the apprentice of William Cogan – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Dylke the apprentice of Richard Haynes – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Robert Walronde the apprentice of William
Lightholders – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Nicholas Middlemore the apprentice and son of
Roger Middlemore – 2s.
Item, for Gilbert Palmer the apprentice of Thomas Burgoyne – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for a fine because he was previously enrolled at the
Guildhall – 4d.
Item, for William Locke the apprentice of John Locke – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Richard Twigge the apprentice of Robert Scrayingham – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Andrew the apprentice and son of John Andrew – 2s.
Item, for John Muschamp the son of Thomas Muschamp and
the apprentice of John Warde – 2s.
Item, for Laurence Cok the apprentice of William Hille – £3 6s. 8d.
Item, for a fine because he was not admitted within his first year – 4d.
Item, for John Martyn the apprentice and son of John Martyn – 2s.

	Item, for Thomas Riche, paprentis & sone of Richaert Riche –	ii s.
	Item, for Thomas Lyde, paprentis of Roger Bonefaunt –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for Thomas Clement, paprentis of William Groveman –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for John Moyle, paprentis of John Alburgh –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for John Squyer, paprentis of William Pratte –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for William Hoxon, paprentis of John Clyfton –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for Richaert Bole, paprentis of Richaert Riche –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
f. 195v	Item, for George Morton, paprentis of William Holte, for as moche as he hath served þe said William v yeer & more, þ ^e said William not knoweng oure ordenances, & now he is sette ovir to William Stevens by þavice of þ ^e custoses to serve oute his terme & by þe consent of þ ^e felashippe he paieth aftir þolde ordenance –	ii s.
	Item, for John Roo, paprentis of Emond Bettis –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for William Seymour, þe sone of John Seymour & paprentis of John Colyns –	ii s.
	Item, for Richaert Sutton, paprentis of Geffrey Boleyn –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for Water Stokes, paprentis of John Lambart –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for William Squyer, paprentis of John Neve –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
	Item, for John Roo, þe sone of John Roo & paprentis of Hugh Wiche –	ii s.
	Summa – lxxvii li. x s.	
Issues of apprentices:		
	First, þ ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony resseyved of Robert Fulsham, late paprentis of John Lok –	ii s.
	Item, of John Fletcher, late paprentis of Thomas Rykes –	ii s.
	Item, of John Hammer, late paprentis of John Penne & after with John Lok –	ii s.
	Item, of Thomas Garnoun, late paprentis of John Goldewelle –	ii s.
	Item, of John Asche, late paprentis of William Stevens & after with Emond Bettis –	ii s.
	Item, of John Wode, late paprentis of Robert Twyg –	ii s.
	Item, of William Strete, late paprentis of Richaert Nedam –	ii s.
	Item, of Richaert Golofer, late paprentis of John Broddisworth & after with John Cotford –	ii s.
	Item, of þ ^e said Richaert for a fyne for he served not oute his terme –	xii d.
	Item, of Thomas Sutbery, late paprentis of William Redeknap –	ii s.
	Item, of John Cok, late paprentis of Thomas Brice –	ii s.
	Item, of þe said John for a fyne to be admytted to oure felaushippe for as moche as he was bounde to þ ^e said Thomas to þ ^e crafte of lyndrapers –	xx s.
	Item, of George Assheby, late paprentis of Thomas Walker –	ii s.

Item, for Thomas Riche the apprentice and son of Richard Riche –	2s.	
Item, for Thomas Lyde the apprentice of Roger Bonefaunt –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for Thomas Clement the apprentice of William Groveman –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for John Moyle the apprentice of John Alburgh –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for John Squire the apprentice of William Pratte –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for William Hoxon the apprentice of John Clifton –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for Richard Bole the apprentice of Richard Riche –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for George Morton, the apprentice of William Holt, and in that he has served the said William for 5 years and more, the said William having no knowledge of our ordinances, and now, on the wardens' advice, he has been transferred to William Stephens to serve out his terms, and with the consent of the fellowship he pays according to the old ordinance –	2s.	f. 195v
Item, for John Roo the apprentice of Edmund Bettes –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for William Seymour, the son of John Seymour and the apprentice of John Colyns –	2s.	
Item, for Richard Sutton the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for Walter Stokes the apprentice of John Lambard –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for William Squire the apprentice of John Neve –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, for John Roo, the son of John Roo and the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.	
Total – £77 10s.		

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received from Robert Fulsham, formerly the apprentice of John Locke –	2s.
Item, from John Fletcher formerly the apprentice of Thomas Rykes –	2s.
Item, from John Hammer formerly the apprentice of John Penne and afterwards with John Locke –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Garnoun formerly the apprentice of John Goldewelle –	2s.
Item, from John Asshe formerly the apprentice of William Stephens and afterwards with Edmund Bettes –	2s.
Item, from John Wood formerly the apprentice of Robert Twigge –	2s.
Item, from William Street formerly the apprentice of Richard Nedam –	2s.
Item, from Richard Golofer formerly the apprentice of John Brodsworth and afterwards with John Cotford –	2s.
Item, from the said Richard for a fine because he did not serve out his terms –	12d.
Item, from Thomas Sutbery formerly the apprentice of William Redeknape –	2s.
Item, from John Cok formerly the apprentice of Thomas Brice –	2s.
Item, from the said John to be admitted to our company, in that he had been bound to the said Thomas within the linendrapers mistery –	20s.
Item, from George Ashby formerly the apprentice of Thomas Walker –	2s.

Item, of Robert Gyles, late þaprentis of Richaert Everle –	ii s.
Item, of William Moreton, late þaprentis of William Myles & after with Thomas Muschampe –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Rawson, late þaprentis of Thomas Fyler –	ii s.
Summa – xlix s.	

Shopholders:

First, þ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony
resseyved of William Clerk – xii d.

Item, of Richaert Pope –	xii d.
Item, of Robert Broun –	xii d.
Item, of Thomas Baxster –	xii d.
Item, of John Banknot –	xii d.
Item, of William Cogan –	xii d.
Item, of John Fletcher –	xii d.
Item, of William Alburgh –	xii d.
Item, of Thomas Huyk –	xii d.
Item, of Robert Weston –	xii d.
Item, of Richaert Golofer –	xii d.
Item, of William Rightwys –	xii d.
Summa – xii s.	

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Entrees into þ^e lyvrey þ^e ii^{de} yer:

First, þ^e said acomptantz charge þem of mony
resseyved of John Neve – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Pikeryng –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Purdaunce –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Emond Bettes –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Hylle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Skidmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Shelley –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Broun –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Lonmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Phelippe Amersam –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Bompsted –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Barby –	vi s. viii d.
Summa – iiii li.	

Mercymentz:⁷²⁶

First, of Thomas Sawston –	viii d.
Item, of Robert Barlee –	xii d.
Item, of William Redeknape –	iiii d.
Item, of Rauff Kempe –	iiii d.
Item, of John Pikereng –	iiii d.
Item, of Thomas Lonmore –	iiii d.

⁷²⁶ The following list is set out in two columns, Sawston – Bawdewyn in the first column; one may note the lack of the word 'Item' for the first entry in the second column and the subsequent reduction from 'Item, of' to 'Item' for all but the last two entries.

Item, from Robert Gyles formerly the apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.
Item, from William Moreton formerly the apprentice of William Miles and afterwards with Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Rawson formerly the apprentice of Thomas Fyler –	2s.
Total – 49s.	

Shopholders:

Firstly, they declare money received from William Clerk –	12d.
Item, from Richard Pope –	12d.
Item, from Robert Brown –	12d.
Item, from Thomas Baxster –	12d.
Item, from John Banknot –	12d.
Item, from William Cogan –	12d.
Item, from John Fletcher –	12d.
Item, from William Alburgh –	12d.
Item, from Thomas Huyk –	12d.
Item, from Robert Weston –	12d.
Item, from Richard Golofer –	12d.
Item, from William Rightwis –	12d.
Total – 12s.	

Admission to the livery, the second year:

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Firstly, they declare money received from John Neve –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickering –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Purdaunce –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Edmund Bettes –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Skidmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Shelley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Brown –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Lonmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Philip Amersham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Bumpstead –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4	

Fines:

Firstly, from Thomas Sawston –	8d.
Item, from Robert Barley –	12d.
Item, from William Redeknape –	4d.
Item, from Ralph Kemp –	4d.
Item, from John Pickering –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Lonmore –	4d.

Item, of William Skidmore –	viii d.
Item, of John Neve –	iiii d.
Item, of Nich[ol]as Agor –	iiii d.
Item, of William Sewester –	iiii d.
Item, of Thomas Burgoyne –	iiii d.
Item, of Olyver Cople –	iiii d.
Item, of William Fyncham –	iiii d.
Item, of William Bawdewyn –	iiii d.
Richaert Yarom –	iiii d.
Item, Thomas Lee –	iiii d.
Item, of William Saunderson –	iiii d.
Item, Thomas Stubbes –	iiii d.
Item, John Baker –	iiii d.
Item, Thomas Fyler –	ii s.
Item, Thomas Godyng –	iiii d.
Item, Herry Colet –	viii d.
Item, Robert Twyg –	iii s.
Item, Thomas Brice –	iii s.
Item, William Heende –	iiii s.
Item, of Thomas Nyche –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Belyetir –	vi s. viii d.
Summa –	xxxiiii s.

Fynes of lycensid from courtes:

First, þe said acomptant ^z chargith þem of mony resseyved of Roger Middeldmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas ⁷²⁷ Drayton –	xx d.
Item, of John Burton –	vi s. viii d.
Summa –	xv s.

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Fynes of trespassours:

First, þe said acomptant ^z charge þem of mony resseyved of Piers Orum for uncurteis langage to Emond Bettes, late his maister –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Clerk for smyteng of Robert Weston, in wexe –	vi lb.
Item, of þe said Robert in lyke wise for smyteng of þe said William –	ii lb.
Item, of Thomas Brice for þaresteng of William Rightwis withoute licence –	xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, of Thomas Lee for lyeng in a wayte of John Reyner þe yonger & brekeng of his heed –	xl s.
Item, of John Pelham for divers offences doon ageins þordenances of þe felashippe and was proved by examynacion by Hugh Wiche, Thomas Dounton, & oþer þan beyng wardeins –	iii li.
Summa –	vi li.

Summa totalis of alle þeir charge – CCxxiii li. xix s. iiiii d.

⁷²⁷ This name has been written in later over an erasure.

Item, from William Skidmore –	8d.
Item, from John Neve –	4d.
Item, from Nicholas Agor –	4d.
Item, from William Sewester –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Burgoyne –	4d.
Item, from Oliver Copley –	4d.
Item, from William Fyncham –	4d.
Item, from William Baldewyn –	4d.
Richard Yarom –	4d
Item, Thomas Lee –	4d.
Item, from William Saunderson –	4d.
Item, Thomas Stubbes –	4d.
Item, John Baker –	4d.
Item, Thomas Fyler –	2s.
Item, Thomas Godyng –	4d.
Item, Harry Colet –	8d.
Item, Robert Twigge –	3s.
Item, Thomas Brice –	3s.
Item, William Heende –	4s.
Item, from Thomas Nyche –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Beleter –	6s. 8d.
Total –	34s.

Fines from those with permission not to attend courts:

Firstly, they declare money received	
from Roger Middlemore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Drayton –	20d.
Item, from John Burton –	6s. 8d.
Total –	15s.

Fines from offenders:

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Firstly, they declare money received from Piers Orum for discourteous language towards Edmund Bettes, his former master –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Clerk for striking Robert Weston, in wax ⁵⁵³ –	6 lb.
Item, from the said Robert similarly for striking the said William –	2 lb.
Item, from Thomas Brice for having William Rightwis arrested without permission –	13s. 4d.
Item, from Thomas Lee for lying in wait for John Reyner the younger and breaking his head –	40s.
Item, from John Pelham for various offences committed against the company's ordinances, as was proved by the investigation of Hugh Wyche, Thomas Dounton, and the other wardens at that time –	£3
Total –	£6

Sum total of all their receipts – £223 19s. 4d.

553 They are being fined in amounts of wax.

The discharge of þ^e said acomptauntz:

First, þ^e said acomptantz discharge þem of mony paid for bargehire for þ^e kynges ternement – ix s. iiii d.

Item, for bargehire for þ^e presenteng of Stokker & Plomer, shryves, and Hulyn, maier, for ii tymes – xviii s. viii d.

Item, to þ^e Maister of Seint Thomas of Acres & his brederen for þ^e dirige & þe messe of þ^e brederen of þ^e mercerie – x s.

Item, to þe wexchander for xxii tapers & ii rolles wex weyng xiii lb., for whiche delivered hym in newe wex viii lb. & in endes v lb., so paid for peschaunge – xiii d.

Item, to Crowe for ii tapers weyng i lb. & di. – x d.

Item, for paper & inke – x d.

Item, for wassheng of þornamentes of þ^e chapelle – xx d.

Item, for iiii garlondes with gelofers & roses for þe wardeins – xv d.

Item, for þ^e makeng of þis acompte & writeng into þis registre – vi s. viii d.

Summa – L s. iiii d.

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Foreine expensis:

First, þ^e said acomptantz discharge þem of mony paid to Clampard for xvi standardis & xxxiiii traunsoms of iren for þ^e wyndowes in Seint Thomas Halle callid þe Merciers Halle, weyng C & di. & xxi lb. at i d. ob. q^a, *summa* xxvii s. vi d. ob. q^a. Item, for makeng of oure owne iren ovir þat – viii d. *Totalis* – xxviii s. ii d. ob. q^a

Item, to Thomas Priour, mason, for vii daies, for setting inne of þ^e said iren, þ^e daie viii d. ob., *summa* – iiii s. xi d. ob. Item, for plaster – ii d. – v s. i d. ob.

Item, for þamend of þ^e lok of þ^e chest in þe chapelle & a new haspe – vi d.

Item, for setteng inne of þ^e glasse in oure halle wyndowes & þamend of þ^e same – ii s. i d.

Item, for þamend of þ^e mortuarie caas – iiii d.

Item, R⁷²⁸ of Brisbon for ȝetyng of þ^e standardes & traunsoms an[d] C lb of olde leed of oure owne lyvelood – Nichille

Item, for makeng of iii patrouns with maydens hedis for þ^e bankers & kusshons – xxii d.

Item, for iii bankers & i tapet & vi cosshouns of Aras hold xxxiiii^a yerd & i quarter – iii li. x s.

Item, for vi large skynnes of ghote for þ^e said cusshouns – vii s. iii d.

Item, for i tyke for þe same – vi s. viii d.

Item, for xlv lb. ȝ fethers for þe same at ii d. ob., *summa* – ix s. v d.

Item, for makeng of þ^e same – iii s.

Item, for þamend of a paxbred – iiii d.

Item, for repaireng & garnyssheng of þ^e Cite, for stuffe for þ^e defence of þ^e same, graunted by a courte þ^e xv^e of Feverer – x li.

⁷²⁸ The abbreviation normally used to indicate 'received'.

Their disbursements

Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire for the King's obit – 9s. 4d.

Item, for barge-hire for the presentation of Stokker and Plomer, sheriffs, and Hulyn, Mayor, on 2 occasions – 18s. 8d.

Item, to the Master of St Thomas of Acon and his brethren for the Office of the Dead and the mass for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.

Item, to the wax-chandler for 22 tapers and 2 rowels of wax weighing 13 lb., for which he had delivered to him 8 lb. of new wax, and 5 lb. in candle-ends, therefore paid for the exchange – 13d.

Item, to Crowe for 2 tapers weighing 1½ lb. – 10d.

Item, for paper and ink – 10d.

Item, for washing of the chapel accoutrements – 20d.

Item, for 4 garlands with gillyflowers⁵⁵⁴ and roses for the wardens – 15d.

Item, for the drawing up of this account and writing it into this record-book⁵⁵⁵ – 6s. 8d.

Total – 50s. 4d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, they declare money paid to Clampard for 16 iron upright bars and 34 iron cross-bars for the windows of the Hall at St Thomas's called the Mercers' Hall, weighing 1½ cwt 21 lb., at 1¾d., total – 27s. 6¾d. Item, for making-up of our own iron, over and above the other – 8d. Total – 28s. 2¾d.

Item, to Thomas Priour, mason, for 7 days, for fixing in the said iron [bars], at 8½d. per day, total – 4s. 11½d. Item, for plaster – 2d. – 5s. 1½d.

Item, for the repair of the lock of the chest in the chapel and a new hasp – 6d.

Item, for the insertion of the glass in our hall windows and for the repair of the same – 2s. 1d.

Item, for repairs to the funeral vestments chest⁵⁵⁶ – 4d.

Item, from Brisbon for the fixing⁵⁵⁷ of the upright bars and cross-bars, and for 100 lb. of old lead from our own properties – nil

Item, for the making of 3 patterns with maidenheads for the bench-covers and cushions – 22d.

Item, for 3 bench-covers and 1 'tapet'⁵⁵⁸ and 6 cushions made from old Arras tapestry, 34¼ yards – £3 10s.

Item, for 6 large goat-skins for the said cushions – 7s. 3d.

Item, for 1 'tick'⁵⁵⁹ of the same material – 6s. 8d.

Item, for 45½ lb. feathers for the same at 2½d. [per lb.], total – 9s. 5d.

Item, for the making of the same – 3s.

Item, for the repair of a pax – 4d.

Item, for repairwork and for provisioning of the City, for materials for the defence of the same, granted by a court on 15 February⁵⁶⁰ – £10

554 At this date, these will very possibly have been 'the clove-scented pink (*Dianthus Caryophyllus*)'. See OED.

555 One may note that the word used this time is 'registre'.

556 See above, pp. 700, 782.

557 The word used is 'jetyng', i.e. 'To set or fasten (as iron in stone) by means of molten lead. Hence, to fix firmly' (OED).

558 This might have been either a hanging, or a table-cover, or a small carpet.

559 'The case or cover containing feathers, flocks, or the like, forming a mattress or pillow' (OED).

560 This record has not been preserved in the *Acts of Court*.

Item, for wyne for Maister Richaert Fisssher & oþer to be frendly in þ^e custome – xii d. ob.

Item, for bryngeng of a *lettre* from Bruges to þe wardeins – iiiii d.

Item, for a peire basins of silver for þ^e chapelle weyng ii lb. iiiii unces, pris – v li. ii s. viii d., wherof John Lok paid iii li.,⁷²⁹ so þ^e rest is – xlii s. viii d.

Item, for makeng & copieng of divers *commyssions* for þentrecours of merchaundise – iiiii s.

Item, for makeng & copieng of divers *lettres* sente ovir þ^e see & to þ^e kinges counselle – iii s.

Item, to a *sergeaunt* of þ^e shryves for his attendaunce upon a preest whiche robbed oure chapelle at Seint Thomas – iiiii d.

Item, to John Walden, aldirman, for oure *parte* for sendyng ovir of ii *commyssions* – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to xxvii persones rideng in blue to mete *with* þe kyng whan he came from Ludlowe & aftir from Northampton, *graunted* by an hole courte – x li.

Summa – xxix li. xix s. v d. ob. q^a

Summa of alle þe discharge – xxxii li. ix s. ix d. ob. q^a

So þ^e rest is to þe *mercerie* – Ciiii^{xx} xi li. ix s. vi d. q^a – Wherof

Rauff Verney	} auditours
John Burton	
John Stokton	
John Marchalle	

1461 Is allowed to þ^e said acomptantz by an hole courte holde þ^e xxiith daie of Maii *anno*
f. 197v E. iiiiith *primo*, upon þe *somme* of iiiii li. iiiii s. v d. whiche þei asked in þeir acompte for losse & waste þat þey dide in poynteng of ii *sopers*, wherof þ^e oon was lefte for comyng of þerlez of Marche & Warrewyk from Caleis – xlvi s. viii d.

1460 Item, paid by þ^e boke of lyvelood more þan is resseyved, as apereth in þacompte of þ^e same, & by þauditours þerof allowed, folio xxviii^o – liii li. xi s. v d.

Summa allowed – lv li. xviii s. i d.

1460 Item, delivered to Richaert Nedam, Robert Skrayngham, John Tate, & Roger Middeldmore, wardeins of newe elyted for þ^e yer folewyng – Cvii li. xiiii s.

⁷²⁹ See also f. 208r below.

Item, for wine for Master Richard Fisher⁵⁶¹ and others, to be favourable to us in the Customs – 12½d.

Item, for the bringing of a letter from Bruges to the wardens – 4d.

Item, for a pair of silver basins for the chapel weighing 2 lb. 4 oz., cost – £5 2s. 8d., of which John Locke paid £3, so the remainder is – 42s. 8d.

Item, for the drawing up and copying of various commissions concerning the commercial intercourse of merchandise – 4s.

Item, for drawing up and copying various letters sent overseas and to the King's Council – 3s.

Item, to one of the sheriffs' serjeants for his attendance upon⁵⁶² a priest who had robbed our chapel at St Thomas's – 4d.

Item, to John Walden, alderman, for our share for the sending out of 2 commissions – 13s. 4d.

Item, to 27 persons dressed in blue, riding in procession to meet the King [Henry VI] when he came from Ludlow and then from Northampton, granted by a plenary court – £10

Total – £29 19s. 5¾d.

Total of all disbursements – £32 9s. 9¾d.

Therefore the balance to the mercers' mystery is – £191 9s. 6¼d.

Of which

Ralph Verney	} auditors
John Burton	
John Stockton	
John Marchall	

There was authorised to them by a plenary court held on 22 May 1 Edward IV [1461], of the total of £4 4s. 5d. which they asked for in their account for loss and waste that they incurred on the arranging of 2 suppers, of which one was cancelled because of the arrival of the Earls of March and Warwick from Calais – 46s. 8d. 1461
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Item, paid out, according to the estates account book, more than was received, as appears in the same account, and authorised by its auditors, on f. 28 – £53 11s. 5d. 1460

Total authorised – £55 18s. 1d.

Item, handed over to Richard Nedam, Robert Scrayingham, John Tate, and Roger Middlemore, wardens newly elected for the following year – £107 14s. 1460

⁵⁶¹ He was secretary to Richard Neville, earl of Warwick; see Stratford, *Bedford Inventories*, p. 411.

⁵⁶² i.e. his arresting of.

Summa allowed & paied – Clxiii li. xii s. i d.

So þ^e rest is in þeir handes – xxvii li. xvii s. v d. – whiche

Is in dettours, as apereth aftir:

Geffrey Boleyn for þentre of Richaert Sutton –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
John Burton for a fyne –	vi s. viii d.
John Pelham for a fyne upon pledge –	iii li.
Thomas Lee for a fyne upon pledge –	xl s.
John Squyer by iii obligacions –	v li. ⁷³⁰
Thomas Muschampe hath in his handes of þ ^e said acompte –	x li. xvi s. iiiii d.
William Redeknape for a fyne for Robert his man –	xxiii s. iiiii d.
Thomas Belyetir for mercymente –	vi s. viii d.
Item, þer is in þ ^e handes of þ ^e wardeins aforsaid –	xxxvii s. ix d.

Summa – xxvii li. xvii s. v d.

Ensy quyte

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Thacompte of John Barby, oon of the custoses of þ^e mercerie and rentier of the lyvelood of the same, for an hole yeer at þe fest of Estir the yeer of oure Lord xiiii^c lx^{ti} and of Kyng Herry xxxviii^{ti}:

The charge of the said acomptaunt:

Of the mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood purchased by þ^e mercerie for þe said hole yeer, *with* þencres in þ^e Crowne of Nicholas Hatton for þe yer – vi s. viii d., as apereth in þe laste acompte folio xxiii^o, and ovir iiiii s. of decres of John Deken in þe parish of Seint Martyns Otewich, as apereth in þe same acompte folio xxiii^{io} – xlvi li. xvi s. viii d.

Þencrees:

Item, of þencres in þ^e Crowne of Nicholas Hatton for iii quarters – xii d.
Item, of þencres in S. Martyns Otewich of John Gad⁷³¹ for þ^e half yer – xxvi s. viii d.

Summa – xlvi li. iiiii s. iiiii d.

⁷³⁰ See above, f. 194v.

⁷³¹ *The Book of Ordinances*, ff. 10v–11r, records the terms under which John Gadde took up his tenancy of the Pye in December 1458: ‘Also itt ys accorded þe xi daie of Decembre anno tricesimo vii^o, for as moche as John Gadde, sherman, haþe take to ferme for certeyne yeres a tenauntry callid þe Pye, for xvi li. a yeere, that no persone under þe correccioun of þe Mercerie shalle shere nor doo to shere no fustyan peece nor halfe peece but with þe seide John during þe tyme þat he occupieth the forseide tenantry, paying for every peece for shering and calandreng – viii d. ... And for þis þe forsaide John is bounde in like wyse, as in þe endentures þerof made playnly appereth, that þe forsaide John, nor none in his name, during þe tyme afore lymtyed shalle selle nor doo to selle ony peece of fustian or halfe peece to noo chapman nor oþer by ony coloure but oonly to freemen of þe Cytee of London.’

Total authorised and paid – £163 12s. 1d.

Therefore the balance in their hands is – £27 17s. 5d. which

consists of debts, as appears below:

Geoffrey Boleyn for the admission of Richard Sutton –	£3 6s. 8d.
John Burton for a fine –	6s. 8d.
John Pelham for a fine, upon security –	£3
Thomas Lee for a fine, upon security –	40s.
John Squire, by 3 bonds obligatory –	£5
Thomas Muschamp has in his possession, from the said account –	£10 16s. 4d.
William Redeknape for a fine for his [serving-]man Robert –	23s. 4d.
Thomas Beleter for a fine –	6s. 8d.
Item, there remains in the possession of the aforesaid wardens –	37s. 9d.

Total £27 17s. 5d.

Thus quit

The account of John Barby, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1460 and the regnal year 38 Henry VI. 1459–60
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His receipts

From the mistery's own properties:

Firstly, he declares money received from the properties purchased by the mercers' mistery, for the said whole year, with the increase at the Crown from Nicholas Hatton for the year – 6s. 8d., as appears in the last account on folio 23, and excluding 4s. reduction for John Deken in the parish of St Martin Outwich, as appears in the same account on folio 24 – £46 16s. 8d.

Increases:

Item, from the increase at the Crown from Nicholas Hatton, for 3 quarters [of the year] – 12d.

Item, from the increase in St Martin Outwich from John Gadde,⁵⁶³ for half the year – 26s. 8d.

Total – £48 4s. 4d.

⁵⁶³ The 'calandring' referred to in note 731 on the opposite page means the pressing of cloth between rollers etc. (see *OED* sub *CALENDER*).

Of Whitengton:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood goven by Richaert Whitengton for þ^e said hole yeer ovir þ^e decrees of Roger Bonefaunt in S. Laurence Jury for þ^e hole yeer – xxvi s. viii d. as apereth in þe last acompte folio xxiii^{to} – CCxxxv li. xvi s. iii d.

Pencrees:

Item, of þencres in Seint Laurence parish þ^e Jury, of Aleyn Newman for half yer at þ^e said Ester – xx d.

Item, of þencres in þ^e same parish of John Lane in þe Miter Aley for þ^e said half yer – vi d.

Quy[te] Rentes:

Item, of quyte rentes *resseyved* of divers *tenementes*, ovir xi s. viii d. unpaied as apereth tofore folio xi^e – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa – CCxli li. iii s. viii d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelod goven by Sir William Estfeld, knyght – xviii li. viii s.

Summa – xviii li. viii s.

Of Abbot:

Item, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e lyvelood goven by John Abbot – xii li. xx d.

Summa – xii li. xx d.

Summa of alle the rentes – CCCxix li. xviii s. viii d.

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Restes of acomptes:

Item, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of William Redeknape as apereth in his acompte tofore folio xviii^o – xiii li. xi s. v d.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of John Donne as apereth in his acompte tofore folio xx^o – xii li. vi s. iii d.

Item, of mony *resseyved* of John Warde as apereth in his acompte tofore folio xxii^{to} – xxi s.

Summa – xxvi li. xviii s. ix d.

Olde dette þ^e tyme of Bleseby:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargith [hym] of mony

resseyved of Herry Pery – xiii s. ii d.

Item, of Bilesard de Barde – iii li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, of John Markaunt – xii s. vi d.

Item, of Nicholas Belle – xxxviii s.

Item, of Richaert Box – xvi s. viii d.

Item, of John Bevirle – xx s.

Whittington:

Item, he declares money received from the estate given by Richard Whittington, for the said whole year, excluding the reduction for Roger Bonefaunt in St Lawrence Jewry for the whole year – 26s. 8d., as appears in the last account on folio 24 – £235 16s. 4d.

Increases:

Item, from the increase in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry from Alan Newman, for half a year up to the said Easter – 20d.

Item, from the increase in the same parish from John Lane in Mitre Alley, for the said half year – 6d.

Quit-rents:

Item, from quit-rents received from various tenements, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid, as appears above on folio 11 – £5 6s. 2d.

Total – £241 4s. 8d.

Eastfield:

Item, he declares money received from the estate given by Sir William Eastfield, knight – £18 8s.

Total – £18 8s.

Abbot:

Item, he declares money received from the estate given by John Abbot – £12 20d.

Total – £12 20d.

Total from all rents – £319 18s. 8d.

Balances from accounts:

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Item, he declares money received from William Redeknape, as appears in his account above on folio 18 – £13 11s. 5d.

Item, money received from John Donne as appears in his account above on folio 20 – £12 6s. 4d.

Item, money received from John Warde, as appears in his account above on folio 22 – 21s.

Total – £26 18s. 9d.

Old debts from the time of Bleseby:

Item, he declares money received

from Harry Pery – 14s. 2d.

Item, from Bilesard de Barde – £3 13s. 4d.

Item, from John Markaunt – 12s. 6d.

Item, from Nicholas Belle – 38s.

Item, from Richard Box – 16s. 8d.

Item, from John Beverley – 20s.

Item, of William Maundevyle –	v s.
Item, of Symken Carter –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Nedam for Bleseby –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Foster –	xxix s. ii d.
Item, of John Chambir –	x s.
Item, of John Bleseby –	ix s. i d.

Summa – xii li. xv d.

Olde dette þ^e tyme of Roos:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony

resseyved of John Chambir – x s.

Item, of John Lawrence –	iiii s.
Item, of John Foster –	xiii d.
Item, of William Brampton –	vi s. iii d.
Item, of Symken Carter –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of Anneis Barde –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of John Leeff –	iii s.
Item, of Isabelle Kyng –	xv d.
Item, of John Toker –	iiii d.
Item, of John Manby –	xii d.
Item, of John Ludlowe –	xx d.
Item, of Robert Cokerelle –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of John Durant –	xii d.
Item, of Alson Sheffeld –	xii d.
Item, of Alisaundir Blakhalle –	xvi d.
Item, of Thomas Shorne –	xii d.
Item, of John Birde –	xxi d.
Item, of John Robyn –	v s. viii d.
Item, of John Abyn –	xvi d.
Item, of Robert Pery –	xx d.

Summa – liii s. vi d.

Olde dettours:

Item, the said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of divers dettours due at þis acompte þe tyme of John Bleseby – Cxlv li. vii s. v d. ob.

Item, of divers dettours due þ^e tyme of Roger Roos – xiii li. xi s. ii d.

Summa – Clviii li. xviii s. vii d. ob.

For rec':

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargith hym of mony *resseyved* of John Gadde toward þ^e *translateng* of ii privies in þ^e botrie & pavyng of þe vawte at þe Pye – xx s.

Item, from William Mandeville –	5s.
Item, from Simkin Carter –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Nedam for Bleseby –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Foster –	29s. 2d.
Item, from John Chamber –	10s.
Item, from John Bleseby –	9s. 1d.
Total – £12 15d.	

Old debts from the time of Roos:

Item, he declares money received	
from John Chamber –	10s.
Item, from John Laurence –	4s.
Item, from John Foster –	14d.
Item, from William Brampton –	6s. 4d.
Item, from Simkin Carter –	3s. 4d.
Item, from Anneis Barde –	3s. 4d.
Item, from John Leeff –	3s.
Item, from Isabelle Kyng –	15d.
Item, from John Toker –	4d.
Item, from John Manby –	12d.
Item, from John Ludlow –	20d.
Item, from Robert Cokerelle –	3s. 4d.
Item, from John Durant –	12d.
Item, from Alison Sheffield –	12d.
Item, from Alexander Blackhall –	16d.
Item, from Thomas Shorne –	12d.
Item, from John Birde –	21d.
Item, from John Robyn –	5s. 8d.
Item, from John Abyn –	16d.
Item, from Robert Pery –	20d.
Total – 53s. 6d.	

Debtors of old:

Item, he declares various debts due to be accounted for from the time of John Bleseby – £145 7s. 5½d.	
Item, various debts due from the time of Roger Roos – £13 11s. 2d.	
Total – £158 18s. 7½d.	

For receipts:

Item, he declares money received from John Gadde towards [the costs of] renovating⁵⁶⁴ 2 privies in the buttery, and for the paving of the ‘vault’⁵⁶⁵ at the Pye – 20s.

⁵⁶⁴ The word used is ‘translateng’ which can mean either ‘renovating’ or moving to another place.

⁵⁶⁵ ‘An enclosed space covered with an arched roof; *esp.* a lower or underground apartment or portion of a building constructed in this form’ (*OED*). This might have been ‘a place of this kind used as a cellar or storeroom for provisions or liquors’ but given the listing here with expenses on privies, it is perhaps more likely that it refers to ‘a covered conduit for carrying away water or filth; a drain or sewer’, or even to a (communal) privy.

Item, for olde tymbir & chippes – iii s. x d.

Item, for xvi^c spriges, iiii^c lathes, C planke bordes, di. C quarter bordes, xxiiii fote tymbir, naylles, sonde, & oþer thynges, solde to divers persones – xii s. iiii d.

Summa – xxxvi s. ii d.

RW f. 28v Item, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony resseyved oute of þe box, as hit apereth in þacompte of þe Halle, folio Ciiii^{xvii}^o – liii li. xi s. v d.

Summa – liii li. xi s. v d.

Summa of alle þe charge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* –

Dlxxv li. xviii s. iiii d. ob.

The discharge of þ^e said *acomptaunt*

Of þ^e mercerie:

Quyte rentes:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid for quyte rentes to divers persones as apereth tofore folio xii^o – iiii li. x s. iiii d.

Prestes:

Item, of mony paid to Sir Richaert Combes & Sir Thomas Copston, chapeleins syngeng at S. Thomas of Akres in oure chapelle for an hole yer at Midsomer anno p⁷³² – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, to þe said ii chapeleins for þeir lyvray – xxvi s. viii d.

Porefolkes:

Item, to⁷³³ William Olyver for þ^e said yer at Midsomer – iii li. xviii s. Item, to William Irewilliam for þe said yer – iii li. xviii s. Item, to Thomas Cokkes for þe said yer – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Langle for þ^e said yer – iii li. viii d. Item, to John Brodesworth for xix^e wekes, þe weke xiiii d., *summa* – xxii s. ii d. Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, for þe said yer – iii li. xviii s. Item, to þ^e said Richaert for his lyvray – xiii s. iiii d. *Totalis*

– xix li. x s. x d.

Summa of þ^e costes of þe mercerie – xxxviii li. xiiii s. vi d.

Of Whitengton:

Quyte rentes:

Item, þe said *acomptaunt* discharcheth hym of mony paid for quyte rentes to divers persones, ovir iiii d. paid for socage to þ^e kyng as apereth tofore folio xii^o – v li. v d. ob.

732 This 'p' with a suspension mark looks as if it might be for 'primo' but if so it is in error as the account for 1 Edward IV is the next one. Since the accounts are clearly being copied up after some time lag, this error here is very possible. One might think of it as for 'predicto', but it probably was not (although this does make sense).

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Item, for old timber and chippings⁵⁶⁶ – 3s. 10d.

Item, for 1600 sprigs,⁵⁶⁷ 400 laths, 100 planks, 50 quarter-boards, 24 feet of timber, nails, sand and other things, sold to various people – 12s. 4d.

Total – 36s. 2d.

Item, he declares money received from the communal funds, as appears in the Hall account on folio 197 – £53 11s. 5d. RW f. 28v

Total – £53 11s. 5d.

Total of all his receipts – £575 18s. 4½d.

His disbursements

From the mystery's own properties:

Quit-rents:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents to various persons, as appears above on folio 12 – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests:

Item, money paid to Sir Richard Combes and Sir Thomas Copston, chantry chaplains at St Thomas of Acon in our chapel, for a whole year up to Midsummer of the aforesaid⁵⁶⁸ year – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, to the said 2 chaplains for their livery – 26s. 8d.

Poor-folks:

Item, to William Olyver for the said year, at Midsummer – £3 18s. Item, to William Irwilliam for the said year – £3 18s. Item, to Thomas Cokke for the said year – £3 8d. Item, to John Langley for the said year – £3 8d. Item, to John Brodsworth for 19 weeks at 14d. per week, total – 22s. 2d. Item, to Richard Box, beadle, for the said year – £3 18s. Item, to the said Richard, for his livery – 13s. 4d. Total – £19 10s. 10d.

Total of all expenses on the mystery's properties – £38 14s. 6d.

Whittington:

Quit-rents:

Item, he declares money paid for quit-rents to various persons, over and above 4d. paid for socage to the king, as appears above on folio 12 – £5 5½d.

⁵⁶⁶ Or 'chips' = 'A small, and esp. thin, piece of wood, stone, or other material, separated by hewing, cutting, or breaking; a thin fragment chopped or broken off. (Unless otherwise specified, understood to be of wood, and to mean those made by the woodcutter and carpenter in course of their work)' (*OED*).

⁵⁶⁷ 'A small slender nail, either wedge-shaped and headless, or square-bodied with a slight head on one side' (*OED*).

⁵⁶⁸ Assuming 'predicto' as a correct reading.

Pe Maister:

Item, of mony paid to þe Maister of þ^e Colage & his brederen for an hole yeer at Midsomer anno xxxviii^o – lxiii li.

Palmespepulle:

Item, to þe tutour & xii oþer pore folkes from þ^e xxviii^{ti} daie of Juylle anno xxxvii^o unto þ^e ix^e daie of August anno xxxviii^o by & for liiii wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xli li. viii s.

Pobite:

Item, for þobite of þ^e said Richaert Whitengton holden þ^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle anno xxxvii^o, as apereth by þ^e *parcelles* – iii li. iii s. iii d., wherof is disallowed – xxiii s., so þ^e rest is – xl s. iii d.⁷³⁴

Item, for þobite of þ^e said Richaert holde þ^e xxx^{ti} daie of Juylle anno xxxviii^o as apereth by þ^e *parcelles* – lvi s. vii d. ob., wherof is disallowed – xv s., so þe rest is – xli s. vii d. ob.

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Conservatours:

Item, of mony paid to Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, Thomas Muschamp, & John Barby for þovirsight of þ^e livelihood & þ^e collage – iiiii li.⁷³⁵

Item, to Robert Langford for his fees to be of counselle – xx s.

Summa of þ^e costes of Whitengton – Cxviii li. x s. iiiii d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargith hym of mony paid for socage for þ^e Thre Coupes – iiiii d.

Item, to Sir John Leget syngeng in Aldirmanbery for a yer at Midsomer anno xxxviii^o – vi li. xiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his obite hold in þ^e same place þ^e ix^e daie of Maii – xiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e iiiii^e custoses of þ^e mercerie for þeir attendaunce – xiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e bedille of þe same for his labour – xx d.

Item, to þ^e wexchaundeler for xiiii^e *tapers* fyndeng in þ^e same place chaunged every *quarter* – xvi s. viii d.

Item, for þobite of Sir Kynwolmersh hold at S. Martyns þ^e *graunte* þ^e xv^e daie of Decembre – xiiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of þ^e costes of Estfeld – ix li. xii s.

734 In the RH margin at this point a sixteenth-century hand has placed a circle with a cross through it and the word 'nota'. In the LH margin, starting level with the last line of writing on this page, the same hand has written: 'Nota xxiii s. of this obit layd out for M^r Whit[in]gton is disallowed for þat the acomptant askyd larger allowaunce then was accustomed to be allowed.'

735 A circle with a cross through it has been written in the RH margin against this entry.

The Master:

Item, money paid to the Master of the College and his brethren for a whole year, at Midsummer 38 [Henry VI] [1460] – £63

The alms-folk:

Item, to the Tutor and 12 other poor-folks, from 28 July 37 [Henry VI] [1459] until 9 August 38 [Henry VI] [1460], for 54 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £41 8s.

The obit:

Item, for the said Richard Whittington's obit held on 30 July 37 [Henry VI] [1459], as appears by the itemised list – £3 3s. 3d., of which 23s. is not authorised, therefore the balance is – 40s. 3d.

Item, for the said Richard's obit held on 30 July 38 [Henry VI] [1460], as appears by the itemised list – 56s. 7½d., of which 15s. is not authorised, so the balance is – 41s. 7½d.

Custodians:

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Item, money paid to Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, for the supervision of the estates and the College – £4

Item, to Robert Langford for his fees to be our advisor – 20s.

Total of all the Whittington expenses – £118 10s. 4d.

Eastfield:

Item, he declares money paid for socage for The Three Cups – 4d.

Item, to Sir John Leget singing [mass] in Aldermanbury [church] for a year, at Midsummer 38 [Henry VI] [1460] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held in the same place on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle of the same for his work – 20d.

Item, to the wax-chandler for providing 14 tapers in the same place, changed every quarter – 16s. 8d.

Item, for the obit of Sir [William] Kynwolmersh held at St Martin le Grand on 15 December – 13s. 4d.

Total of Eastfield expenses – £9 12s.

Of Abbot:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paid to a prest syngeng at Fernyngo in Buk'shire for a yer at Midsomer *anno xxxviii^o* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his obite hold at S. Laurence in þ^e Jury þ^e last daie of Feverer – vi s. viii d.

Summa of þ^e costes of Abbot – vii li.

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Vacacions

Of þe mercerie:

First, the said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for a tenauntrie in þ^e Crowne for þe hole yer at þe forsaid Ester – xx s.

Item, of a tenement in þ^e same soyle for þe yer – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a shop by þentre & þe hous above for þe said yer – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of the tenement called þe Pye for half a yer at Mighelmas *anno xxxviii^o* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of þe vacacions of þe mercerie – xii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Of Whitengton:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for þ^e vacacion

of vii^e tenementes at Castelbaynard in þ^e said yer – v li. vi s. vi d.

Item, of iiiii^e tenementes at S. Laurence Jury in þ^e same yer – lix s.

Item, of iii^e tenementes in Bassingeshawe in þe same yer – iii li. xviii s. ix d.

Item, of vi^e tenementes in Colmanstrete in þe same yer – xi s. vii d.

Item, of oo tenement in S. Bartilmewes þe lytelle – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of ii^e tenementes & oo gardein *without* Bisshopisgate – xxxv s.

Item, of vi^e tenementes at þe Tourehille in þe same yer – xlvi s. x d.

Item, of ii^e tenementes in þ^e Ryaulle in þe same yer – xlii s. xi d.

Item, of xvii^e tenementes in Walbrook in þe same yer – v li. xvii s. vii d.

Summa of þ^e vacacions of Whitengton – xxviii li. iiiii s. x d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of þ^e vacacion of ii gardeins *without* Crepulgate in þe same yer – v s.

Summa of þe vacacions of Estfeld – v s.

Of Abbot:

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for þ^e vacacion of oo tenement in Catten Lane in þ^e same yer – xvii s. vi d.

Summa of þ^e vacacions of Abbot – xvii s. vi d.

Summa of alle vacacions this yeer – xlii li. viii d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid to a chantry priest at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for a year, at Midsummer 38 [Henry VI] [1460] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held at St Lawrence Jewry on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Total of Abbot expenses – £7

Vacancies

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares [a vacancy] of a tenantry in the Crown for the whole year up to the aforesaid Easter – 20s.

Item, a tenement on the same site for the year – 33s. 4d.

Item, a shop near the entrance-way, and the dwelling above it for the said year – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, the tenement called the Pye, for half a year up to Michaelmas 38 [Henry VI] [1459] – £6 13s. 4d.

Total of vacancies in the mistery's properties – £12 13s. 4d.

Whittington:

Item, he declares the vacancies of 7 tenements in Baynard's Castle in the said year – £5 6s. 6d.

Item, 4 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry in the same year – 59s.

Item, 3 tenements in Bassishaw in the same year – £3 18s. 9d.

Item, 6 tenements in Coleman Street in the same year – 11s. 7d.

Item, 1 tenement in St Bartholomew the Less – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, 2 tenements and 1 garden in Bishopsgate Without – 35s.

Item, 6 tenements in Tower Hill in the same year – 46s. 10d.

Item, 2 tenements in the Royal in the same year – 42s. 11d.

Item, 17 tenements in Walbrook⁵⁶⁹ in the same year – £5 17s. 7d.

Total of Whittington vacancies – £28 4s. 10d.

Eastfield:

Item, he declares the vacancies of 2 gardens in Cripplegate Without in the same year – 5s.

Total of Eastfield vacancies – 5s.

Abbot:

Item, he declares the vacancy of 1 tenement in Catton Lane in the same year – 17s. 6d.

Total of Abbot vacancies – 17s. 6d.

Total of all vacancies this year – £42 8d.

⁵⁶⁹ This has previously been referred to as Budge Row.

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The decrees

Of Whitengton:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth [hym] of þ^e decres of John Catesby for half a yeer at Estir *anno xxxviii*^o at Castelbaynard – iii s. iiij d.

Item, of Robert Lufken in Seint Laurence Jury for þe said half yer – vi d.

Item, of John Abbot in Colmanstrete for þ^e said hole yer – xvi d.

Item, of a gardeyn now a tymberhawe in þe same soyle for þ^e said hole yer – iiij s.

Item, of Robert Elys in þ^e Ryaulle for a *quarter* & di. at þe said Estir – xii d.

Summa of þ^e decrees of Whitengton – x s. ii d.

Of Abbot:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym for þ^e decres of Nicholas Alwyne in Catton Lane for half a yer at Estir *anno xxxviii*^o – x d.

Summa of þ^e decrees of Abbot – x d.

Summa of alle þ^e decrees – xi s.

Allowances:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* asketh allowance of mony allowed to Nicholas Belle by John Stokton, John Marchalle, & William Lightholders by auctorite of a courte for þ^e translating of a steire & amend of oþer necessities in his hous in S. Laurence Jury, by þavice & comaundement of William Thornehille, þan beyng rentier – xxiii s.

Summa – xxiii s.

Stuff boght:

Bordes *etc*:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony paied for bordes, tymbir, lathes, naylles, & tyles & oþer necessities, as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte þe same yer – xlvii li. iii s. viii d. ob.

Item, of mony paied for saweng of bordes & *quarters*, as apereth in þe same acompte – iii li. viii s. ix d.

Summa of alle þe stuff – L li. xii s. v d. ob.

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Reparacions

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony paied for *reparacion* doon at þe Crowne at divers tymes, ovir þe stuff aforeboght, as hit apereth particularly in þe paper of þacompte þ^e same yer – xvi s. viii d.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in Seven fete Lane – xi s. viii d.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in divers soyles in S. Martyns Otewich⁷³⁶ parish – ix li. xiii s. vii d. ob.

Summa of þe *reparacions* of þ^e mercerie – xi li. ii s. xi d. ob.

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Rent-reductions

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Whittington:

Firstly, he declares the reduction for John Catesby for half a year up to Easter 38 [Henry VI], in Baynard's Castle – 3s. 4d.

Item, from Robert Lufken in St Lawrence Jewry for the said half year – 6d.

Item, from John Abbot in Coleman Street for the said whole year – 16d.

Item, from a garden which is now a timber yard in the same locality for the said whole year – 4s.

Item, from Robert Elys in the Royal for 1 quarter and ½ quarter up to the said Easter – 12d.

Total of Whittington reductions – 10s. 2d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares the reduction for Nicholas Alwyn in Catton Lane for half a year up to Easter 38 [Henry VI] – 10d.

Total of Abbot reductions – 10d.

Total of all rent-reductions – 11s.

Sums authorised:

Firstly, he asks for allowance for money authorised to Nicholas Belle by John Stockton, John Marchall, and William Lightholders, by the authority of a court, for the renovation of a staircase and other necessary things in his house in St Lawrence Jewry, following the advice and the orders of William Thornhill who was at that time renter – 23s.

Total – 23s.

Materials bought

Boards etc.:

Firstly, he declares money paid for boards, timber, laths, nails, tiles, and other necessary things, as appears in the paper account for the same year – £47 3s. 8½d.

Item, money paid for the sawing of boards and quarter-boards, as appears in the same account – £3 8s. 9d.

Total of all materials – £50 12s. 5½d.

Repairs

RW f. 30v

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at the Crown on various occasions, over and above the aforesaid materials bought, as appears in detail in the paper account for the same year – 16s. 8d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Sevenhode Lane – 11s. 8d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out on various sites in the parish of St Martin Outwich – £9 14s. 7½d.

Total of repairs to the mistery's properties – £11 2s. 11½d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony *paied* for *reparacion* don at Caste[*l*]baynard at *divers tymes* in *divers soiles*, ovir þ^e stuff *aforsaid* as *apereth* by þ^e paper of þacompte – xvi li. xv s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in Milkestrete in Mary Magdaleyn parish – vi s. iii d.

Item, in like wise for *reparacion* doon in S. Laurence Jury parish – xv li. viiii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in Bassingeshawe – viii s. ii d. ob.

Item, in like wise for *reparacion* doon in Colmanstrete – vi li. xxii d.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in S. Bartilmeus þ^e lytelle parish – iii li. x s. ii d. ob.

Item, in like wise for *reparacion* doon *without* Bisshopisgate – ix s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon at þ^e Toure Hille – vi s. xi d.

Item, in like wise for *reparacion* doon at S. Donstons in þeest – viii s. ii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in S. Laurence Pounteney parish, þ^e Kateryne Wheelle – xix li. xii s. v d. ob.

Item, at same Kateryne Wheelle – xviii s. ix d.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacion* doon in Walbrook – xi s. v d.

Summa of þ^e *reparacion* of Whityngton – lxiii li. ix s. viii d. ob.

Estfeld:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony *paied* for *reparacion* doon at the Thre Coupes, ovir þ^e stuff *aforsaid*, as *apereth* by þ^e paper of þacompte – xiii li. iiiii s. i d. ob.

Summa of þ^e *reparacions* of Estfeld – xiii li. iiiii s. i d. ob.

Of Abbot:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony *paied* for *reparacion* doon at *divers tymes* in Catten Lane, ovir þ^e stuff *aforsaid*, as *apereth* by þ^e paper of þacompte – xxii s. vi d. ob.

Summa of þ^e *reparacions* of Abbott – xxii s. vi d. ob.

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Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *paied* to Robert Sutton, smyth, for *divers necessities* as wheles, lokkes, keyes, staples, & soche oþer as *apereth* by þ^e paper of þacompte for *divers soyles* – xxi s. vii d. ob.

Item, to Burton for a gynne – v s. v d.

Item, for oþer pety costes by Roger Roos, as *apereth* by þ^e said paper of þacompte – vi s. i d.

Summa – xxxiii s. i d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e *reparacion* doon this yeer –
iiii^{xx}xi li. xii s. v d. ob.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out in Baynard's Castle on various occasions at various sites, over and above the aforesaid materials, as appears in the paper account – £16 15s. 4½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Milk Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalen – 6s. 3d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – £15 8½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Bassishaw – 8s. 2½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Coleman Street – £6 22d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out the parish of St Bartholomew the Less – £3 10s. 2½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Bishopsgate Without – 9s. 4½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Tower Hill – 6s. 11d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Dunstan in the East – 8s. 2½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in the parish of St Laurence Pountney, at the Catherine Wheel – £19 12s. 5½d.

Item, at the same Catherine Wheel – 18s. 9d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Walbrook – 11s. 5d.

Total of Whittington repairs – £64 9s. 8½d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at The Three Cups, over and above the aforesaid materials, as appears by the paper account – £13 4s. 1½d.

Total of Eastfield repairs – £13 4s. 1½d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out on various occasions in Catton Lane, over and above the aforesaid materials, as appears by the paper account – 22s. 6½d.

Total of Abbot repairs – 22s. 6½d.

Item, he declares money paid to Robert Sutton, smith, for various necessary items such as wheels, locks, keys, staples, and such other things as appear in the paper account, for various sites – 21s. 7½d. RW f. 31r

Item, to Burton for a 'gin'⁵⁷⁰ – 5s. 5d.

Item, for other petty expenses by Roger Roos, as appear in the said paper account – 6s. 1d.

Total – 33s. 1½d.

Total for all repairs carried out this year – £91 12s. 5½d.

⁵⁷⁰ This might have been one of any number of things, the most likely perhaps, at this price, being an apparatus, a crane, for hoisting materials. See *OED* for the wide variety of uses of this word at this period.

Item, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony *paied* to Percyvale, þ^e lyme man, for lxx lodes lyme spente þ^e tyme of John Warde, rentier, and by þ^e neggligence of John Bleseby, þan beyng rentgaderer, not entred nor acompted – iii li. v s.

Item, in lyke wise for xviii^e lodes lyme spente þ^e tyme of John Marchalle, rentier, etc – xviii s.

Item, in lyke wise to Petirfeld, iremonger, for nayles & oþer þinges þ^e tyme of John Warde – vii s. i d.

Summa – iii li. x s. i d.

Foreyn Expenses:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym for mony *paied* for a brekefast for the wardeins olde & newe at þoversight of þ^e lyvelood – iii s. vi d.

Item, for makeng of acquytances, lecys, & writeng of divers acomptes in þis booke & paper ryaulle for þ^e same & byndeng agein þerof, as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte – xxxii s. x d.

Item, for a dyner made at Gaddes hous for his welcome þidir for þ^e wardeins and oþir of þe felaship – xii s.

Item, for amend of divers þinges at þe store hous at Whitengtons Colage – viii d.

Item, for a man to goo for Bleseby to Grenewich & for drinkes at Seint Thomas of Acres – xvi d.

Summa of þe foreyn espensis – L s. iii d.

RW f. 31v *Fees:*

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargith hym of mony *paied* to hymself for þoversight of þe lyvelood – xx s.

Item, for þengrosyng & writeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Item, to Roger Roos, rentgaderer, for his wages for þ^e said yer – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for potacions & allowances to tenautes in þe said yer – xiiii s. iii d.

Summa – xv li. vii s. vii d.

Summa of alle þe discharge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* –

CCCiiii^{xx} li. iii s. v d. – So

Pere remayneth in þe handis of þe said *acomptaunt* – Ciiii^{xx} li. xiii s. xi d. ob.

– Wherof

Is delivered in dettours as apereth by þe paper of þacompte of þ^e same yeer, ovir xxxviii s. disallowed for þobites of Whitengton by þauditours – Ciiii^{xx} li. xi s. x d. ob.

Item, he declares money paid to Percyvale, the lime merchant, for 65 loads of lime used during the term of office of John Warde, renter-warden, and through the negligence of John Bleseby, the then rent-collector, not entered up and accounted for – £3 5s.

Item, similarly for 18 loads of lime used during the term of office of John Marchall, renter-warden, etc. – 18s.

Item, similarly, to Petirfeld, ironmonger, for nails and other things during the term of office of John Warde – 7s. 1d.

Total – £4 10s. 1d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, he declares money paid for a breakfast for the old and new wardens at the inspection of the estates – 3s. 6d.

Item, for drawing up acquittances, leases, and for the writing of various accounts in this book and for paper royal⁵⁷¹ for the same, and for rebinding it, as appears in the paper account – 32s. 10d.

Item, for a dinner held at Gadde's house, welcoming there the wardens and others of the fellowship – 12s.

Item, for the repair of various things at the storehouse in Whittington College – 8d.

Item, for a man to go to Greenwich for Bleseby, and for drinks at St Thomas of Acon – 16d.

Total of extrinsic expenditure – 50s. 4d.

Fees:

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Firstly, he declares money paid to himself for the supervision of the estate – 20s.

Item, for the engrossing and writing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Item, to Roger Roos, rent-collector, for his wages for the said year – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks and allowances to the tenants during the said year – 14s. 3d.

Total – £15 7s. 7d.

Total of all his disbursements – £382 4s. 5d. Therefore

There remains in his hands – £193 13s. 11½d. Of which

There are handed over as debts, as appears in the paper account of the same year, over and above the 38s. disallowed by the auditors for Whittington's obits – £188 11s. 10½d.

⁵⁷¹ 'Paper of a size measuring 24 by 19 inches as used for writing and 25 by 20 for printing' (*OED*), but this refers to nineteenth-century paper. Gaskell, *A New Introduction*, p. 73, lists in much more detail the dimensions of royal paper of known origin and date. He has nothing for the fifteenth century but gives fourteenth-century paper from Italy as measuring 61.5 × 44.5 cm, and from sixteenth-century France at both 57 × 43.5 and 60 × 44 cm. (At this date the paper would have come from either Italy or France although it would not be long before John Tate, a mercer, set up his first paper mill in England, see his entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 53, pp. 808–9.) The paper sheets in this book now measure nearly 11 inches wide and c. 15 inches long (between 27 and 27.5 cm wide and between 34 and 38 cm long), which would seem to indicate a very small amount of cropping at the sides but somewhat more at the top and bottom of the pages.

Rest to þe felaship of þ^e acompte – v li. ii s. i d.

Rauff Verney (John Burton) ⁷³⁷ John Stokton John Marchalle	}	auditours
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This is thacompte of Richaert Nedam, Robert Skrayngham, John Tate, and Roger Middelmore, custoses of þ^e mercerie in þ^e cite of London for an hole yeer at þe fest of Midsomer the yeer of oure lorde xiiii^c lxi^e and of Kyng Edward þ^e iiiithe the first.

The charge of the said accomptauntz

Argent sek:

First, þ^e said accomptauntz charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, Thomas Muschampe, and John Barby, custoses of þ^e said mercerie for þ^e yer last passed, as for þarest of þeir acompte, as apereth in þ^e leeff tofore in þ^e fote of þeir acompte – Cvii li. xiiii s.

Dettours:

Item, of divers dettours geven ovir by þ^e said last custoses, as apereth in þ^e said foete – xxvii li. xvii s. v d.

Summa – Cxxxv li. xi s. v d.

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þei charge þem of⁷³⁸ Guy Dawtre, þapprentis
of Robert Yarom –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Fauconer þaprentis of William Skidmore –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of Richaert Friday þaprentis of John Stokton –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Rawson þaprentis of Roger Cople –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Crawford þaprentis of Richaert Syff –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Smyth þaprentis of John Kirkeby –

iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for Herry Bulstrode

} þaprentices of

Item, for Thomas Bady

} Robert Skrayngham – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxvi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Issues of apprentices:

First, þei charge þem of William Rawson late þaprentis
of Richaert Nedam –

ii s.

Item, of William Bollere late þaprentis of Robert Twygg &
after with Emond Bettes –

ii s.

Item, of Thomas Parys late þaprentis of John Warde –

ii s.

Item, of William Umfrey late þaprentis of Thomas Gosse &
after with John Colet –

ii s.

⁷³⁷ This name has been scored out.

⁷³⁸ MS: ofor.

Balance to the company from this account – £5 2s. 1d.

Ralph Verney	} auditors
(John Burton)	
John Stockton	
John Marchall	

This is the account of Richard Nedam, Robert Scrayingham, John Tate, and Roger Middlemore, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London, for a whole year up to the feast of Midsummer in the year of our Lord 1461, the regnal year 1 Edward IV.

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Their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare money received from Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, wardens of the said mercers' mistery for the previous year, as the balance of their account, as appears on the previous folio at the foot of their account – £107 14s.

Debtors:

Item, due from various debtors handed over by the said former wardens, as appears on the same page⁵⁷² – £27 17s. 5d.

Total – £135 11s. 5d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare from Guy Dawtre, the apprentice

of Robert Yarom –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from John Fauconer the apprentice of William Skidmore –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from Richard Friday the apprentice of John Stockton –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from John Rawson the apprentice of Roger Copley –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from John Crawford the apprentice of Richard Syff –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from Thomas Smyth the apprentice of John Kirkeby –	£3 6s. 8d.
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Item, from Harry Bulstrode	} the apprentices of	£6 13s. 4d.
Item, from Thomas Bady		

Total – £26 13s. 4d.

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare from William Rawson, formerly the apprentice of Richard Nedam –	2s.
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Item, from William Bollere formerly the apprentice of Robert Twigge and afterwards with Edmund Bettes –	2s.
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Item, from Thomas Paris formerly the apprentice of John Warde –	2s.
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Item, from William Humfrey formerly the apprentice of Thomas Gosse and afterwards with John Colet –	2s.
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⁵⁷² Literally, 'in the said foot'.

Item, of William Burton late þaprentis of John Burton –	ii s.
Item, of Alisaundir Prestaton late þaprentis of John Harowe –	ii s.
<i>Summa</i> – xii s.	

Shopholders:

First, þei charge þem of John Cok –	xii d.
Item, of Alisaundir Prestaton –	xii d.
<i>Summa</i> – ii s.	

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Fynes of absenters fro þe courtes:

First, of Thomas Nyche –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Drayton –	xx d.
<i>Summa</i> – viii s. iiiii d.	

Entrees into þ^e lyvray, þ^e thridde yeer:

First, þei charge þem of John Neve –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Pikeryng –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Purdaunce –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Emond Bettes –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Hylle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Skidmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Shelley –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Broun –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Lonmore –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Phelippe Amersam –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Bompsted –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Barby –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiiii li.	

Entrees into þ^e lyvray, þ^e first yeer:

First, þei charge þem of Robert Elmam –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Geffrey Blower –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Colet –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Burgoyne –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Sewester –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Newman –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Rawson –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Asshewelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Twygge –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Alburgh –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Agor –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Cobholt –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Roger Coplee –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – iiiii li. vi s. viii d.	

Item, from William Burton formerly the apprentice of John Burton –	2s.
Item, from Alexander Prestaton formerly the apprentice of John Harrow –	2s.
Total – 12s.	

Shopholders:

Firstly, they declare from John Cok –	12d.
Item, from Alexander Prestaton –	12d.
Total – 2s.	

Fines from those absent from courts:

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Firstly, from Thomas Nyche –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Drayton –	20d.
Total – 8s. 4d.	

Admission to the livery, the third year:

Firstly, they declare from John Neve –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickering –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Purdaunce –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Edmund Bettes –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Hille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Skidmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Shelley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Brown –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Lonmore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Philip Amersham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Bumpstead –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4	

Admission to the livery, the first year:

Firstly, they declare from Robert Elmeham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Geoffrey Blower –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Colet –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Burgoyne –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Sewester –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Newman –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Rawson –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Ashwell –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Alburgh –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Agor –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Cobholt –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Roger Copley –	6s. 8d.
Total – £4 6s. 8d.	

Geyne of þe lyvray:

First, þei charge þem of þencrees of xx^{ti} yerdes & a quarter of violet engreyned solde and delivered to divers persones at þeir first entre into þ^e lyvray – xx s. iii d.

Item, for þencrees of a yerd & half a quarter scarlet – vi d.

Item, of Richaert Rauson for a fyne for as moche as he had gowne & hooode of þ^e same tofore tyme – v s.

Item, of Geffrey Blower in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of Herry Assshewelle in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of Robert Twygge in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of William Alburgh in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of Robert Cobholt in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of Robert Elmam in lyke wise – v s.

Item, of Herry Colet for as moche as he had an hooode tofore – xx d.

Item, of Thomas Burgoyne in lyke wise – xx d.

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Item, of Nicholas Agor in lyke wise – xx d.

Item, of Roger Coplee in lyke wise – xx d.

Summa – iii li. iiiii s. i d.

Fynes of trespassours:

First, þei charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Cok for offences doon ageins þordenances of þe felashippe – xl s.

Summa – xl s.

Giftes and biquestes:

First, þei charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Lambart, shryve, toward þ^e mynstralles – xl s.

Item, of þexecutours of Herry Frowyk of byquest & for þat oon Reynold Asshe, his servant, shulde be freman of oure felashippe – x li. and over þat þ^e said Reynold paid xl s., summa – xii li.

Item, of þexecutours of John Burton, ii torches, and in mony – xl s.

Item, of þexecutours of Thomas Dounton – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þ^e said acompte – Ciiii^{xx} xix li. xi s. ii d.

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The discharge of the said acomptauntz

First, þei discharge þem of mony paid for bargehire for þ^e kynges ternement – x s. viii d.

Item, for bargehire for þ^e presentyng of John Lambart, mercier, & Richaert Flemyng, iremonger, shrives – x s. iiiii d.

739 Some of the following expenses are also listed in the *Acts of Court* (see pp. 53–4). The order of entries is different, further details are sometimes given there, others are not given there, but all sums of money tally. Since none of this is the usual sort of matter presented as proceedings of the Mercers' courts, there must be a query over why William Newbold chose to copy up this list – just because it was to hand? It would also seem very possible that what he had to hand was the draft copy of that set of expenses, which would usually have been destroyed after the formal engrossing of each account into the correct record book.

Profit on the livery:

Firstly, they declare the profit on 20¼ yards of violet cloth in grain, sold and delivered to various persons on their first admission to the livery – 20s. 3d.

Item, for the profit on 1½ yards of scarlet cloth – 6d.

Item, from Richard Rawson as a fee in that he had a gown and hood of the same cloth before the proper time – 5s.

Item, similarly from Geoffrey Blower – 5s.

Item, similarly from Harry Ashwell – 5s.

Item, similarly from Robert Twigge – 5s.

Item, similarly from William Alburgh – 5s.

Item, similarly from Robert Cobholt – 5s.

Item, similarly from Robert Elmeham – 5s.

Item, from Harry Colet in that he had a hood before the proper time – 20d.

Item, similarly from Thomas Burgoyne – 20d.

Item, similarly from William Sewester – 20d.

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Item, similarly from Nicholas Agor – 20d.

Item, similarly from Roger Copley – 20d.

Total – £3 4s. 1d.

Fines from offenders:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Cok for offences committed against the company's ordinances – 40s.

Total – 40s.

Gifts and bequests:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Lambard, sheriff, towards [the costs of] the musicians – 40s.

Item, from the executors of Harry Frowyk, from his bequest, and in order for one Reynold Asshe, his servant, to be a freeman of our company – £10, and besides that the said Reynold paid 40s. – total – £12

Item, from the executors of John Burton, 2 torches, and in money – 40s.

Item, from the executors of Thomas Dounton – £6 13s. 4d.

Total – £22 13s. 4d.

Total of all receipts for this account – £199 11s. 2d.

Their disbursements

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Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire for the King's obit⁵⁷³ – 10s. 8d.

Item, for barge-hire for the presentation of John Lambard, mercer, and Richard Flemyng, ironmonger, sheriffs – 10s. 4d.

⁵⁷³ This must refer to the last such obit held during Henry VI's reign (on 31 August 1460) as Edward IV certainly discontinued this commemoration.

Item, for bargehire for þ^e presentyng of Richaert Lee, grocer, maier – x s. iiij d.
 Item, to þ^e Maister & brederen of Seint Thomas of Akres for þ^e dirige for þ^e brederen of þ^e mercerie – x s.
 Item, to þ^e wexchander for xvi tapers wex weyng viii lb. – iiij s. viii d. Item, ii rolles weyng ii lb. – xvi d. , *totalis* – vi s.
 Item, for paper & inke – x d.
 Item, for wassheng & amend of þornamentes of þ^e chapelle – xxii d.
 Item, for iiij^e garlondes with roses & lavender for þelleccion of þ^e new custoses – xi d.
 Item, for botehire to Westmynster for þ^e custoses – v d.
 Item, for þ^e makeng & writeng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.
Summa – lviii s.

Forein espenses:

First, þei discharge þem of mony paid for vi yerdes morrey for hodes for viii^{te} trompettes & half an hooode for Thomas with trompe – xiii s. vi d.
 Item, for rolles for þem in lyke wise – ii s. viii d.
 Item, for makeng of þem in lyke wise – ii s. x d.
 Item, for drynke by þ^e wey for þem – xxiii d.
 Item, for þe labour of þe said viii^{te} trompettes – liii s. iiiij d.
 Item, to John Clampard for a newe lok with ii keyes for þ^e iren chest in þ^e chapelle – x s.
 Item, for makeng and browderyng of CCix bendes of fustian and setteng on upon every bende ii swerdis & ii crosses of rede bokeram & xiii of rede satyn⁷⁴⁰ – xlix s. iiiij d. Item, for fustian Osborgh & olmes white – xxvi s. xi d. Item, for rede bokeram – ix s. Item, for rede satyn – v s. Item, for makeng of xxxvi bendes moo – viii s. x d. Item, for fustian & bokeram – iii s. viii d. – v li. ii s. ix d.
 Item, paid to vi persones soudeours for þ^e savegarde of þ^e Toure for x^e daies, save oo man lakked oo daie, þ^e daie iii s., *summa* – xxix s. vi d. Item, ii soudeours for xiii^{te} daies – xiiii s. – xliii s. vi d.⁷⁴¹
 Item, to Whittokkismede & Willoghby for þ^e deviseng of a bille for þestirlynges & lombardes – xxvi s. viii d.⁷⁴²
 Item, to Parker, skryvaner, for makeng of divers billes for þ^e said straungers – iii s. iiiij d.
 Item, to Stodele, skryvaner, for makeng of divers billes for þ^e said straungers – xiii s. iiiij d.
 Item, to Bernard, skryvaner, for makeng of a bille of þ^e statutes of poundage & an obligacion of þ^e Bisshoppe of Excester & þerle of Warrewik – viii d.
 Item, for wyne spente upon Robert Cosyn, costomer of Sandewiche – iiiij d.
 Item, for makeng & setteng on of ii maiden es hedes upon þ^e mortuarie, þere as Barons marke stode⁷⁴³ – viii s. iiiij d. Item, for amend of þ^e caas to þ^e same – xii d. – ix s. iiiij d.

⁷⁴⁰ The *Acts of Court*, p. 48, records that a court of 4 February 1461 n.s. authorised just 200 ‘bendes’, but gives the additional information that this was for the City Watch. The swords and crosses are of course to be sewn on as the arms of the City of London.

⁷⁴¹ The *Acts of Court*, p. 54, gives the further detail that the court authorising this was held on 23 February.

⁷⁴² See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 50, for this being authorised at a court held on 12 June 1461.

⁷⁴³ The *Acts of Court*, p. 54, records that the ‘mark’ of Thomas Muschamp had also previously been there.

Item, for barge-hire for the presentation of Richard Lee, grocer, Mayor – 10s. 4d.
 Item, to the Master and brethren of St Thomas of Acon for the Office of the Dead for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.
 Item, to the wax-chandler for 16 tapers of wax weighing 8 lb – 4s. 8d. Item, 2 rowels weighing 2 lb. – 16d. total – 6s.
 Item, for paper and ink – 10d.
 Item, for washing and repair of the chapel accoutrements – 22d.
 Item, for 4 garlands with roses and lavender for the election of the new wardens – 11d.
 Item, for boat-hire to Westminster for the wardens – 5d.
 Item, for the drawing up and writing of this account – 6s. 8d.
 Total – 58s.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Fistly, they declare money paid for 6 yards of murrey for hoods for 8 trumpeters and half a hood for Thomas with the large trumpet – 13s. 6d.
 Item, similarly for their circlets – 2s. 8d.
 Item, similarly for their making – 2s. 10d.
 Item, for drinks along the way for them – 23d.
 Item, for the said 8 trumpeters' labours – 53s. 4d.
 Item, to John Clampard for a new lock with 2 keys for the iron chest in the chapel – 10s.
 Item, for the making and embroidering of 209 fustian bands and for setting on each band 2 swords and 2 crosses of red buckram and 13 of red satin – 49s. 4d.
 Item, for fustian from Osnabrück and white holmes fustian⁵⁷⁴ – 26s. 11d. Item, for red buckram – 9s. Item, for red satin – 5s. Item, for the making of 36 more bands – 8s. 10d. Item, for fustian and buckram – 3s. 8d. --- £5 2s. 9d.
 Item, paid to 6 soldiers for the safekeeping of the Tower for 10 days, except that one man missed one day, at 3s. per day, total – 29s. 6d. Item, 2 soldiers for 14 days – 14s. – 53s. 6d.
 Item, to Whittocksmead and Willoghby for drafting a bill concerning the Easterlings and the Lombards – 26s. 8d.
 Item, to Parker, scrivener, for drawing up various bills concerning the said foreigners – 3s. 4d.
 Item, to Stodeley, scrivener, for drawing up various bills concerning the said foreigners – 13s. 4d.
 Item, to Bernard, scrivener, for drawing up a bill concerning the poundage statutes, and a bond obligatory from the Bishop of Exeter⁵⁷⁵ and the Earl of Warwick – 8d.
 Item, for wine spent on Robert Cosyn, collector of customs of Sandwich – 4d.
 Item, for the making and sewing on of 2 maiden heads upon the funeral vestments,⁵⁷⁶ in the place where Baron's mark⁵⁷⁷ had been – 8s. 4d. Item, for repair of the case for the same – 12d. – 9s. 4d.

⁵⁷⁴ Fustian made at Ulm in Germany.

⁵⁷⁵ George Neville (1433?–76), Bishop of Exeter 1458, Chancellor 1460, Archbishop of York 1465.

⁵⁷⁶ Or perhaps a pall or hearse-cloth: see above, p. 701, note 436.

⁵⁷⁷ i.e. his merchant's mark.

1461 Item, for lxi yerdes of grene cloth for xxiiii^{ti} persones riders⁷⁴⁴ to mete and resseyve
f. 200r oure kyng Edwarde þ^e fourthe at his comeng to London from þ^e felde & journey
gracious, doon upon his adversaries at York, graunted by a courte holde þ^e v^e
daie of Juyn þ^e first yeer of his reigne, at iiiii s. þ^e yerd – xii li. iiiii s.

Summa – xxvi li. viii s. ii d.

Summa of alle þ^e discharge of þ^e said acomptauntz –
xxix li. vi s. ii d. – So þere

Is due to þ^e felashippe – Clxx li. v s. – Whereof

Hugh Wiche	}	auditours
John Lambart		
Thomas Muschampe		
John Barby		

Is delivered to William Cantelowe, John Reynekyn, Thomas Niche, & Richaert
Gardener, custoses of newe elited for þ^e yeer folewyng – Clvi li. xvii s. iii d.

Summa of alle allowed and paied – Ciiii^{xx} vi li. iii s. v d. – So

the rest is in þeir handes – xiii li. vii s. ix d. – Whiche

Is in dettou[r]s as apereth aftir:

John Squyer by ii^e obligacions – iii li. vi s. viii d.

William Redeknape for a fyne of olde for Robert his man – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Thomas Belyeter for mercymenz of olde – vi s. viii d.

Hugh Wiche, J. Lambart & þeir felashippe for disallowance of þeir soper – xxxvii s.
ix d.

John Tate by a bille for Dounton – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xiii li. vii s. ix d.

Ensy quyte

⁷⁴⁴ A full list of these men is given in the *Acts of Court*, pp. 49–50.

Item, for 61 yards of green cloth for 24 persons riding to meet and welcome our King, Edward IV, when he came to London from the battlefield and the successful battle, fought against his opponents at York,⁵⁷⁸ granted by a court held on 5 June in the first year of his reign [1461], at 4s. per yard – £12 4s.

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Total – £26 8s. 2d.

Total of all their disbursements – £29 6s. 2d. Therefore there

Is due to the company – £170 5s. Of which

Hugh Wyche	}	auditors
John Lambard		
Thomas Muschamp		
John Barby		

Has been handed over to William Cantelowe, John Rankyn, Thomas Nyche, and Richard Gardener, newly elected wardens for the following year – £156 17s. 3d.

Total of all authorised and paid – £186 3s. 5d. Therefore

the balance is in their hands – £13 7s. 9d. Which

Consists of debts as detailed below:

John Squire by 2 bonds obligatory – £3 6s. 8d.

William Redeknape for an old fine for his serving-man Robert – 23s. 4d.

Thomas Beleter for old fines – 6s. 8d.

Hugh Wyche, John Lambard and their fellow-wardens for the non-authorisation of their supper – 37s. 9d.

John Tate, by a bill for Downton – £6 13s. 4d.

Total – £13 7s. 9d.

Thus quit

⁵⁷⁸ The battle of Towton (south-west of York) on Palm Sunday, 29 March 1461.

1460–61
RW f. 32r Thacompte of Roger Middeldmore, oon of the custoses of þe mercerie and rentier of þe same of þe lyveloode, for an hole yeer at þ^e fest of Ester þ^e yeer of oure Lord xiiii^c lxi^e and of Kyng Edward þ^e fourthe the first:

The charge of the said acomptaunt

First, the said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony due for þarest of þ^e laste acompte as apereth in þ^e foote of þ^e same, folio xxxi^o tofore – Ciiii^{xx}xiii li. xiii s. xi d. ob.

Summa – Ciiii^{xx}xiii li. xiii s. xi d. ob.

The lyvelood

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth hym of divers tenementes at þ^e Crowne in Chepe for an hole yeer at þe said fest of Ester, with þencrees of xvi d. by þ^e yeer of Nicholas Hatton – xvi li. viii s.

Item, of oo tenement in Seven Fote Lane in S. Laurence Jury – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Martyns Otewiche, with þencrees of liii s. iiii d. by þ^e yer of John Gadde – xxvi li. x s.

Summa – xlix li. xi s. iiii d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth [hym] of divers tenementes at Baynardiscastelle, ovir þe decrees of John Catesby by þ^e yer vi s. viii d., as apereth in þ^e last acompte – xvii li. ix s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at Mary Mawdeleins in Milkestrete – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in S. Laurence parish of þ^e Jury, with þencrees of xl d. by þ^e yeer of Aleyne Newman and xii d. of John Lane – xxxii li. xvii s.

Item, of divers tenementes in Bassingeshawe – xxx li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in Colmanstrete, ovir þ^e decrees of xvi d. by þ^e yeer of John Abbot and iiii s. for þ^e Tymbir Hawe – xxi li. xviii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Bartilmeus þ^e lytelle – xxxi li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of divers tenementes with gardeyns withoute Bisshopsgate – xlvi s. viii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at þ^e Toure Hille – xi li. xx d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Donstones in þeest – xiiii li. iii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete – ix li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of oo tenement at S. Lenardes in Estchepe – x li.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Laurence Pounteney – xx li. iii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in þ^e Ryalle, ovir þ^e decrees by þ^e yer of ii s. viii d. of John Elys – v li. xiiii s.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Johnes in Walbrooke – xxii li. iiii s. viii d.

Item, of divers quyte rentes, ovir xi s. viii d. unpaid – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa – CCxli li. iiii s. vi d.

The account of Roger Middlemore, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1461 and the regnal year 1 Edward IV. 1460–61
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His receipts

Firstly, he declares money due from the balance of the last account, as appears at the foot of the same on folio 31 above – £193 13s. 11½d.

Total – £193 13s. 11½d.

The estates

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares, from various tenements at the Crown in Cheap, for a whole year at the said feast of Easter, with the increase of 16d. per year for Nicholas Hatton – £16 8s.

Item, from 1 tenement in Sevenhode Lane in St Lawrence Jewry – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Martin Outwich, with the increase of 53s. 4d. per year for John Gadde – £26 10s.

Total – £49 11s. 4d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares, from various tenements in Baynard's Castle, over and above the reduction for John Catesby of 6s. 8d. per year, as appears in the last account – £17 9s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in [the parish of] St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry, including the increase of 40d. per year from Alan Newman and 12d. from John Lane – £32 17s.

Item, from various tenements in Bassishaw – £30 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in Coleman Street, over and above the reduction of 16d. per year for John Abbot and 4s. for the timber yard – £21 18s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Bartholomew the Less – £31 6s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements with gardens in Bishopsgate Without – 46s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in Tower Hill – £11 20d.

Item, from various tenements in St Dunstan in the East – £14 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – £9 6s. 8d.

Item, from one tenement in St Leonard's in East Cheap – £10

Item, from various tenements in St Laurence Pountney – £20 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in the Royal, over and above the reduction of 2s. 8d. per year for John Elys – £5 14s.

Item, from various tenements in St John upon Walbrook – £22 4s. 8d.

Item, from various quit-rents, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Total – £241 4s. 6d.

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Of Estfeld:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeþ hym of oo tenement in Bredestrete called þ^e Thre Coopes – xiiii li.

Item, of *divers tenementes & gardeines* in Morelane – iii li. viii s.

Summa – xviii li. viii s.

Of Abbote:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of *divers tenementes* in Cattenlane in þ^e Jury, ovir þ^e decrees by þe yeer of xx d. of Nicholas Allewyn – xii li.

Summa – xii li.

Encrees of þe lyvelood

Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym for þ^e last half yer of John Bleseby in Colmanstrete – xii d.

Item, for thre þ^e laste *quarters* of Thomas Favelle in Walbrooke – vi d.

Estfeld:

First, for a gardeyn by þ^e yer in Morelane – iii li. d.

þ^e mercerie:⁷⁴⁵

First, for a *litelle chambre* ovir Hattons wifes shop for thre þ^e last *quarters* of Thomas Lonmore – ii s. vi d.

Summa of alle þencrees – iii li. iii d.

Summa of alle þ^e lyvelood *with* þencrees – CCCxxi li. viii s. ii d.

Summa of alle the charge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* – Dxxv li. ii s. i d. ob.

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The discharge of þe said *acomptaunt*

For þ^e mercerie:

Quytenrentes:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *paied* goyng oute of the Crowne & S. Martyns Otewich, as *apereth* tofore, folio xii^o – iii li. x s. iii d.

Summa – iii li. x s. iii d.

Prestes & poremen of þ^e lyvrey:

First, to Sir Richaert Combes & Sir Thomas Copston for an hole yer at Midsomer *anno primo Edwardi* iiiⁱⁱ^a – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for þeir lyvrey – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, to William Olyver for þ^e said yer at Midsomer – iii li. xviii s.

Item, to William Irewillyam for þ^e same yeer – iii li. xviii s.

⁷⁴⁵ Just above this sub-heading another later hand has written '... nore', the first part of this name having seemingly been deleted by the effect of a sticky label attached to the edge of this page, but now removed.

Eastfield:

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Firstly, he declares from one tenement in Bread Street called The Three Cups – £14

Item, from various tenements and gardens in Moor Lane – £4 8s.

Total – £18 8s.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares from various tenements in Catton Lane in the Old Jewry, over and above the reduction of 20d. per year for Nicholas Alwyn – £12

Total – £12

Rent increases for the estates

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares for the last half year from John Bleseby in Coleman Street – 12d.

Item, for the last 3 quarters from Thomas Favelle in Walbrook – 6d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, for a garden in Moor Lane, per year – 4d.

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, for a small room over Hatton's wife's shop, for the last three quarters, from Thomas Lonmore – 2s. 6d.

Total of all rent-increases – 4s. 4d.

Total from all the estates with the rent-increases – £321 8s. 2d.

Total of all his receipts – £515 2s. 1½d.

His disbursements

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For the mistery:

Quit-rents:

Firstly, he declares money paid on the Crown and [on property in] St Martin Outwich, as appears above on folio 12 – £4 10s. 4d.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests and poor-men of the livery:

Firstly, to Sir Richard Combes and Sir Thomas Copston for a whole year up to Midsummer 1 Edward IV – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, for their livery – 26s. 8d.

Item, to William Olyver for the said year up to Midsummer – £3 18s.

Item, to William Irwilliam for the same year – £3 18s.

Item, to Thomas Cokkes in lyke wise –	iii li. viii d.
Item, to John Brodsworth in lyke wise –	iii li. viii d.
Item, to Robert Strother ⁷⁴⁶ for half yer at Midsomer –	xxx s. iiiii d.
Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, in lyke wise –	iii li. xviii s.
Item, to þ ^e said Richaert for his lyvray –	xiii s. iiiii d.
<i>Summa</i> – xxxiiii li. xii s. iiiii d.	

Summa of alle þ^e costes of þe mercerie – xxxix li. ii s. viii d.

For Whitengton:

Quyte rentes:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for quyte rentes as apereth folio xii^o – v li. v d. ob.

þ^e Colage:

Item, to þ^e Maister of Whitengtons Collage & his brederen for a yeer at Midsomer *anno primo* – lxiii li.

Porefolkes:

Item, to þ^e pore pepulle: the tutour & xii^e oþer from þ^e ix^e daie of August *anno xxxviii^o Henrici vi^{ti}* unto þ^e xx^{ti} day of Juyn *anno primo Edwardi iii^{ti}*, for xlv^{ti} wekes þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxxiiii li. x s.

Conservatours:

Item, to Richaert Nedam, Robert Skrayngham, John Tate, & þ^e said acomptaunt, custoses & conservatours of þ^e lyvelood, for þeir attendaunce – iiiii li.⁷⁴⁷

Item, to Robert Langford for to be of counselle – xx s.

Summa of alle þ^e costes of Whitengton – Cvii li. x s. v d. ob.

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For Estfeld:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for socage to þ^e kyng for þ^e Thre Coupes – iiiii d.

Item, to Sir John Leget for a yeer at Midsomer *anno primo Edwardi iii^{ti}* – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for þobite of hym hold þ^e ix^e daie of Maii – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e iiiii^e custoses of þ^e mercerie for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e bedille of þ^e mercerie for his labour – xx d.

Item, for fyndeng of xiiii^e tapers of wex *quarterly* chaunged in Aldirmanbery cherche – xvi s. viii d.

Item, for þobite of Kynwolmershe hold þ^e xv^e daie of Decembre at S. Martyns graunt – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – ix li. xii s.

⁷⁴⁶ See the *Acts of Court*, p. 48, for the proposal that he should either have the office of meter of linen cloth or else have alms granted to him at 14d. per week.

⁷⁴⁷ A circle with a cross through it has been written in the RH margin against this figure.

Item, to Thomas Cokke similarly –	£3 8d.
Item, to John Brodsworth similarly –	£3 8d.
Item, to Robert Strother for half a year up to Midsummer –	30s. 4d.
Item, to Richard Box, beadle, similarly –	£3 18s.
Item, to the said Richard for his livery –	13s. 4d.
Total – £34 12s. 4d.	

Total of all costs for the mercers' mistery – £39 2s. 8d.

Whittington:

Quit-rents:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents as appears on folio 12 – £5 5½d.

The College:

Item, to the Master of Whittington College and his brethren for a year up to Midsummer 1 [Edward IV] – £63

Poor-folk:

Item, to the poor-folk: the Tutor and 12 others, from 9 August 38 Henry VI [1460] until 20 June 1 Edward IV [1461], for 45 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £34 10s.

Custodians:

Item, to Richard Nedam, Robert Scrayingham, John Tate, and [Roger Middlemore], wardens and custodians of the estates, for their care and attention – £4

Item, to Robert Langford to be our advisor – 20s.

Total of all the Whittington expenses – £107 10s. 5½d.

Eastfield:

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Firstly, he declares money paid for socage to the King for The Three Cups – 4d.

Item, to Sir John Leget for a year up to Midsummer 1 Edward IV – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle of the mercers' mistery for his work – 20d.

Item, for providing 14 wax tapers, changed quarterly, in Aldermanbury church – 16s. 8d.

Item, for Kynwolmersh's obit held on 15 December at St Martin le Grand – 13s. 4d.

Total – £9 12s.

For Abbote:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for a preest syngeng at Fernyngo in Buk'schire for a yer at Midsomer *anno primo* E. iiiii^{ti} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, for his obyte hold þ^e laste daie of Feverer at S. Laurence Jury – vi s. viiii d.

Summa – vii li.

Summa of alle þe *paymentes* yerly – Clxiii li. v s. i d. ob.

Vacacions

Of þ^e *mercerie*:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt dischargeth* hym for *vacacion* at þ^e Crowne as *apereth* by þ^e paper of þacompte – xvi s. viiii d.

Summa of þe *mercerie* – xvi s. viiii d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt dischargeth* hym of *vacacion*
of vi *tenementes* at Castelle, as *apereth* by þ^e paper
of þacompte –

iii li. x s.

Item, of *vacacion* of oo *tenement* at Mary Magdaleyns
in Milkestrete –

v s.

Item, of *vacacion* of v *tenementes* at S. Laurence Jury –

xii s. vi d.

Item, of *vacacion* of v *tenementes* in Bassingeshawe –

v li. xv s. v d.

Item, of *vacacion* of iii *tenementes* in Colmanstrete –

ix s. vi d. ob.

Item, of *vacacion* of oo *tenement* at S. Bartilmeus þ^e *lytelle* –

xvi s. viiii d.

Item, of *vacacion* of vii *tenementes* at þe Tourehille –

iii li. xviii s. v d.

Item, of *vacacion* of ii *tenementes* in the Rialle –

xxii s.

Item, of *vacacion* of xv *tenementes* in Walbrook –

iii li. xii d.

Item, of *vacacion* of ii *tenementes* & oo *gardeyn withoute*

Bisshopsgate –

xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of *vacacions*, Whitengton – xxi li. iii s. x d. ob.

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Of Estfeld:

Fir[st], þ^e said *acomptaunt dischargeth* hym of *vacacion* of iii *gardeynes* in þ^e Morelane – viii s. v d.

Summa of Estfeld – viii s. v d.

Summa of alle the *vacacions* þis yer – xxii li. viii s. xi d. ob.

Decrees

Of þ^e *mercerie*:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt dischargeth* hym for þ^e *decrees* of þ^e shop of Hattons wif for iii *quarters* at Ester *anno primo* E. iiiii^{ti} at þ^e Crowne – xx s.

Item, for þ^e hole yer of William Clerk – vi s. viiii d.

Item, for þ^e hole yer of Herry Colet – vi s. viiii d.

Summa of þe *mercerie* – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid for a chantry priest at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire] for a year up to Midsummer 1 Edward IV – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held on the last day of February in St Lawrence Jewry – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7

Total of all annual payments – £163 5s. 1½d.

Vacancies

The mistery:

Firstly, he declares vacancies at the Crown, as appears in the paper account – 16s. 8d.

Total for the mercers' mistery – 16s. 8d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares vacancies of 6 tenements in Baynard's

Castle, as appears in the paper account –	£3 10s.
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Item, the vacancy of 1 tenement in St Mary Magdalen, in Milk Street –	5s.
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Item, vacancies of 5 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry –	12s. 6d.
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Item, vacancies of 5 tenements in Bassishaw –	£5 15s. 5d.
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Item, vacancies of 3 tenements in Coleman Street –	9s. 6½d.
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Item, the vacancy of 1 tenement in St Bartholomew the Less –	16s. 8d.
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Item, vacancies of 7 tenements in Tower Hill –	£3 18s. 5d.
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Item, vacancies of 2 tenements in the Royal –	22s.
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Item, vacancies of 15 tenements in Walbrook –	£3 12d.
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Item, vacancies of 2 tenements and 1 garden in Bishopsgate Without –	33s. 4d.
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Total of Whittington vacancies – £21 3s. 10½d.

Eastfield:

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Firstly, he declares the vacancies of 3 gardens in Moor Lane – 8s. 5d.

Total for Eastfield – 8s. 5d.

Total of all vacancies this year – £22 8s. 11½d.

Rent-reductions

The mistery:

Firstly, he declares the reduction in rent for Hatton's wife's shop, for 3 quarters up until Easter 1 Edward IV, at the Crown – 20s.

Item, for the whole year for William Clerk –	6s. 8d.
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Item, for the whole year for Harry Colet –	6s. 8d.
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Total for the mercers' mistery – 33s. 4d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym for þ^e decrees of Roger Tomson at Castelle for half a yer at Ester *anno primo* – ii s. viii d.

Item, for þ^e said half yeer of Emond Brewster at Castelle – ii s.

Item, for iii *quarters* at þ^e said [Ester] of Thomas Muschamp at S. Bartilmeus – xx s.

Item, for a *quarter* 3 of John Rokeby at þe Ryaulle – vii d. ob.

Summa of Whitengton – xxv s. iii d. ob.

Summa of alle decrees this yeer – lviii s. vii d. ob.

Stuff boght

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for bord, tymber, lathes, nayles, tyles, & oþer necessities as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte particularly – xv li. v s. iii d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e stuff – xv li. v s. iii d. ob.

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Reparacions

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for reparacions, ovir þ^e stuff afore boght, done in Seven Fote Lane, as apereth particularly in þ^e paper of þacompte þ^e same yeer – xxi s. ii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions done at S. Martyns Otewiche – xi s. xi d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e mercerie – xxxiii s. ii d.

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for reparacions done in lyke wise at Castelbaynard – iii li. xiii s. x d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon in Seint Laurence Jury – iii li. i d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon in Bassingeshawe – ii s. v d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon in Colmanstrete – vii li. iii s. ix d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon at S. Bartilmews þ^e litelle – ix s. iii d. ob.

Item, allowed for reparacions made by Thomas Muschamp in his place, by John Stokton, William Redeknape, John Don, John Warde, & John Marchalle chosen for þ^e same & oþer by þavice of a courte holde þ^e v daie of Novembre – xx li.

Item, in lyke wise allowed by þe said John Stokton & his felaship for reparacions made by Bilesard de Barde at S. Martyns Otewiche – xx s.

Item, in lyke wise allowed by þem for reparacions don by John Gadde þere – xl s.

Item, in lyke wise *paied* for reparacions doon *without*e Bisshopsgate – iii s. ix d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon at S. Donstons in þest – iii s. vii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete – ii s. ii d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacions doon at S. Leonardes in Estchepe – xix li. xii s. xi d. ob.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares the reduction in rent for Roger Tomson in Baynard's Castle, for half a year up to Easter 1 [Edward IV] – 2s. 8d.

Item, for the said half year, for Edmund Brewster in Baynard's Castle – 2s.

Item, for three quarters up until the said [Easter] for Thomas Muschamp in St Bartholomew's – 20s.

Item, for 1½ quarters for John Rokeby in the Royal – 7½d.

Total for Whittington – 25s. 3½d.

Total of all rent-reductions this year – 58s. 7½d.

Materials bought

Firstly, he declares money paid for boards, timber, laths, nails, tiles and other necessary things, as appears in detail in the paper account – £15 5s. 3½d.

Total for all materials – £15 5s. 3½d.

Repairs

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The mystery:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs, over and above the aforesaid materials bought, carried out in Sevenhode Lane, as appears in detail in the paper account for the same year – 21s. 2½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Martin Outwich – 11s. 11½d.

Full total for the mercers' mystery – 33s. 2d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out similarly in Baynard's Castle – £4 13s. 10d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Lawrence Jewry – £3 1d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Bassishaw – 2s. 5d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Coleman Street – £7 4s. 9d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Bartholomew the Less – 9s. 3½d.

Item, for repairs carried out by Thomas Muschamp at his place, authorised by John Stockton, William Redeknap, John Donne, John Warde, and John Marchall, chosen to decide on this matter and others by the advice of a court held on 5 November – £20

Item, similarly authorised by John Stockton and his associates for repairs carried out by Bilesard de Barde in St Martin Outwich – 20s.

Item, similarly authorised by them for repairs carried out by John Gadde there – 40s.

Item, similarly paid for repairs carried out in Bishopsgate Without – 4s. 9d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Dunstan in the East – 3s. 7½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – 2s. 2d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Leonard's in East Cheap – £19 12s. 11½d.

Item, allowed by þ^e *forsaid* John Stokton & his felaship for *reparacions* doon in þ^e same place by John Defford – v li.

Item, in lyke wise *paied* for *reparacions* doon at þ^e Kateryne Wheelle – xx s. ii d. ob.

Item, allowed by þ^e *said* John Stokton & his felaship to John Baker toward þ^e *makeng* of a new stable, a kechen & a stone walle – x li. Item, for *reparacions* by hym doon in þe same place – xliii s. iiiii d., *summa* – xii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Item, in lyke wise *paied* for *reparacions* doon in Walbrook – ix s. xi d.

Item, in lyke wise for *reparacions* doon in divers soyles – iii li. vii s. vi d. ob.

Summa of *reparacions* of Whitengton – iiiii^{xx} li. xliiii s. x d. ob.

Of Estfeld:

First, þ^e *said* accomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for *reparacions* doon at þe Thre Coupes & in Morelane – xix s. vi d. ob.

Summa of *reparacions* of Estfeld – xix s. vi d. ob.

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Of Abbott:

First, þ^e *said* accomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for *reparacions* in Cattenlane – iii s. ii d.

Summa of *reparacions* of Abbott – iii s. ii d.

Item, þ^e *said* [acomptaunt] *dischargeth* hym of mony allowed to Richaert Box þ^e xxviiⁱⁱ daie of Septembre for his hous rente by an hole courte – iii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e *reparacions* with þallowances – iiiii^{xxvii} li. iiiii s. i d.

Foreyn Expenses

First, þ^e *said* accomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for divers þinges as apereth in þ^e paper of þacompte – xix s. ii d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e *foreyn* expenses – xix s. ii d. ob.

Fees

First, þ^e *said* accomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* to hymself for his labour – xx s.

Item, to Roger Roos, rentgaderer – xliii li. vi s. viiii d.

Item, to þ^e *said* Roger for his expenses in gadereng of þ^e rente – xxii s. ii d.

Item, to Richaert Box for þengroseng of þis acompte – vi s. viiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e fees – xv li. xv s. vi d.

Item, þ^e *said* accomptaunt *dischargeth* hym of mony allowed by John Lambart, Thomas Muschamp, & John Barby, auditours of þis acompt, to Roger Roos, for divers dettours – lvi s. ix d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e discharge of þ^e *said* accomptaunt – CCCx li. xliii s. vii d. /

So þere

Is due to þ^e felaship – CCiiii li. viiii s. vi d. ob. / Where of

Item, authorised by the aforesaid John Stockton and his associates for repairs carried out in the same place by John Defford – £5

Item, similarly paid for repairs carried out at the Catherine Wheel – 20s. 2½d.

Item, authorised by the said John Stockton and his associates to John Baker, towards the making of a new stable, a kitchen, and a stone wall – £10. Item, for repairs carried out by him in the same place – 43s. 4d. total – £12 3s. 4d.

Item, similarly paid for repairs carried out in Walbrook – 9s. 11d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out on various sites – £3 7s. 6½d.

Total of Whittington repairs – £80 14s. 10½d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at The Three Cups and in Moor Lane – 19s. 6½d.

Total of Eastfield repairs – 19s. 6½d.

Abbot:

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Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs in Catton Lane – 3s. 2d.

Total of Abbot repairs – 3s. 2d.

Item, he declares money authorised by a full court to Richard Box on 27 September, for the rent of his house – £3 13s. 4d.

Total of all repairs including sums authorised – £87 4s. 1d.

Extrinsic expenditure

Firstly, he declares money paid for various things, as appears in the paper account – 19s. 2½d.

Total of all extrinsic expenditure – 19s. 2½d.

Fees

Firstly, he declares money paid to himself for his work – 20s.

Item, to Roger Roos, rent-collector – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, to the said Roger for his expenses while collecting the rents – 22s. 2d.

Item, to Richard Box for the engrossing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total of all fees – £15 15s. 6d.

Item, he declares money authorised by John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, auditors of this account, to Roger Roos, for various debts – 56s. 9½d.

Total of all his disbursements – £310 13s. 7d. Therefore there

Is due to the company – £204 8s. 6½d. of which

RW f. 35v Is in þe handes of þ^e said acomptaunt – xliii li. iiiii s.
 Paied by him to Richaert Gardener – xxv li., as apereth after, folio xxxvi^{to}.⁷⁴⁸ Item,
 paied to Rauf Kempe – xi li., as apereth after folio xxxix^o.⁷⁴⁹ Item, paied to John
 Shelley – vi li., as apereth after folio xliii^o.⁷⁵⁰

Item, in dettours þ ^e time of John Bleseby –	Cxliii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob.
Item, in dettours þ ^e time of Roger Roos –	xliii li. xviii s. vii d.
Item, in þ ^e handes of Hugh Wiche, J. Lambart, & þeir felaship –	xxxviii s.
Item, in þ ^e handes of Roger Roos –	xx s. vii d. / 161/4/6 ⁷⁵¹

Hugh Wiche	} auditours
John Lambart	
Thomas Muschamp	
John Barby	

1461–62 Thacompte of William Cantelowe, knyght, John Reyneken, Thomas Nyche, &
 f. 200v Richaert Gardener, custoses of þ^e mercerie in þe cite of London, for an hole yeer
 at þe fest of Midsomer the yeer of oure Lord xliii^c lxii^e and of Kyng Edward þe
 fourthe the seconde.

The charge of þe said acomptauntz

Argent sek:

First, þe said acomptauntz charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Richaert Nedam,
 Robert Skrayngham, John Tate, & Roger Middelmores, custoses of þ^e said mercerie
 for þ^e yeer last passed, as apereth in þ^e foote of þeir acompte on þ^e oþer syde
 tofore – Clvi li. xvii s. iii d.

Item, of divers dettours goven up by þem, as apereth in þe same foet – xliii li. vii s.
 ix d.

Summa – Clxx li. v s.

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* for John Obyne

þaprentis of John Warde –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for Thomas Benet þaprentis of William Redeknape –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for Thomas Kyseng þaprentis of Thomas Barby –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Catour þaprentis of John Donne –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for James Dagge þaprentis of Roger Cople –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for William Fleccher þaprentis of Nicholas Agor –	iii li. vi s. viii d.

748 This paragraph has been added later, by the same scribe, and in a place made by erasing something previously written.

749 This folio number, 39, and the next, 43, have certainly been added later, by the same scribe, but presumably when he had finished copying up the relevant year's account and had this number. The first number, 36, is included at the time of writing.

750 The sum of the above had been written below this entry but has been very efficiently erased, probably by the scribe himself or in any case contemporaneously. One can make out at the end that the sum had been followed by 'Wherof'.

751 This sum has been written thus in Arabic numerals, and seems to be in the same scribe's hand.

Is in [Roger Middlemore's] hands – £43 4s.

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Paid by him to Richard Gardener – £25, as appears below on folio 36. Item, paid to Ralph Kemp – £11, as appears below on folio 39. Item, paid to John Shelley – £6, as appears below on folio 43.

Item, debts from the time of John Bleseby –	£143 7s. 4½d.
Item, debts from the time of Roger Roos –	£14 18s. 7d.
Item, in the hands of Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, and their fellow-wardens –	38s.
Item, in Roger Roos's hands –	20s. 7d. / £161 4s. 6½d.

Hugh Wyche	} auditors
John Lambard	
Thomas Muschamp	
John Barby	

The account of William Cantelow, knight, John Rankyn, Thomas Nyche, and Richard Gardener, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London, for a whole year up to the feast of Midsummer in the year of our Lord 1462 and the regnal year 2 Edward IV.

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Their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare money received from Richard Nedam, Robert Scrayingham, John Tate, and Roger Middlemore, wardens of the said mercers' mistery for the previous year, as appears at the foot of their account on the other side of this page – £156 17s. 3d.

Item, various debts, responsibility for which has been handed over by them, as appears also at the foot of the same account – £13 7s. 9d.

Total – £170 5s.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received for John Obyne

the apprentice of John Warde –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Thomas Benet the apprentice of William Redeknape –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Thomas Kyssing the apprentice of Thomas Barby –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Catour the apprentice of John Donne –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for James Dage the apprentice of Roger Copley –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Fleccher the apprentice of Nicholas Agor –	£3 6s. 8d.

Item, for John Reynolde paprentis of Herry Newman – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, for Robert Roo þ^e sone of John Roo, mercier,
 paprentis of John Baker – ii s.
 Summa – xxiii li. viii s. viii d.

Issues of apprentices:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Thomas Falows late
 paprentis of John Sturgeon and aftir *with* William Hylle – ii s.
 Item, of þ^e said Thomas for as moche as he served not his termes – ix s.
 Item, of John Sutton late þ^e servant of John Cogsale & aftir
 with Thomas Muschampe – ii s.
 Item, of þ^e said John Sutton for he was not entred in oure bokes
 tofore in þ^e defaute of þ^e said John Cogsale – v s.
 Item, of Thomas Chaterle late paprentis of John Colet – ii s.
 Item, of þ^e said Thomas for as moche as he served not his termes – xxxviii s.
 Item, of Robert Richaert & } late paprentices of
 Thomas Hatfeld } William Redeknape – iiiii s.
 Item, of John Sutton late paprentis of Hugh Wiche – ii s.
 Item, of Herry Wygle late paprentis of Richaert Everle – ii s.
 Item, of Thomas Cooke late paprentis of Richaert Claver &
 aftir [*with*] Roger Cople – ii s.
 Item, of Herry Wadelove late paprentis of William Lyghtholders – ii s.
 Summa – iii li. x s.

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Shopholders:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Smyth – xii d.
 Item, of William Bettes – xii d.
 Summa – ii s.

Mercymenz:

First, þey charge [þem] of mony
 resseyved of Thomas Baxster – iiiii d.
 Item, of John Cok – iiiii d.
 Item, of Herry Colet – iiiii d.
 Item, of Rauff Kempe – iiiii d.
 Item, of Richaert Yarom – viii d.
 Item, of William Whitewey – iiiii d.
 Item, of Robert Weston – iiiii d.
 Item, of William Pratte – iiiii d.
 Item, of Thomas Barby – iiiii d.
 Item, of William Alburgh – iiiii d.
 Item, of John Pykton – iiiii d.
 Item, of Thomas Banno – iiiii d.
 Item, of Robert Yarom – iiiii d.
 Item, of divers persones, gadered at
 þ^e serche – xi s. ii d.
 Summa – xv s. x d.

Item, for John Reynolde the apprentice of Harry Newman –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Robert Roo the son of John Roo, mercer, and the apprentice of John Baker –	2s.
Total – £23 8s. 8d.	

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received from Thomas Falows, formerly the apprentice of John Sturgeon and afterwards with William Hille –	2s.
Item, from the said Thomas because he had not served out his terms –	9s.
Item, from John Sutton, formerly the servant of John Cogsale and afterwards with Thomas Muschamp –	2s.
Item, from the said John Sutton because he had not been entered into our records before, by the fault of the said John Cogsale –	5s.
Item, from Thomas Chaterle formerly the apprentice of John Colet –	2s.
Item, from the said Thomas because he had not served out his terms –	38s.
Item, from Robert Richard and } formerly apprentices of Thomas Hatfield } William Redeknape –	4s.
Item, from John Sutton formerly the apprentice of Hugh Wyche –	2s.
Item, from Harry Wygle formerly the apprentice of Richard Everley –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Cooke formerly the apprentice of Richard Claver and afterwards with Roger Copley –	2s.
Item, from Harry Woodlove formerly the apprentice of William Lightholders –	2s.
Total – £3 10s.	

Shopholders:

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Firstly, they declare money received from John Smyth –	12d.
Item, from William Bettes –	12d.
Total – 2s.	

Fines:

Firstly, they declare money received from Thomas Baxster –	4d.
Item, from John Cok –	4d.
Item, from Harry Colet –	4d.
Item, from Ralph Kemp –	4d.
Item, from Richard Yarom –	8d.
Item, from William Whitewey –	4d.
Item, from Robert Weston –	4d.
Item, from William Pratte –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	4d.
Item, from William Alburgh –	4d.
Item, from John Pickton –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Bannowe –	4d.
Item, from Robert Yarom –	4d.
Item, from various persons, collected at the time of the inspection –	11s. 2d.
Total – 15s. 10d.	

Entres into þ^e lyvrey, þ^e ii^{de} yeer:

First, þey charge þem of mony

<i>resseyved</i> of Robert Elmam –	vi s. viii d.
Item, [of] Geffrey Blower –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Colet –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Burgoyne –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Sewester –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Newman –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Rawson –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Asshewelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Twyg –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Alburgh –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Agor –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Cobholt –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Roger Coplee –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Pountefrete for þ ^e first	
& seconde yeres –	xiii s. iiiii d.
<i>Summa</i> – v li.	

Entres into the lyvrey, þ^e first yer:

First þey charge þem of mony

<i>resseyved</i> of Robert Yarom –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Ylom –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Ferys –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Couper –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Tyler –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Boton –	vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa</i> – xl s.	

Geyne of þe lyvrey:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of þ^e said vi persones for þe geyne of þeir lyvrey – xviii s.

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Fynes of trespassours:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of William Hylle for sendeng of his attourney ovir þe see or he had his oeth – v s.

Item, of John Neve for unsitteng & uncurtais langage to John Shelley – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, in lyke wyse of þ^e said John Shelley unto þ^e said John Neve⁷⁵² – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of Thomas Chaterle for his disobeysaunce to us þ^e wardeins – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, of William Redeknape for uncurtais langage to Richaert Ansam – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of þ^e said Richaert in lyke wise to þ^e said William & he haveng be wardeyn tofore – xxvi s. viii d.

⁷⁵² On this quarrel see Sutton, 'Caxton was a Mercer', pp. 122–4.

Admission to the livery, the second year:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Robert Elmeham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Geoffrey Blower –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Colet –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Burgoyne –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Sewester –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Newman –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Richard Rawson –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Ashwell –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Twigge –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Alburgh –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Nicholas Agor –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Robert Cobholt –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Roger Copley –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Pomfreyt for the first and second years –	13s. 4d.
Total – £5	

Admission to the livery, the first year:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Robert Yarom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Ilom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Ferys –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Couper –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Tyler –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Boton –	6s. 8d.
Total – 40s.	

Profit on the livery:

Firstly, they declare money received from the said 6 persons for the profit on their livery [clothes] – 18s.

Total – 18s.

Fines from offenders:

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Firstly, they declare money received from William Hille for sending his agent overseas before taking his oath – 5s.

Item, from John Neve for unbecoming and discourteous language towards John Shelley – 13s. 4d.

Item, similarly from the said John Shelley, towards the said John Neve – 13s. 4d.

Item, from Thomas Chaterle for his disobedience to us, the wardens – 26s. 8d.

Item, from William Redeknappe for discourteous language towards Richard Ansam – 13s. 4d.

Item, from the said Richard similarly, towards the said William, and in that he had previously been warden⁵⁷⁹ – 26s. 8d.

⁵⁷⁹ Offences against the wardens were always punished more severely than those against other members of the company (and wardens who themselves offended were also fined double the usual amounts, see f. A2v above, p. 60).

Item, of John Pellam for unsitteng langage to us þ^e custoses & specially in sayeng by colore þat we were false – xl s.

Summa – vi li. xviii s. iiiii d.

Gyftes:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Lok, shryve, toward þe costes of þ^e trompettes – xl s.

Summa – xl s.

Restes of condites:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* by Robert Gregory & his felashippe – vi li.

Item, of Roger Midelmore for þarest of a condite gadered by⁷⁵³ – xxiiii s. x d.

Summa – vii li. iiiii s. x d.

Gyftes:

First, þey charge þem of mony goven by arbitrement by John Stokton, John Lok, John Reyneken & Richaert Gardener, whiche Thomas [Nyche]⁷⁵⁴ shuld paie for offences don bytwene hym & John Pellam, his *servant*, ageins oure ordenances – x li.

Item, of William Bawdre for a reward goven in helpeng of his shippe at Erehithe in þ^e grete froste – v li.

Item, of þerle of Kente for a tonne of wyne whiche shuld have be goven for þ^e fredome of John Peyntour, his *servant*, or elles in mony – x li.

whiche John had his oothe & made freman – x li.

Summa – xxv li.

Summa of alle þeir charge – CCxlvii li. ii s. viii d.

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The discharge of þ^e said accomptauntz

First, þey discharge þem of mony *paied* for bargehire at ii tymes for þe presenteng of John Lok, mercier, & George Ireland, grocer, shryves, and Hugh Wiche, mercier, Mayer – xx s. viii d.

Item, to þe Maister of Seint Thomas of Akres & his brederen for the dirige of þ^e brederen of þ^e mercerie – x s.

Item, for xxiiii tapers of wax for þ^e chapelle weyeng xii lb. – vi s. Item, ii rolles weyng ii lb. – xvi d. – *totalis* – vii s. iiiii d.

Item, for paper & ynke – xi d.

Item, for wassheng of þornamentz of þ^e chapelle – xx d.

Item, for þamend of iiiii chesibles & ii awbes – ix d.

Item, for iiiii garlondes for þelleccion of þ^e new custoses – xii d.

Item, for þengroseng & registreng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xlix s.

⁷⁵³ A blank space follows.

⁷⁵⁴ The surname is omitted here but can be supplied from other references to the offences, e.g. f. 187v. See Name Index.

Item, from John Pelham for unbecoming language towards us, the wardens, and in particular for appearing to allege that we were untrue⁵⁸⁰ – 40s.

Total – £6 18s. 4d.

Gifts:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Locke, sheriff, towards the costs of the trumpeters – 40s.

Total – 40s.

Balances of conduct-levies:

Firstly, they declare money received from Robert Gregory and his associates – £6

Item, from Roger Middlemore for the balance of a conduct-levy collected by – 24s. 10d.

Total – £7 4s. 10d.

Gifts:

Firstly, they declare money given as a result of the judgement by John Stockton, John Locke, John Rankyn, and Richard Gardener, that Thomas [Nyché] should pay for offences committed by him and John Pelham his serving-man, in contravention of our ordinances – £10

Item, from William Bawdre⁵⁸¹ in recompense for helping with his ship at Erith during the great frost – £5

Item, from the Earl of Kent for a tun of wine, which should have been given [to pay] for the freedom of John Peyntour, his serving-man, or otherwise in money – £10

the which John took his oath and was made a freeman – £10

Total – £25

Total of all their receipts – £247 2s. 8d.

Their disbursements

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Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire on 2 occasions, for the presentation of John Locke, mercer, and George Ireland, grocer, sheriffs, and of Hugh Wyche, mercer, Mayor – 20s. 8d.

Item, to the Master of St Thomas of Acon and his brethren for the Office of the Dead for the mercers' fraternity – 10s.

Item, for 24 wax tapers for the chapel, weighing 12 lb. – 6s. Item, 2 rowels weighing 2 lb. – 16d. – total – 7s. 4d.

Item, for paper and ink – 11d.

Item, for washing of the chapel accoutrements – 20d.

Item, for the repair of 4 chasubles and 2 albs – 9d.

Item, for 4 garlands for the election of the new wardens – 12d.

Item, for the engrossing and writing up of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total – 49s.

⁵⁸⁰ The word used is 'false' which could be rendered in a variety of ways, depending on what the allegations were.

⁵⁸¹ William Bawdre or Baldry: see also e.g. *CPR 1461–67*, pp. 13, 33, 183, 229, 294, 303 and 536.

Foreyne espenses:

First, þey discharge þem of mony *paied* for remytteng downe of þ^e preest that robbed oure chapelle – iii s. vi d.

Item, for vii yerdes & a *quarter* of cremesen for viii trompettes for hodes & half an hooode for Thomas *with* þ^e trompe, for John Lok, shryve – xvi s. iii d.

Item, for makeng of þeir hodes & þe rolles – vi s. ix d.

Item, to þ^e said viii^{te} trompettes for þeir labour – liii s. iii d.

Item, ʒoven & spente upon iiiii duche trompettes for as moche as we stode in doubte of Englishe trompettes – xxi d.

Item, spente in drynke upon þe viii trompettes – ii s.

Item, spente in wyne upon oure counselle for divers maters – viii d.

Item, for paper – iii d.

Item, for amend of þ^e chapelle pavement – ii d.

Item, for cloth for xvi trompettes & Thomas *with* þ^e trompe for Hugh Wyche, Mayer – xxviii s. iii d.

Item, for makeng of xvii hodes & þ^e rolles – xii s. vi d.

Item, to þ^e said trompettes for þeir labour – v li. vi s. viii d.

Item, goven þem to drynke – iii s.

Item, for botehire to Westmynster at divers tymes to my lord þ^e chaunseler – xiiii d.

Item, for botehire *with* þ^e Mayer for þ^e person of All Halowen – xii d.

Item, for browneswykes to lyne oure bankers – x s. v d.

Item, for botehire in þ^e parlement tyme & drynke – xii d.

Item, for a dyner at þe Greyhound for þe custoses & oper for þoversight of þ^e same – iii s. vi d.

Item, ʒoven to þ^e Recorder⁷⁵⁵ & Rigby⁷⁵⁶ for þoversight of oure corporacion & þeir counselle in þ^e same – xiii s. iii d.

f. 202v Item, for makeng of a bille ageins þesterlinges in þ^e parlement – xx d.

Item, for vi lb. souder for þe leede ovir oure halle – iii s.

Item, for ix bz plaster of Parys & þ^e werkemanshippe of þ^e same in oure halle & for makeng clene & helpeng to þ^e plasterer – xi s. iii d.

Item, to þe peyntour for his stuff & werkemanshippe, in grete – iiii li. i d.

Item, for weryng of vi cables in helpeng of Bawdres shippe in þe grete froste at Erehithe – xiii s. iii d.

Item, for botehyre for to shewe to þ^e lordes of þ^e counselle þ^e *lettre pat* came from Caxton & þ^e felashippe by yonde þe see⁷⁵⁷ – vi d.⁷⁵⁸

⁷⁵⁵ Thomas Urswick: see below, p. 961, note 589.

⁷⁵⁶ Thomas Rigby was a serjeant-at-law and later under-sheriff; see Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 359, 358, and *CPMR*, 1458–82, e.g. pp. 48, 66, 118.

⁷⁵⁷ This reference is of note, given that it appears in this account for June 1461 to June 1462. N. F. Blake in his 1969 book suggests that Caxton may have become Governor of the English Nation at Bruges in 1462, replacing Ovray who was dismissed that year (*Caxton and his World*, p. 39). In his article in the *ODNB*, vol. 10, pp. 694–98, Blake more cautiously states him to have been governor of the English nation in Bruges ‘by April 1465’. Painter, however, in his 1976 biography of Caxton, (*William Caxton*, pp. 25–44), gives the date at which he became Governor at Bruges as 12 August 1462, whereas Anne Sutton, ‘Caxton was a Mercer’, p. 130, gives a date of 24 June as that of Ovray’s dismissal and Caxton’s election. This entry above no doubt refers to the negotiations preceding this as to the Adventurers’ right to appoint their own governor, and the resultant patent of 28 May 1462. See also below, f. 205r.

⁷⁵⁸ A very modern hand has written in pencil beside this entry in the LH margin: ‘Caxton’.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, they declare money paid for the sending to prison of the priest who robbed our chapel – 4s. 6d.

Item, for 7¼ yards of crimson cloth for hoods for 8 trumpeters and for half a hood for Thomas with the large trumpet, for [the procession with] John Locke, sheriff – 16s. 4d.

Item, for the making of their hoods and the circlets – 6s. 9d.

Item, to the said 8 trumpeters for their labours – 53s. 4d.

Item, given and spent upon 4 ‘Dutch’ trumpeters, in that we had been unsure of [obtaining the services of] English trumpeters – 21d.

Item, spent upon drinks for the 8 trumpeters – 2s.

Item, spent on wine for our advisors on various matters – 8d.

Item, for paper – 3d.

Item, for the repair of the chapel paving – 2d.

Item, for cloth for 16 trumpeters and Thomas with the large trumpet, for Hugh Wyche, mayor – 28s. 4d.

Item, for the making of 17 hoods and the circlets – 12s. 6d.

Item, to the said trumpeters for their labours – £5 6s. 8d.

Item, given to them for drinks – 4s.

Item, for boat-hire to Westminster on various occasions, to the Lord Chancellor – 14d.

Item, for boat-hire to go with the Mayor over the matter of the parson of All Hallows⁵⁸² – 12d.

Item, for Brunswick cloth for the linings of our bench-cushions – 10s. 5d.

Item, for boat-hire during the time of the Parliament and for drinks – 12d.

Item, for a dinner at the Greyhound for the wardens and others, and for supervising the same – 3s. 6d.

Item, given to the Recorder and to Rigby for reviewing our deeds of incorporation and for their advice over the same – 13s. 4d.

Item, for the drawing up of a bill in the Parliament against the Easterlings⁵⁸³ – 20d. f. 202v

Item, for 6 lb. of solder for the lead over [the roof of] our Hall – 3s.

Item, for 9 bushels of plaster of Paris⁵⁸⁴ and for the work done with the same in our Hall, and for cleaning and help to the plasterer – 11s. 4d.

Item, to the painter for his materials and his labour, in all – £4 1d.

Item, for the wear and tear of 6 cables used to help Bawdre’s ship during the great frost at Erith – 13s. 4d.

Item, for boat-hire when going to show the lords of the Council⁵⁸⁵ the letter that came from Caxton and the company overseas – 6d.

582 There were several churches of All Hallows in London; this is perhaps most likely to have been that in Honey Lane (rector at this date Robert Oppy), or that in Bread Street (rector at this date Thomas Winterbourne); see Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, p. 77.

583 The Hanseatic merchants. See Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 280 on this bill, and further, via her index, on relations between the mercers and the Hanse.

584 ‘A fine white plaster, consisting of gypsum rendered anhydrous by calcination, which swells and rapidly sets when mixed with water, and hence is used for making moulds and casts, as a cement, etc.; so called because prepared from the gypsums of Montmartre, Paris’ (*OED*).

585 i.e. the King’s Council.

Item, for botehire whan þ^e Mayer was presented to þ^e kyng at Westmynster – xii d.

Item, for wode spente at Seint Thomas – iiiii d.

Item, for a yerde & di. of morrey engreyned for þ^e Maister of Seint Thomas – xiii s. vi d.

Item, for a yerd & di. of morrey for Maister Thomas Ebralle – xiii s. vi d.

Item, for viii yerdes morrey engreyned for oure ii prestes at ix s., *summa* – iii li. xii s.

Item, for iii yerdes & di. morrey engreyned for Robert Langford at ix s. – xxxi s. vi d.

Item, for iii yerdes di. *quarter* morrey engreyned for Richaert Box, bedelle, at ix s. – xxix s. iii d.

Item, for his hoode of blak – vi s. viii d.

Item, for a *quarter* morrey engreyned for saumples to þ^e felashippe – ii s. iii d.

Item, for iii yerdes & di. morrey engreyned goven to William Elyot, costomer – xxxv s.

Item, for mony *paid* in helpeng of Bawdres shippe – v li.

Item, allowed to þ^e said acomptauntz ovir v s. *resseyved* of every man toward þeir dyner – vi li.

Summa – xl li. ii s. vii d.

Summa of alle þeir discharge – xlii li. xi s. vii d.

Allowed by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Richaert Nedam} \\ \text{Robert Skrayngham} \\ \text{John Tate \& } \\ \text{Roger Mydelmore} \end{array} \right\}$ auditours

So þer is due to þ^e felashippe – CCiiii li. xi s. i d. – Where of

1462 Is payed to John Stokton, John Donne, Robert Gregory, & Rauff Kempe, þ^e new custoses – Cvi li. v s.

Rest due to þ^e mercerie – iiiii^{xx} xviii li. vi s. i d.

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Is in dettours:

John Squyer by obligacion – xxxiii s. iiiii d.

William Redeknape – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Thomas Belyeter – vi s. viii d.

Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, Thomas Muschampe, & John Barby, custoses – xxxvii s. ix d.

William Pountefrete – vi s. viii d.

John Peyntour, *with* þerle of Kente – x li.

Thomas Nyche – x li.

Item, for boat-hire when the Mayor was presented to the King at Westminster – 12d.

Item, for wood used at St Thomas of Acon – 4d.

Item, for 1½ yards of murrey in grain for the Master of St Thomas of Acon – 13s. 6d.

Item, for 1½ yards of murrey for Master Thomas Ebralle – 13s. 6d.

Item, for 8 yards of murrey in grain for our 2 priests, at 9s. [per yard], total – £3 12s.

Item, for 3½ yards of murrey in grain for Robert Langford, at 9s. [per yard] – 31s. 6d.

Item, 3⅞ yards of murrey in grain for Richard Box, beadle, at 9s. [per yard] – 29s. 3d.

Item, for his hood of black material – 6s. 8d.

Item, for ¼ yard of murrey in grain for samples for the company – 2s. 3d.

Item, for 3½ yards of murrey in grain given to William Elyot, customs official – 35s.

Item, for money paid for the help to Bawdre's ship – £5

Item, authorised to those rendering this account over and above 5s. received from each man towards their dinner – £6

Total – £40 2s. 7d.

Total of all their disbursements – £42 11s. 7d.

Authorised by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Richard Nedam} \\ \text{Robert Scrayingham} \\ \text{John Tate and} \\ \text{Roger Middlemore} \end{array} \right\}$ auditors

Therefore there is due to the company – £204 11s. 1d. Of which

Has been paid to John Stockton, John Donne, Robert Gregory, and Ralph Kemp, the new wardens – £106 5s. 1462

Balance due to the mercers' mistery – £98 6s. 1d.

Due from debtors:

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John Squire by bond obligatory – 33s. 4d.

William Redeknape – 23s. 4d.

Thomas Beleter – 6s. 8d.

Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, Thomas Muschamp, and John Barby, wardens – 37s. 9d.

William Pomfreyt – 6s. 8d.

John Peyntour, with the Earl of Kent – £10

Thomas Nyche – £10

The felashippe by yende þ^e see for þ^e sute of þeir pryvelage – lvii li. x s.⁷⁵⁹
 The said acomptauntz for þarest of þeir acompte – xiii li. ix s. viii d.
 Richaert Box, bedille, whiche shalbe rebated of his wages – xxxviii s. viii d.
Summa – iiiix^{xx} xviii li. vi s. i d.

1461–62 Thacompte of Richaert Gardener, oon of þe custoses of þ^e mercerie and rentier
 RW f. 36r of the same, for an hole yer at þ^e fest of Ester the yer of oure Lord xiii^c lxii^e and
 Kyng Edward þ^e iiiii^{the} þ^e ii^{de}

The charge of þe said accomptaunt

First, þ^e said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of Roger Midelmore in party of payment of þ^e rest of his acompte, as apereth tofore, *folio xxxv*^{ti} – xxv li. Item, in divers dettours for þ^e rest of þ^e same, as apereth in þ^e fote of his acompte – Clxxix li. viii s. vi d.

Summa – CCiii li. viii s. vi d.

Item,⁷⁶⁰ he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* at þ^e Crowne in Chepe with þencrees of iii s. iiiii d. for a yer of Thomas Lonmore, as apereth tofore *folio xxxii*^{do} – xvi li. xi s. iiiii d. Whereof is decrees, as apereth tofore *folio xxxiii*^{to}, for þ^e yer – xl s. – xiii li. xi s. iiiii d.

Item, *resseyved* of oo *tenement* in Seven Fote Lane – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* at S. Martyns Otewiche – xxvi li. x s.

Summa of þe mercerie – xlvii li. xiii s. viii d.

Item, he chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* at Castelle, ovir þ^e decrees of ix s. iiiii d. by þ^e yer as apereth tofore *folio xxxiii*^{do} – xvii li.

Item, *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* in Mary Mawdeleyns parish in Milkstrete – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* in þ^e parish of S. Laurence Jury – xxxii li. xvii s.

Item, of divers *tenementes* in Bassingeshawe – xxx li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of divers *tenementes* in Colmanstrete with þencrees by þ^e yer of ii s., as apereth tofore *folio xxxii*^{do} – xxii li. iiiii d.

Item, of divers *tenementes* in S. Bartilmews þ^e litelle ovir þ^e decres of xxvi s. viii d. by þ^e yer, as apereth tofore *folio xxxiii*^{to} – xxx li.

Item, of divers *tenementes* withoute Bisshopgate in þ^e parish of S. Botolfes – xlvi s. viii d.

Item, of divers *tenementes* at þ^e Tourehille in þ^e parish of All Halowen, Berkyng – xi li. xx d.

Item, of divers *tenementes* in S. Donstones in pest – xiii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of divers *tenementes* in S. Margretes in Bridgestrete – ix li. vi s. viii d.

759 A contemporary hand, probably but not certainly that of the scribe himself, has written in the LH margin against this entry: 'avent' (= 'aventurers').

760 None of the usual marginal sub-headings have been inserted on this page or its verso. It would seem to have been written at the same time as the facing page, and one also gets the impression that the scribe is tired.

The company overseas for petitioning for their privileges⁵⁸⁶ – £57 10s.

Those rendering this account for the balance of their account – £13 9s. 8d.

Richard Box, beadle, which will be deducted from his wages – 38s. 8d.

Total – £98 6s. 1d.

The account of Richard Gardener, one of the wardens of the mercers' mystery and renter-warden of the same, for a whole year up to the feast of Easter in the year of our Lord 1462 and the regnal year 2 Edward IV. 1461–62
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His receipts

Firstly, he declares money received from Roger Middlemore in part-payment of the balance of his account, as appears above on folio 35 – £25

Item, various debts for the balance of the same, as appears at the foot of his account – £179 8s. 6d.

Total – £204 8s. 6d.

Item, he declares money received from various tenements at the Crown in Cheap, with the increase of 3s. 4d. per year for Thomas Lonmore, as appears above on folio 32 – £16 11s. 4d. Out of which there are reductions, as appears above on folio 34, per year – 40s. – £14 11s. 4d.

Item, received from one tenement in Sevenhode Lane – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, received from various tenements in St Martin Outwich – £26 10s.

Total from the mystery's own properties – £47 14s. 8d.

Item, he declares money received from various tenements in Baynard's Castle, over and above the reduction of 9s. 4d. per year, as appears above on folio 34 – £17

Item, received from various tenements in the parish of St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, received from various tenements in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – £32 17s.

Item, from various tenements in Bassishaw – £30 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in Coleman Street, with the increase per year of 2s., as appears above on folio 32 – £22 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Bartholomew the Less, over and above the reduction of 26s. 8d. per year, as appears above on folio 34 – £30

Item, from various tenements in Bishopsgate Without, in the parish of St Botolph – 46s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in Tower Hill in the parish of All Hallows, Barking – £11 20d.

Item, from various tenements in St Dunstan in the East – £14 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – £9 6s. 8d.

⁵⁸⁶ See Sutton, 'Caxton was a mercer', pp. 129–30.

Item, of oo tenement in S. Leonardes in Estchepe – x li.

Item, of divers tenementes in S. Laurence Pounteney – xx li. iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in þ^e Ryalle ovir þ^e decrees of xx d. by þ^e yer as apereth folio xxxiiii^o tofore – v li. xii s. iiiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in S. Johns in Walbrook – xxii li. iiiii s. viii d.

Item, of divers quyte rentes ovir xi s. viii d. unpaied, as apereth tofore folio xi^o – v li. vi s. ii d.

Summa of Whitengtons lyvelood – CCxxxix li. viii s. x d.

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Item, resseyved of oo tenement called þ^e Thre Coupes in Bredestrete – xiiii li.

Item, of divers tenementes & gardeyns withoute Crepulgate – iiiii li. viii s. iiiii d.

Summa of Estfeldes lyvelood – xviii li. viii s. iiiii d.

Item, resseyved of divers tenementes in Cattenlane in þ^e parish of S. Laurence Jury – xii li.

Summa of Abbottes lyvelood – xii li.

Summa of alle the lyvelood – CCCxvii li. xi s. x d.

Item, resseyved of þencrees of John Catyn in S. Margretes in Bridgstrete for half yer at Ester – xx d.

Summa – xx d.

Item, resseyved of Richaert Gardener for x^e f. plaunchebord – iii d.

Item, of John Reynkyn for C plaunchebord – ii s. ii d.

Item, of Roger Roos for xxx^e f. elmenbord – vi d. Item, a quarter of vi^e f. – i d. Item, viiii^e f. of quarterbord – ii d. *Totalis* – ix d.

Item, of Birdes wif for olde tymber – xvi d.

Summa – iiiii s. vi d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þ^e said acomptaunt – Dxxii li. vi s. vi d.

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The discharge of þ^e said acomptaunt

þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paied for quyte rentes, as apereth tofore folio xxxiiii^o – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Prestes:

Item, to Sir Copston for a yer at Midsomer anno ii^{do} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to Sir Richaert Combes for half a yer at Cristemas anno primo – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, from one tenement in St Leonard's in East Cheap – £10

Item, from various tenements in St Laurence Pountney – £20 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in the Royal, over and above the reduction of 20d. per year, as appears on folio 34 above – £5 12s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St John's in Walbrook – £22 4s. 8d.

Item, from various quit-rents over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid, as appears above on f. 11 – £5 6s. 2d.

Total from the Whittington estate – £239 8s. 10d.

Item, received from one tenement called The Three Cups in Bread Street – £14

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Item, from various tenements and gardens in Cripplegate Without – £4 8s. 4d.

Total from the Eastfield estate – £18 8s. 4d.

Item, received from various tenements in Catton Lane in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – £12

Total from the Abbot estate – £12

Total from all the estates – £317 11s. 10d.

Item, received from the increase for John Catyn in St Margaret's in Bridge Street, for half a year up to Easter – 20d.

Total – 20d.

Item, received from Richard Gardener for 10 ft of planking – 3d.

Item, from John Rankyn for 100 planks – 2s. 2d.

Item, from Roger Roos for 30 ft of elm-board – 6d. Item, a quarter of six-foot – 1d.

Item, 8 ft of quarter-board – 2d. Total – 9d.

Item, from Bird's wife for old timber – 16d.

Total – 4s. 6d.

Total of all his receipts – £522 6s. 6d.

His disbursements

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The mistery's own properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rents, as appears above on folio 33 – £4 10s. 4d.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests:

Item, to Sir [Thomas] Copston for a year up to Midsummer 2 [Edward IV] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Richard Combes for half a year up to Christmas 1 [Edward IV] – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, to Sir⁷⁶¹ for half a yer at Midsomer anno ii^{do} – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Item, to þ^e said Richaert Combes for an annuyte of iiiii^e marces graunted hym
 terme of lyff for his olde servyce, for þ^e terme of Ester anno ii^{do} – xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – xiiii li.

Almesmen:

Item, paid to William Olyver for a yer at Midsomer anno ii^{do} – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, paid to William Irewilliam in lyke wise for a yer – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, to Thomas Cokkes for Mighelmas terme anno primo – xv s. ii d.
 Item, to John Brodsworth for a yer at Midsomer – iii li. viii d.
 Item, to Robert Strother in lyke wise for a yer – iii li. viii d.
 Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, for a yer – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, to John Aleyne from þ^e xi^e day of Decembre anno primo
 unto þ^e xxiii^{ti} day of Juyn anno ii^{do}, by xxviii^{ti} wekes⁷⁶²
 þ^e weke xiiii d., *summa* – xxxii s. ii d.
Summa – xx li. ii s. viii d.

Summa of þ^e costes of þ^e mercerie – xxxviii li. xiii s.

Whitengtons:

Item, paid for divers quyte rentes as apereth tofore folio xxxiiii^o – v li. v d. ob.
Summa – v li. v d. ob.

Item, paid to Maister Thomas Ebralle & his brederen for a yer at Midsomer anno
 ii^{do} – lxiii li.
 Item, to þ^e tutour & xii^e porefolkes from þ^e xx^{ti} day of Juyn anno primo unto þ^e iii^{de}
 day of Juylle anno ii^{do} for liiii^{ti} wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xli li. viii s.
Summa – Ciiii li. viii s.

Item, paid for his dirige holde þ^e xxx^{ti} day of Juylle, for divers costes as apereþ^e in
 þ^e paper of acompte – liii s. ix d.⁷⁶³
Summa – liii s. ix d.

Summa of þ^e costes of Whitengton – Cxii li. ii s. ii d. ob.

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Estfeld:

Item, paid to þ^e kyng for socage of þ^e Thre Coupes – iiiii d.
 Item, to Sir John Leget for half a quarter after Midsomer – xvi s. viii d.
 Item, to Sir William Praty for a quarter at Ester anno ii^{do} – xxxiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for his obite holde þ^e ix^e day of Maii – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, to þ^e iiiii^e custoses of þ^e mercerie for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, to þ^e bedille for his labour – xx d.

761 A blank space follows, clearly left to be filled in when he had discovered the priest's name.

762 MS: wekes skes.

763 The sixteenth-century annotating hand has marked a circle with a cross through it in the RH margin against this entry and the word 'nota'.

Item, to Sir for half a year up to Midsummer 2 [Edward IV] – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, to the said Richard Combes for an annuity of 4 marks⁵⁸⁷ granted him for his lifetime, in consideration of his past services, for the term of Easter 2 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.

Total – £14

Almsmen:

Item, paid to William Olyver for a year up to Midsummer 2

[Edward IV] – £3 18s.

Item, paid to William Irwilliam similarly for a year – £3 18s.

Item, to Thomas Cokke for Michaelmas term 1 [Edward IV] – 15s. 2d.

Item, to John Brodsworth for a year up to Midsummer – £3 8d.

Item, to Robert Strother similarly for a year – £3 8d.

Item, to Richard Box, beadle, for a year – £3 18s.

Item, to John Aleyn from 11 December 1 [Edward IV] until 23 June 2 [Edward IV], 28 weeks at 14d. per week, total – 32s. 2d.

Total – £20 2s. 8d.

Total of the costs on the mistery's properties – £38 13s.

Whittington estate:

Item, paid for various quit-rents, as appears above on folio 33 – £5 5½d.

Total – £5 5½d.

Item, paid to Master Thomas Ebralle and his brethren for a year up to Midsummer 2 [Edward IV] – £63

Item, to the Tutor and 12 poor-folks from 20 June 1 [Edward IV] until 3 July 2 [Edward IV], for 54 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £41 8s.

Total – £104 8s.

Item paid for his obit held on 30 July, for various expenses, as appears in the paper account – 53s. 9d.

Total – 53s. 9d.

Total of the costs for the Whittington estate – £112 2s. 2½d.

Eastfield:

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Item, paid to the King for socage on The Three Cups – 4d.

Item, to Sir John Leget for half a quarter after Midsummer – 16s. 8d.

Item, to Sir William Praty for a quarter, at Easter 2 [Edward IV] – 33s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the 4 wardens of the mercers' mistery for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle for his work – 20d.

⁵⁸⁷ £2 13s. 4d.

Item, for xiiii^e tapers of wax founde in Aldirmanbery chirche – xvi s. viii d.
 Item, for þobite of Kynwolmershe þ^e xv^e day of Decembre – xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa – v li. viii s. viii d.

Abbott:

Item, paid to a preste syngeng at Fernyngton in Buk'shire for a yer at Midsomer – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, for his obyte hold þ^e last day of Fevever – vi s. viii d.
Summa – vii li.

Vacacyons

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of a tenement late William Clerk for a yer at Ester anno ii^{do} – xiii s. iiiii d.
Summa of alle þ^e vacacion of þ^e mercerie – xiii s. iiiii d.

Of Whitengton:

Item, of iiiii^e764 tenementes at Castelbaynard – xli s. ii d.
 Item, of oon in Mary Mawdeleyn – xv s.
 Item, of iii^e tenementes in S. Laurence Jury – xlvii s. ii d.
 Item, of vi^e tenementes in Bassingeshawe – vii li. xiiii s. ii d.
 Item, of v^e tenementes in Colmanstrete – viii s. i d. ob.
 Item, of oo tenement at S. Bartilmeus þ^e litelle – x s.
 Item, of viii^{te} tenementes at þ^e Tourehylle – v li. iii s. viii d.
 Item, of oo tenement at S. Donstones in þest – xii s. vi d.
 Item, of oo tenement at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete – xx s.
 Item, of ii^e tenementes in þ^e Ryalle – xx s. vii d. ob.
 Item, of xiii^e tenementes in Walbrook – iiiii li. ix d.
Summa of alle þ^e vacacion of Whitengtons – xxv li. xiii s. ii d.

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Of Estfeld:

Item, of oo tenement & v gardeyns in þ^e Morelane – xxvi s. viii d. ob.
Summa of alle þ^e vacacion of Estfeld – xxvi s. viii d. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e vacacions þis yer – xxvii li. xiii s. ii d. ob.

Decrees

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of þ^e tenement of
 John Clyfton for iii quarters at Ester anno ii^{do} in þ^e Jury – ii s. vi d.
 Item, in Bassingeshawe of John Materdale for a yer
 at Ester anno ii^{do} – iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, in Bassingeshawe of John Beauchamp for þ^e said yer – iii s. iiiii d.

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Item, for 14 wax tapers provided in Aldermanbury Church –	16s. 8d.
Item, for Kynwolmersh's obit on 15 December –	13s. 4d.
Total – £5 8s. 8d.	

Abbot:

Item, paid to a chantry priest at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for a year at Midsummer – £6 13s. 4d.	
Item, for his obit held on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.	
Total – £7	

Vacancies

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares a tenement, formerly that of William Clerk, [vacant] for a year up to Easter 2 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.	
Total of all vacancies of mistery properties – 13s. 4d.	

Whittington:

Item, 4 tenements in Baynard's Castle –	41s. 2d.
Item, one in Mary Magdalen –	15s.
Item, 3 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry –	47s. 2d.
Item, 6 tenements in Bassishaw –	£7 14s. 2d.
Item, 5 tenements in Coleman Street –	8s. 1½d.
Item, one tenement in St Bartholomew the Less –	10s.
Item, 8 tenements in Tower Hill –	£5 3s. 8d.
Item, one tenement in St Dunstan in the East –	12s. 6d.
Item, one tenement in St Margaret's in Bridge Street –	20s.
Item, 2 tenements in the Royal –	20s. 7½d.
Item, 13 tenements in Walbrook –	£4 9d.
Total of all Whittington vacancies – £25 13s. 2d.	

Eastfield:

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Item, one tenement and 5 gardens in Moor Lane – 26s. 8½d.	
Total of all Eastfield vacancies – 26s. 8½d.	

Total of all vacancies this year – £27 13s. 2½d.

Rent-reductions

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares John Clifton's tenement in the Jewry, for 3 quarters up to Easter 2 [Edward IV] –	2s. 6d.
Item, in Bassishaw, for John Materdale, for a year up to Easter 2 [Edward IV] –	3s. 4d.
Item, in Bassishaw, for John Beauchamp for the said year –	3s. 4d.

Item, in Bassingeshawe of Benet Jonetas for Midsomer

terme anno primo – x d.

Item, in Colmanstrete of John Aleyn for a chambre for half yer – x d.

Item, withoute Bisshopgate of Richaert Kisshawe for a yer – xiii s. iiii d.

Item, at Castelle of John Mays for a yer – ii s.

Summa of alle þ^e decrees of Whitengton – xxvi s. ii d.

Of Estfeld:

Item, withoute Crepulgate of Robert Broun for a yer – iiii d.

Summa of þ^e decrees of Estfeld – iiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e decrees this yeer – xxvi s. vi d.

Stuff boght

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for bordes, tymber, latthes, nayles, tyles, brykes, stone, & oþer necessaryes, as apereth in þ^e paper of þacompte particularly, & for saweng⁷⁶⁵ – xxii li. xxiii d.

(Item, for saweng of bordes & tymber, as apereþ^e in þ^e same paper particularly)⁷⁶⁶ – vac'

Summa of alle þ^e stuff & saweng þ^{is} yer –⁷⁶⁷

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Reparacions

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for reparacions done at þ^e Crowne, as apereth particularly in þe paper of þacompte – v s.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Martyns Otewich – xxxi s. xi d. ob.

Summa of þ^e mercerie lyvelood – xxxvi s. xi d. ob.

Of Witengtons:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for reparacion done at Baynardes Castelle – xiii s. xi d.

Item, in lyke wise in Milkestrete for reparacion done – xviii s. vi d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done in Seint Laurence þ^e Jury – viii li. ii s. xi d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done in Bassingeshawe – x s. iiii d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done in Colmanstrete – iii li. xv s. viii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Bartilmeus þ^e litelle – v li. xx d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at þe Tourehille – xiiii s. viii d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Donstones in þest – vi s. i d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Margrettes in Bridgestrete – iii s. ix d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Lenardes in Estchepe – xlv s. vii d.

Item, in lyke wise for reparacion done at S. Jones in Walbroke – v li. iii s. xi d. ob.

⁷⁶⁵ The words '& for saweng' have been added slightly later but by the same scribe.

⁷⁶⁶ The scribe has put score lines through this entry placed here in brackets, and has added 'vac' at the same time as adding the three words to the entry above.

⁷⁶⁷ No sum has been filled in.

Item, in Bassishaw, for Bennet Jonetas for the term of
 Midsummer 1 [Edward IV] – 10d.
 Item, in Coleman Street, for John Aleyn, for a chamber
 for half a year – 10d.
 Item, in Bishopsgate Without, for Richard Kisshawe for a year – 13s. 4d.
 Item, in Baynard's Castle, for John Mays for a year – 2s.
 Total of all Whittington rent-reductions – 26s. 2d.

Eastfield:

Item, in Cripplegate Without, for Robert Brown for a year – 4d.
 Total of Eastfield rent-reductions – 4d.

Total of all rent-reductions this year – 26s. 6d.

Materials bought

Firstly, he declares money paid for boards, timber, laths, nails, tiles, bricks, stone, and other necessities, as appears in detail in the paper account, and for sawing – £22 23d.

(Item, for the sawing of boards and timber, as appears in detail in the same paper) – cancelled

Total for all materials and sawing this year –

Repairs

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out at the Crown, as appears in detail in the paper account – 5s.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Martin Outwich – 31s. 11½d.

Total for the mistery's properties – 36s. 11½d.

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out in Baynard's Castle – 13s. 11d.

Item, similarly in Milk Street for repairs carried out – 18s. 6d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Lawrence Jewry – £8 2s. 11½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Bassishaw – 10s. 4d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Coleman Street – £3 15s. 8½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Bartholomew the Less – £5 20d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in Tower Hill – 14s. 8d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Dunstan in the East – 6s. 1½d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – 3s. 9d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St Leonard's in East Cheap – 46s. 7d.

Item, similarly for repairs carried out in St John's in Walbrook – £5 3s. 11½d.

Item, to Lambard, plomer, for reparacions in divers soyles – iii li. x s. iii d.

Item, to Percyvale, lyman, for lyme spente in divers soyles – xli s.

Item, to Laurence Coralle for sonde, lome, & gravelle & cariage of robois at divers soyles – xxiiii s. viii d.

Item, to Thomas Pays, carpenter, for werkes in divers soyles – xxii d.

Item, to John Laurence for lokkes, keys & oþer in divers soyles – iii s. xi d. ob.

Item, to Phelip Horewell for lokkes, keys & oþer in divers soyles – iii s.

Item, to William Smyth for dogges, boltes & oþer þinges of iren spente in divers soyles – xxx s. iiiii d.

Item, to a dauber at Seint Laurence Poulteney – ii s. iii d.

⁷⁶⁸Item, to John Ruddok, carpenter, for werkes in divers soyles – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of Whitengtons lyvelood – xxxvii li. xix s. ix d. ob.

Of Abbottes:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for reparacion done in Catten Lane in þ^e parish of S. Laurence in þ^e Jury – viii s. i d.

Summa of Abbottes lyvelood – viii s. i d.

Summa of alle the reparacions – xl li. iiiii s. x d.

Foreyne Expenses

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for divers þinges – xxvii s. viii d. ob.

Summa of forein expenses – xxvii s. viii d. ob.

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Fees

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony paid for divers fees, first to hymself – xx s.

Item, to þ^e iiiii^e custoses for þeir attendaunce þat is to sey William Cantelowe, knyght, John Reyneken, Thomas Niche, & þ^e said acomptaunt for þoversight of Whitengtons lyvelode – iiiii li.⁷⁶⁹

Item, to Roger Roos, rentegaderer, for his labour – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, allowed hym for potacions with þ^e tenauntes – xxiiii s. xi d.

Item, to Richaert Box for þengroseng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa of þ^e fees – xix li. xviii s. iii d.

⁷⁶⁸ From this line down, the rest of this page has been written in quite different ink, a rather light brown colour (most of the book is in very dark brown, almost black ink). The scribe however is the same and it does not look as if these are later additions in any way, just that he changed ink.

⁷⁶⁹ The annotating hand has marked a circle with a cross through it against this entry.

Item, to Lambard, plumber, for repairs at various sites – £4 10s. 3d.

Item, to Percyvale, lime-merchant, for lime used at various sites – 41s.

Item, to Laurence Coralle for sand, earth, and gravel, and for taking away rubbish from various sites – 24s. 8d.

Item, to Thomas Pays, carpenter, for work at various sites – 22d.

Item, to John Laurence for locks, keys, and other things at various sites – 3s. 11½d.

Item, to Philip Orwell for locks, keys, and other things at various sites – 3s.

Item, to William Smyth for ‘dogs’,⁵⁸⁸ bolts, and other ironware used at various sites – 30s. 4d.

Item, to a plasterer at St Laurence Pountney – 2s. 3d.

Item, to John Ruddock, carpenter, for work at various sites – 4s. 4d.

Total for the Whittington estate – £37 19s. 9½d.

Abbot:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried out in Catton Lane in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry – 8s. 1d.

Total for the Abbot estate – 8s. 1d.

Total of all repairs – £40 4s. 10d.

Extrinsic expenditure

Firstly, he declares money paid for various things – 27s. 8½d.

Total of extrinsic expenditure – 27s. 8½d.

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Firstly, he declares money paid for various fees, and firstly to himself – 20s.

Item, to the 4 wardens for their care and attention, i.e. to William Cantelowe, knight, John Rankyn, Thomas Nyche, and himself, for the supervision of the Whittington estate – £4

Item, to Roger Roos, rent-collector, for his work – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, authorised to him for drinks with the tenants – 24s. 11d.

Item, to Richard Box for the engrossing of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total of all fees – £19 18s. 3d.

⁵⁸⁸ See the *OED* for the large number of mechanical devices that go by this name. Clamps are perhaps the most probable item that the Mercers would have needed.

Lyvrey for poremen of Whitengtons Collage

First, þe said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *paied* for gownes & clokes for xiii^e pore folkes – vi li. xvii s. vi d.

Summa – vi li. xvii s. vi d.

Allowaunce

First, þe said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony allowed to Roger Roos, rentgaderer, first for William Brampton – v s. viii d.; for John Haukens – v s.; & for John Braban – iii s. iiiii d., by þe iiiii^e custoses, *summa* – xiiii s.⁷⁷⁰

Summa of alle þe discharge of þe said *acomptaunt* –
CCiiii^xiii li. vii s. ix d. ob. / So

Pere remayneth to þe felaship –
CCxxxviii li. xviii s. viii d. ob. / Whereof

Is payd to Rauf Kempe, as aperet[h] in his acompte on þe toþer side of þis leef – xlviii li.

Item, in divers dettours þe tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer – Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in þe handes of Roger Midelmore, late rentier – xviii li. iiiii s.

Item, in þe handes of þe said *acomptaunt* – xxix s. iii d.

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Thacompte of John Stokton, aldirman, John Donne, Robert Gregory, and Rauff Kempe, custoses of the mercerie in þe cite of London, for an hole yer at the fest of Midsomer þe yer of oure Lord xiiii^c lxiii^e and of Kyng Edward þe fourthe the thridde.

The charge of the said *acomptauntz*

Argent sek:

First, þe said *acomptauntz* charge þem of mony *resseyved* of William Cantelowe, knyght, John Reynekyn, Thomas Nyche, & Richaert Gardener, late custoses, þeir predecessours, in party of payment of þarest of þeir acompte – Cvi li. v s.

Item, of divers dettours for þarest of þe same as apereth in þe fote of þe same – iiiii^{xx} xviii li. vi s. i d.

Summa – CC iiiii li. xi s. i d.

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* for John Eton

þaprentis of Thomas Ylom – iii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for Robert Baldewyn þaprentis of

Nicholas Hatton – iii li. vi s. viii d.

⁷⁷⁰ A contemporary hand, probably that of the scribe himself, has written beside this entry in Arabic numerals: '283 / 7 / 9 -'.

Livery for the poor-men of Whittington College

Firstly, he declares money paid for gowns and cloaks for 13 poor people – £6 17s. 6d.

Total – £6 17s. 6d.

Sums authorised

Firstly, he declares money authorised by the 4 wardens to Roger Roos, rent-collector, firstly for William Brampton – 5s. 8d.; for John Hawkens – 5s; and for John Braban – 3s. 4d., total – 14s.

Total of all his disbursements – £283 7s. 9½d. Therefore

There remains to the company – £238 18s. 8½d. Of which

Has been paid to Ralph Kemp, as appears in his account on the other side of this folio – £48

Item, in the hands of various debtors from the time of John Bleseby, rent-collector – £147 7s. 4½d.

Item, in the hands of Roger Middlemore, former renter-warden – £18 4s.

Item, in the hands of the man rendering this account – 29s. 3d.

The account of John Stockton, alderman, John Donne, Robert Gregory, and Ralph Kemp, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London for a whole year up to the feast of Midsummer in the year of our Lord 1463 and the regnal year 3 Edward IV.

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Their receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, they declare money received from William Cantelowe, knight, John Rankyn, Thomas Nyche, and Richard Gardener, former wardens, their predecessors, in part-payment of the balance of their account – £106 5s.

Item, various debts for the remainder of the same account, as appears at the foot of the same – £98 6s. 1d.

Total – £204 11s. 1d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received for John Eton

the apprentice of Thomas Ilom – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, for Robert Baldewyn the apprentice of Nicholas Hatton – £3 6s. 8d.

Item, for Robert Colet þ ^e sone of John Colet, mercier, þaprentis of John Wendy –	ii s.
Item, for John Eston þaprentis of Thomas Walker –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Colet þe sone of John Colet, mercier, þaprentis of William Shore –	ii s.
Item, for Richaert Malte þaprentis of Herry Newman –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for Geffrey Hurst þe sone of Thomas Hurst, mercier, þaprentis of John Donne –	ii s.
Item, for John oo Werke þaprentis of John Broun –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Midelton þ ^e sone of John Midelton, mercier, þaprentis of þ ^e same John, þ ^e fadir –	ii s.
Item, for Richaert Rollesle þaprentis of Robert Yarom –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for Alisander Kylet þaprentis of Richaert Rawson –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for Richaert Gosse þ ^e sone of Thomas Gosse, mercier, þaprentis of William Umfrey –	ii s.
Item, for William Bedon þaprentis of John Warde –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for William Chaterle þaprentis of Thomas Chaterle –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Mildenale þaprentis of John Reyneken –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for William Vowell þaprentis of Richaert Gardener –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for William a Godsalf þaprentis of John Midelton –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Tasburgh þaprentis of Thomas Nyche –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for John Blakerby þaprentis of Robert Cobholt –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for William Porter þaprentis of Thomas Porter –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, for James Loyaulton þaprentis of John Pykton ⁷⁷¹ –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Summa – L li. x s.	

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Issues of apprentices:

First, þey charge þem of mony <i>resseyved</i> of Herry Reynold late þaprentis of John Alburgh –	ii s.
Item, of William Banknot late þaprentis of Roger Bonefaunt –	ii s.
Item, of John Thomas late þaprentis of John Midelton –	ii s.
Item, of Nicholas Allewyn late þaprentis of John Broddesworth & aftir with Richaert Riche –	ii s.
Item, of John Hunte late þaprentis of John Salmon –	ii s.
Item, of William Bompsted late þaprentis of Rauf Kempe –	ii s.
Item, of John Pierson late þaprentis of John Roo & aftir with Geffrey Blower –	ii s.
Item, of Hugh Clopton late þaprentis of John Roo & aftir with John Baker –	ii s.
Item, of Richaert Bole late þaprentis of John Riche & aftir with John Marchalle –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Sayer late þaprentis of John Sayer –	ii s.

⁷⁷¹ This last entry would appear to have been written in as an afterthought. It is in the scribe's own hand, but squeezed in at the end of the list. Its sum is not included in the total given.

⁷⁷² Until now all folios have been numbered in the top RH corner, but this folio bears no number, nor do any of the following ones in this book. There are however internal cross references that indicate that the pages were numbered (later cropping has possibly removed them).

Item, for Robert Colet the son of John Colet, mercer, the apprentice of John Wendy –	2s.
Item, for John Easton the apprentice of Thomas Walker –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Colet the son of John Colet, mercer, the apprentice of William Shore –	2s.
Item, for Richard Malte the apprentice of Harry Newman –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Geoffrey Hurst the son of Thomas Hurst, mercer, the apprentice of John Donne –	2s.
Item, for John oo Werke the apprentice of John Brown–	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Middleton the son of John Middleton, mercer, the apprentice of the same John, his father –	2s.
Item, for Richard Rollesle the apprentice of Robert Yarom –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Alexander Kylet the apprentice of Richard Rawson –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for Richard Gosse, the son of Thomas Gosse, mercer, the apprentice of William Humfrey –	2s.
Item, for William Bedon the apprentice of John Warde –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Chaterle the apprentice of Thomas Chaterle –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Mildenale the apprentice of John Rankyn –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Vowell the apprentice of Richard Gardener –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William a Godsalf the apprentice of John Middleton –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Tasburgh the apprentice of Thomas Nyche –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for John Blakerby the apprentice of Robert Cobholt –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for William Porter the apprentice of Thomas Porter –	£3 6s. 8d.
Item, for James Loyaulton the apprentice of John Pickton –	£3 6s. 8d.
Total –	£50 10s.

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Firstly, they declare money received from Harry Reynold, formerly the apprentice of John Alburgh –	2s.
Item, from William Banknot formerly the apprentice of Roger Bonefaunt –	2s.
Item, from John Thomas formerly the apprentice of John Middleton –	2s.
Item, from Nicholas Alwyn formerly the apprentice of John Brodsworth and afterwards with Richard Riche –	2s.
Item, from John Hunte formerly the apprentice of John Salman –	2s.
Item, from William Bumpstead formerly the apprentice of Ralph Kemp –	2s.
Item, from John Pierson formerly the apprentice of John Roo and afterwards with Geoffrey Blower –	2s.
Item, from Hugh Clopton formerly the apprentice of John Roo and afterwards with John Baker –	2s.
Item, from Richard Bole formerly the apprentice of John Riche and afterwards with John Marchall –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Sayer formerly the apprentice of John Sayer –	2s.

Item, of Thomas Graunte late þaprentis of Rauff Marche & aftir with Geffrey Randolph –	ii s.
Item, of William Andrewe late þaprentis of John Stokton –	ii s.
Item, of William Burton late þaprentis of Richaert Everle –	ii s.
Summa – xxviii s.	

Shopholders:

First, þey charge þem of mony resseyved of Robert Say –	xii d.
Item, of John Smyth –	xii d.
Item, of Thomas Wrang[ll]y ⁷⁷³ –	xii d.
Item, of Nicholas Allewyn –	xii d.
Item, of John Pierson –	xii d.
Item, of Thomas Sayer –	xii d.
Summa – vi s.	

Mercymentz:

First, þey charge þem of mony resseyved of William Pratte –	iiii d.
Item, of William Skidmore –	iiii d.
Item, of Geffrey Blower –	iiii d.
Item, of Richaert Syff –	iiii d.
Item, of William Heende –	xii d.
Item, of Richaert Everle –	iiii d.
Item, of John Goldewelle –	iiii d.
Summa – iii s.	

f. 204v Entrees in þe lyvrey, for þe iii^{de} yeer:

First, þei charge þem of mony resseyved of Robert Elmam –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Geffrey Blower –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Colet –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Thomas Burgoyne –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Sewester –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Newman –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Rawson –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Asshewelle –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Twyg –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Alburgh –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Agor –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Robert Cobhold –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of Roger Cople –	vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Pountfret –	vi s. viii d.
Summa – iii li. xiii s. iii d.	

⁷⁷³ MS: Wrangby.

Item, from Thomas Graunte formerly the apprentice of Ralph March
 and afterwards with Geoffrey Randolph – 2s.
 Item, from William Andrew formerly the apprentice of John Stockton – 2s.
 Item, from William Burton formerly the apprentice of Richard Everley – 2s.
 Total – 28s.

Shopholders:

Firstly, they declare money received
 from Robert Say – 12d.
 Item, from John Smyth – 12d.
 Item, from Thomas Wrangle – 12d.
 Item, from Nicholas Alwyn – 12d.
 Item, from John Pierson – 12d.
 Item, from Thomas Sayer – 12d.
 Total – 6s.

Fines:

Firstly, they declare money received
 from William Pratte – 4d.
 Item, from William Skidmore – 4d.
 Item, from Geoffrey Blower – 4d.
 Item, from Richard Syff – 4d.
 Item, from William Heende – 12d.
 Item, from Richard Everley – 4d.
 Item, from John Goldewelle – 4d.
 Total – 3s.

Admission to the livery, for the third year:

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Firstly, they declare money received
 from Robert Elmeham – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Geoffrey Blower – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Harry Colet – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Thomas Burgoyne – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Sewester – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Harry Newman – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Richard Rawson – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Harry Ashwell – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Robert Twigge – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Alburgh – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Nicholas Agor – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Robert Cobholt – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from Roger Copley – 6s. 8d.
 Item, from William Pomfreyt – 6s. 8d.
 Total – £4 13s. 4d.

Entrees in þ^e lyvrey, for þ^e ii^{de} yeer:

First, þey charge þem of mony

resseyved of Robert Yarom – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Ylom – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Ferys – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Couper – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Tyler – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Boton – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xl s.

Fynes of trespassours:

First, þey charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Multon for as moche as he arested Robert Cosyn, mercier, without license – ii s.

Item, of William Hylle for a fyne for his apprent[ic]e⁷⁷⁴ – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of William Skidmore for uncurtais langage & unsitteng to William Heende openly in þe strete – xx s.

Item, of William Heende in lyke wise for þ^e said Skidmore – xx s.

Item, of William Newton for uncurteis langage to Robert Cobholte – iii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xlviii s. viii d.

Summa of alle þeir charge – CClxvi li. i d.

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The discharge of þe said acomptauntz

First, þey discharge þem of mony payed for bargehire at ii tymes to Westmynster for þ^e presenteng of Bartilmews James, draper, & William Hampton, fishmonger, shryves, & of Thomas Cook, draper, mayer – xx s. viii d.

Item, to þ^e Maister of Seint Thomas of Akres & his brederen for þ^e merciers dirige – x s.

Item, to þ^e chaundeler for wex for þ^e chapelle for xxiiⁱⁱ tapers weyeng xi lb. – v s. vi d. Item, ii rolles for þ^e prestes, xvi d., *totalis* – vi s. x d.

Item, for paper & ynke – vii d.

Item, for wassheng of þornamentz of þ^e chapelle – xx d.

Item, for iiiii^e garlondes for þelleccyon of þ^e new custoses – xiiii d.

Item, for þengroseng & registreng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xlvii s. vii d.

Foreyne espenses:

First, þey [dis]charge⁷⁷⁵ þem of mony payed at ii^e tymes for to labore to þ^e kynges highnes to Grenewiche with moche of þ^e feleshippe, in botehire, for þ^e dischargeng of John Pykereng⁷⁷⁶ – iiiii s. iiiii d.

Item, in mete & drynke þ^e said ii^e tymes – ii s. viii d.

774 MS: apprentice.

775 MS: charge.

776 On this matter see Sutton, 'Caxton was a Mercer', pp. 129–32, and Painter, *William Caxton*, pp. 27–8: John Pickering had been Governor in Bruges from c. September 1460 to c. July 1461, but Ovray had contested this and was re-appointed by the King; the Mercers and the Adventurers contested this and a King's patent of 28 May 1462 re-affirmed the Adventurers' right to elect their own Governor. Pickering later succeeded Caxton as Governor. See also above, f. 202v.

Admission to the livery, for the second year:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Robert Yarom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Ilom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Ferys –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Couper –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Tyler –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Boton –	6s. 8d.
Total –	40s.

Fines from offenders:

Firstly, they declare money received from John Multon in that he arrested Robert Cosyn, mercer, without permission – 2s.

Item, from William Hille, for a fine for his apprentice – 3s. 4d.

Item, from William Skidmore for discourteous and unbecoming language towards William Heende, openly in the street – 20s.

Item, from William Heende similarly to the said Skidmore – 20s.

Item, from William Newton for discourteous language towards Robert Cobholt – 3s. 4d.

Total – 48s. 8d.

Total of all their receipts – £266 1d.

Their disbursements

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Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire on 2 occasions to Westminster, for the presentation of Bartholomew James, draper, and William Hampton, fishmonger, sheriffs, and of Thomas Cook, draper, Mayor – 20s. 8d.

Item, to the Master of St Thomas of Acon and his brethren for the mercers' Office of the Dead – 10s.

Item, to the chandler, for wax for the chapel, for 22 tapers weighing 11 lb. – 5s. 6d. Item, 2 rowels for the priests, 16d., total – 6s. 10d.

Item, for paper and ink – 7d.

Item, for the washing of the chapel accoutrements – 20d.

Item, for 4 garlands for the election of the new wardens – 14d.

Item, for the engrossing and writing up of this account – 6s. 8d.

Total – 47s. 7d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, they declare money paid on 2 occasions for their labours in going to see his Highness the King at Greenwich with a large number of the company, for boat-hire, over the removal from office of John Pickering – 4s. 4d.

Item, for food and drink on the said 2 occasions – 2s. 8d.

- Item, to Ursewike, recorder, for declareng of þ^e same mater – xx s.
- Item, to Roger Ree, ussher of þ^e kynges *Chambre*, for helpeng of þ^e same – vi s. viii d.
- Item, to Belgrave, *sergeaunt* of armes, for his attendaunce & helpe – iii s. iiiii d.
- Item, in drynke at his deliveraunce – xv d.
- Item, to Ewstace, *sergeaunt* of armes, for his goode helpe & atendaunce – vi s. viii d.
- Item, to þ^e recorder for to escuse þ^e felashippe to my lord þ^e Tresorer for a preste desired of þe felashippe – vi s. viii d.
- Item, to Ingolsby, undir tresorer, to be frendely in þ^e same – xl s.
- Item, oon of þ^e marchalles of þ^e Resseit to be of counselle of þasygment of CC li. lente be þ^e felashippe, upon repayment of þ^e halff dyme – vii s.
- Item, for brede, ale & wyne at þ^e deliveraunce of þ^e CC li. – xii d. ob.
- Item, to Essex of þeschekir for sealeng of thre writtes, oon to þ^e Priour of Suthewyk⁷⁷⁷ of an C li., an oþer to þ^e Priour of Ixworth⁷⁷⁸ of xl li., & þ^e iii^{de} to þ^e Priour of Monken Farlegh⁷⁷⁹ of lx li. for repayment of þ^e said CC li. – vii s. vi d.
- Item, to Robert, his clerk, for writeng of þ^e said writtes & copyeng of iii^e tayles for þ^e same & his gode atendaunce – iiiii s.
- Item, for renueng of iii tayles & amendeng – xii d.
- Item, for botehire at divers tymes – xxi d. ob.
- Item, to Robert Westen, *mercier*, for his costes & rydeng to þ^e Priour of Suthewyke to shewe þ^e tayle & delivere þ^e writte – xvii s. viii d.
- Item, to Thomas Stubbes, *mercier*, in lyke wise to þ^e Priour of Monken Farlegh – xx s.
- Item, to John Barkele, *mercier*, in lyke wise for þ^e same, for faute of answer – vi s. viii d.
- Item, to William Martyn in lyke wise to þ^e Priour of Ixworth – vi s. viii d.
- Item, for botehire *with* þ^e mayer to welcome þ^e kyng – vi d.
- Item, for drynke *with* þ^e customers & *sercheours* – vi d. ob.
- Item, for coles & bylettes – xii d.
- f. 205v Item, for botehire to Westmynster at divers tymes to þerle of Warwyk for þ^e D marces to hym lente⁷⁸⁰ – xvi d.
- Item, to John Aleyn for makeng & writeng of a *lettre* testimonyalle undir þ^e Mayres sealle directe to þ^e borghmaister & skipeins of Middelborgh for grete godes lost in Peter Lamson at Shobery – viii s. iiiii d.

⁷⁷⁷ St Mary Overy, the priory of Southwark, a house of Austin canons; see *VCH London*, I, pp. 480–84.

⁷⁷⁸ Ixworth was a priory of Austin Canons in Suffolk, founded c. 1100; see *VCH Suffolk*, II, pp. 105–7.

⁷⁷⁹ Monkton Farleigh Priory in Wiltshire, see *VCH Wiltshire*, III, pp. 262–8.

⁷⁸⁰ See the *Acts of Court*, pp. 48, 54–8.

- Item, to Urswick, the Recorder,⁵⁸⁹ for the declaration of the same matter – 20s.
- Item, to Roger Ree, Usher of the King's Chamber,⁵⁹⁰ for helping with the same – 6s. 8d.
- Item, to Belgrave, serjeant at arms,⁵⁹¹ for his attendance and help – 3s. 4d.
- Item, for drinks at his/its delivery – 15d.
- Item, to Eustace, serjeant at arms,⁵⁹² for his good help and attendance – 6s. 8d.
- Item, to the Recorder for his excusing the company to my Lord the Treasurer⁵⁹³ from a loan requested from the company – 6s. 8d.
- Item, to Ingoldsby, under-treasurer,⁵⁹⁴ to be favourable to us over the same matter – 40s.
- Item, to one of the marshals of the Receipt [of the Exchequer] for his advice over the assignment of £200 lent by the company, upon the repayment of the half dime⁵⁹⁵ – 7s.
- Item, for bread, ale, and wine at the deliverance of the £200 – 12½d.
- Item, to Essex of the Exchequer⁵⁹⁶ for the sealing of three writs, one to the Prior of Southwark for £100, another to the Prior of Ixworth for £40, and the third to the Prior of Monkton Farleigh for £60, for the repayment of the said £200 – 7s. 6d.
- Item, to Robert, his clerk, for the writing of the said writs and for the copying of 3 tallies for the same and for his kind attentions – 4s.
- Item, for renewing and emendation of 3 tallies – 12d.
- Item, for boat-hire on various occasions – 21½d.
- Item, to Robert Weston, mercer, for his expenses and for riding to the Prior of Southwark to show him the tally and to deliver the writ – 17s. 8d.
- Item, to Thomas Stubbes, mercer, similarly to the Prior of Monkton Farleigh – 20s.
- Item, to John Berkely, mercer, similarly to the same, in default of a reply – 6s. 8d.
- Item, to William Martyn similarly to the Prior of Ixworth – 6s. 8d.
- Item, for boat-hire [to go] with the Mayor to welcome the King – 6d.
- Item, for drinks for the customs-officers and inspectors – 6½d.
- Item, for coal and 'billets' [firewood] – 12d.
- Item, for boat-hire, to Westminster on various occasions, to see the Earl of Warwick, over the 500 marks lent to him – 16d. f. 205v
- Item, to John Aleyn⁵⁹⁷ for the drawing up and writing of a letter witnessed under the Mayor's seal, sent to the Burgomaster and 'schepenen'⁵⁹⁸ of Middelburg over the great number of goods lost in the Peter Lamson⁵⁹⁹ at Shoebury Ness – 8s. 4d.

589 Thomas Urswick, Recorder of London from 3 October 1454, see his entry in the *ODNB*, vol. 55, pp. 960–61, and Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 685–6.

590 See also e.g. *CPR 1461–67*, p. 268.

591 Thomas Belgrave, see e.g. *CPR 1461–67*, p. 24.

592 William Eustace, see e.g. *CPR 1461–67*, p. 25.

593 This will have been John Tiptoft, earl of Worcester, appointed Treasurer on 14 April 1462. See *CPR 1461–67*, p. 182.

594 John Ingoldsby, an Exchequer official appointed Baron of the Exchequer on 4 November 1462. See *CPR 1461–67*, p. 214 and Foss, *Judges*, IV, pp. 432–3.

595 The dime was 'a subsidy paid to the King and consisting of one-tenth the value of one's movable (or personal) property' (*MED*).

596 Henry Bouchier, earl of Essex, see *ODNB*, vol. 6, pp. 815–16.

597 He was clerk of the Mayor's court: see *CPMR 1458–82*, p. 157.

598 Or 'échevins'. These were (and are) roughly the equivalent of aldermen, known nowadays in the Netherlands as 'wethouders' ('law-keepers').

599 Clearly a ship. For a suggestion over this case, see Sutton, *The Mercery*, p. 307n.

Item, for þ^e comune clerkes fees – ii s., & þ^e swerdeberers fees for þ^e sealle – ii s.,
summa – iiiii s.

Item, to a curroure for bereng of þ^e same & a box – xxi d. ob.

Item, for bargehire for þ^e felashippe with þ^e Mayer to *resseyve* þ^e kyng at
 Westmynster comeng oute of þ^e North by Shene – xi s. ii d.

Item, for botehire with þ^e Mayer for þesterlinges – x d.

Item, for wyne upon þ^e custoses & John Kyng, grocer – iiiii d.

Item, for brede & wyne upon Maister William Donthorpe, comune clerk, at his
 admytteng into oure felashippe – v d. ob.

Item, to xvi^e persones of þ^e felashippe to mete with þ^e kyng on horsbak at his
 comeng to London from Seint Georges fest with þambassatours of þ^e Duc of
 Burgoyne⁷⁸¹ – x li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for writeng of ii billes for þ^e parlement hous – xvi d.

Item, for botehire for þ^e deliveraunce of mennes godes stopped by þ^e soudeours
 at Caleis – vi d.

Summa – xx li. x s. iiiii d. ob.

Summa of alle þe discharge – xxii li. xvii s. xi d. ob.

So þere remayneth due to þe felashippe – CC xliii li. ii s. i d. ob – Wherof

Allowed by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{John Reyneken} \\ \text{Thomas Nyche} \\ \text{Richaert Gardener} \end{array} \right\}$ auditours

1463 Is payed to Rauuff Verney, William Redeknape, William Heende, & John Shelley,
 þ^e new custoses, in mony – Cxl li. xiii s. iii d.

Item, delivered in dettours, as apereth aftir – C ii li. vii s. x d.

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Dettours

William Redeknape – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Thomas Belyeter – vi s. viii d.

Hugh Wiche, John Lambart, & þeir felashippe – xxxvii s. ix d.

John Peyntour with þerle of Kente for his fredom – x li.

William Cantelowe, John Reynken, & þeir felashippe – xiii li. ix s. viii d.

Thomas Nyche for Pellam – x li.

The felashippe by yonde þe see for þeir patent⁷⁸² – lvii li. x s.

Richaert Box, bedille – vi li. v d.

⁷⁸¹ See the *Acts of Court*, pp. 58–9.

⁷⁸² See also above, f. 202v and f. 205r.

Item, for the Common Clerk's fees – 2s., and the swordbearer's fees for the seal⁶⁰⁰ – 2s., total – 4s.

Item, to a currier for carrying the same and for a box – 21½d.

Item, for barge-hire for the company [to go] with the Mayor to greet the King at Westminster when he came from the North by way of Sheen – 11s. 2d.

Item, for boat-hire [to go] with the Mayor over the matter of the Easterlings (Hanse merchants) – 10d.

Item, for wine for the customs officers and John Kyng, grocer – 4d.

Item, for bread and wine for Master William Dunsthorpe,⁶⁰¹ Common Clerk, on his admission to our company – 5½d.

Item, to 16 members of our company riding to meet the King when he came to London from the Feast of St George,⁶⁰² with the ambassadors of the Duke of Burgundy – £10 13s. 4d.

Item, for the writing of 2 bills for the Parliament – 16d.

Item, for boat-hire over the release of people's goods detained by soldiers at Calais – 6d.

Total – £20 10s. 4½d.

Total of all disbursements – £22 17s. 11½d.

Therefore there remains due to the company – £243 2s. 1½d. Of which

Authorised by $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{John Rankyn} \\ \text{Thomas Nyche} \\ \text{Richard Gardener} \end{array} \right\}$ auditors

Has been paid to Ralph Verney, William Redeknappe, William Heende, and John Shelley, the new wardens, in money – £140 14s. 3d. 1463

Item, handed over as in the hands of debtors, as appears below – £102 7s. 10d.

Debtors

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William Redeknappe – 23s. 4d.

Thomas Beleter – 6s. 8d.

Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, and their fellow-wardens – 37s. 9d.

John Peyntour, with the Earl of Kent, for his freedom – £10

William Cantelowe, John Rankyn, and their fellow-wardens – £13 9s. 8d.

Thomas Nyche for Pelham – £10

The company overseas for their letters patent – £57 10s.

Richard Box, beadle – £6 5d.

⁶⁰⁰ On the Mayor's swordbearer and his fees for the seal, see Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 156–8, 365.

⁶⁰¹ Or Dunthorne. See e.g. Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, pp. 364, 25, 186–7.

⁶⁰² The records of the Garter note a meeting of the Order presided over by the King on 22–23 April 1463: see Anstis, *The Register*, I, 176–7. The Burgundian ambassadors are not mentioned, but Duke Charles (the Bold) was later elected. See Payne and Jefferson, 'The Garter and the Golden Fleece'.

William Pountfrete for his entre into þ^e lyvrey – xiii s. iiiii d.
 Geffrey Blower in lyke wise – vi s. viii d.
 William Tyler in lyke wise – vi s. viii d.
 John Couper in lyke wise – vi s. viii d.
 William Boton in lyke wise – vi s. viii d.
Summa – Cii li. vii s. x d.

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Thacompte of Rauf Kempe, oon of þ^e custoses of þe Mercerie and of þ^e same rentier of the lyvelood, for an hole yer at Ester þ^e yere of oure Lord xiiii^c lxiii^e & of King Edward þ^e iiiiithe the iii^{de}

The charge of the said accomptaunt

First, þ^e said *accomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of Roger Midelmore, oon of þ^e dettours goven up in þ^e last acompte, as apereth on þ^e toþer side of þis leef, in parti of payment – xi li.
 Item, of mony *resseyved* of Richaert Gardener, þ^e last *accomptaunt* – xlviii li.
 Item, in dettours for þ^e rest of þ^e said *acompte* with þ^e Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob. due þ^e tyme Bleseby – Clxxix li. xvii s. x d. ob.
Summa of þe rest of þe last acompte – CCxxxviii li. xviii s. viii d. ob.

Lyvelood of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *accomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* at þ^e Crowne in Chepe for þ^e said hole yer at Ester anno iii^o – xiiii li. xi s. iiiii d.
 Item, of oo *tenement* in Seven⁷⁸³ Lane – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* at S. Martyns Oteswiche – xxvi li. x s.
Summa of þ^e mercerie – xlvii li. xiiii s. viii d.

Lyvelood of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *accomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* at Castelle, ovir þe decrees of ii s. by þ^e yer as apereth tofore, folio xxxviii^o – xvi li. xviii s.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* in Milkestrete in Mary Magdaleyns parish – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* in S. Laurence parish in þ^e Jury, ovir þ^e decrees of iii s. iiiii d. by þe yer – xxxii li. xiii s. viii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* in Bassingeshawe, ovir þ^e decrees of x s. by þe yer – xxx li. iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* in Colmanstrete, ovir þ^e decrees of xx d. by þe yer – xxi li. xviii s. viii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* at S. Bartilmews þe litelle – xxx li.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* & gardeyns withoute Bisshoppesgate – xxxiii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers *tenementes* at þe Tourehille – xi li. xx d.

783 A blank space follows on this line.

William Pomfreyt for his admission to the livery – 13s. 4d.
 Geoffrey Blower, similarly – 6s. 8d.
 William Tyler, similarly – 6s. 8d.
 John Couper, similarly – 6s. 8d.
 William Boton, similarly – 6s. 8d.
 Total – £102 7s. 10d.

This is the account of Ralph Kemp, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to Easter in the year of our Lord 1463 and the regnal year 3 Edward IV. 1462–63
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His receipts

Firstly, he declares money received from Roger Middlemore, one of the debtors handed over in the last account, as appears on the other side of this page, in part-payment – £11

Item, money received from Richard Gardener, the previous [renter-warden]⁶⁰³ – £48

Item, in debts for the remainder of the said account, including the £147 7s. 4½d. owed from the time of Bleseby – £179 17s. 10½d.

Total from the balance of the last account – £238 18s. 8½d.

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements

at the Crown in Cheap, for the said whole year up to
 Easter 3 [Edward IV] – £14 11s. 4d.

Item, from one tenement in Sevenhode Lane – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Martin Outwich – £26 10s.

Total from the mistery's properties – £47 14s. 8d.

The Whittington estate:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements in Baynard's Castle, over and above the reduction of 2s. per year as appears above on folio 38 – £16 18s.

Item, from various tenements in Milk Street in the parish of St Mary Magdalen – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry, over and above the reduction of 3s. 4d. per year – £32 13s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in Bassishaw, over and above the reduction of 10s. per year – £30 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in Coleman Street, over and above the reduction of 20d. per year – £21 18s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in St Bartholomew the Less – £30

Item, from various tenements and gardens in Bishopsgate Without – 33s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in Tower Hill – £11 20d.

⁶⁰³ The text says 'the last accountant' = the man rendering an account.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Donstones in þest – xiiii li. iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers tenementes at S. Margaretes in Bridgestrete, with þencrees of iii s. iiiii d. by þe yer – ix li. x s.
 Item, of oo tenement at S. Leonardes in Estchepe – x li.
 Item, of divers tenementes at S. Laurence Pounteney – xx li. iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers tenementes at Paternoster chirche in þ^e Ryalle – v li. xii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of divers tenementes at S. Jones in Walbroke – xxii li. iiiii s. viii d.

Item, of divers quyte rentes, ovir xi s. viii d. unpayd – v li. vi s. ii d.
Summa of Whitengton – CCxxviii li. xxii d.

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Lyvelood of Estfeld:
 First, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of þ^e Thre Coupes in Bredestrete – xiiii li.
 Item, of divers tenementes & gardeyns in þe More Lane, ovir þe decrees of iiiii d. by þe yer – iiiii li. viii s.
Summa of Estfeld – xviii li. viii s.

Lyvelood of Abbot:
 First, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers tenementes in Catten Lane – xii li.
Summa of Abbott – xii li.

Thencrees of þ^e lyvelood:
 Whitengton:
 First, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of John Lam in Colmanstrete for half yer at Ester anno iii^o – ii d.
 Item, of William Petsam in þ^e Riaulle for iii quarters at Cristemas anno ii^{do} – xv d.
Summa of þencrees – xvii d.

Summa of alle þ^e lyvelood with þencrees – CCCxvi li. v s. xi d.⁷⁸⁴

Foreyne recettes:
 First, þe said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of William Ireland for olde tymber – iiiii s. v d.
 Item, of Birdes wif for olde tymber – xii d.
 Item, of Roger Roos for viii quarters of vi f' þe p' – viii d. Item, for xxv f' of quarterbord – vii d. Item, for iiiii^{xx}xi f' of planchebord xx d. *Totalis* – ii s. xi d.
 Item, of John Reynken for half an C of quarterbord – xiiii d.
 Item, of Robert Clement toward þe reparacion at þe Thre Coupes – xxvii s. viii d.
 Item, of Thomas Maleyard toward þ^e reparacion of a stone wall bitwen þ^e said Thre Coupes & þ^e Swanne – ii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of John Gadde toward þ^e reparacion of Tekens kechen – xxii s. vi d.

⁷⁸⁴ The parchment of this page has a fold in it with a tear and a fair-sized hole below this entry and above the next. On this page and its verso the scribe has avoided this central area and clearly the parchment was thus damaged from the start.

Item, from various tenements in St Dunstan in the East – £14 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Margaret's in Bridge Street, with the increase of 3s. 4d. per year – £9 10s.

Item, from one tenement in St Leonard's in East Cheap – £10

Item, from various tenements in St Laurence Pountney – £20 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements at Paternoster Church⁶⁰⁴ in the Royal – £5 12s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St John's in Walbrook – £22 4s. 8d.

Item, from various quit-rents, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid – £5 6s. 2d.

Total from the Whittington estate – £238 22d.

The Eastfield estate:

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Firstly, he declares money received from The Three Cups in Bread Street – £14

Item, from various tenements and gardens in Moor Lane, over and above the reduction of 4d. per year – £4 8s.

Total from the Eastfield estate – £18 8s.

The Abbot estate:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements in Catton Lane – £12

Total from the Abbot estate – £12

Increases from the estates:

Whittington:

Firstly, he declares money received from John Lam in Coleman Street for half a year up to Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 2d.

Item, from William Petsam in the Royal, for 3 quarters up to Christmas 2 [Edward IV] – 15d.

Total from increases – 17d.

Total from all the estates with the increases – £316 5s. 11d.

Extrinsic receipts:

Firstly, he declares money received from William Ireland for old timber – 4s. 5d.

Item, from Birde's wife for old timber – 12d.

Item, from Roger Roos for 8 quarters of six-foot, the price 8d. Item, for 25 ft of quarterboard – 7d. Item, for 91 ft of planking – 20d. Total – 2s. 11d.

Item, from John Rankyn for half a hundred of quarter-board – 14d.

Item, from Robert Clement towards the repairs at The Three Cups – 27s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Maleyard towards the repair of a stone wall between the said Three Cups and the Swan – 2s. 4d.

Item, from John Gadde towards the repair of Teken's⁶⁰⁵ kitchen – 22s. 6d.

⁶⁰⁴ i.e. St Michael Paternoster Royal.

⁶⁰⁵ This may well be John Deken, see Name Index.

Item, of Aleyn Newman toward þ^e *parcloseng* of his entre in þ^e Myter Aleyn – xvi d.

Summa of alle þe *foreyne* ressettes – iii li. iii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle the charge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* – Dlviii li. vii s. xi d. ob.

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The discharge of þe said *accomptaunt*

⁷⁸⁵First, þe said *acomptaunt* *dischargeþ* hym of mony payd to þ^e Maister of S. Giles for *tenementes* at S. Martyns Oteswich for a yer at Midsomer *anno* ii^{do} E. iiiii^{ti} – vi s. viiii d.

⁷⁸⁶Item, to þe prioress of Seint Eleyens⁷⁸⁷ for þe Crowne in Chepe for a yer at Mighelmas *anno* ii^{do} – xviii s.

Item, to þe prioress of Halywell for þ^e same for a yer at Cristemas *anno* ii^{do} – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Priour of S. Mary Overay for þe same for a yer at Cristemas *anno* ii^{do} – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Chaunberleyn of Westmynster for þ^e Pye at S. Martyns Oteswich for iiiii *termes* at Ester *anno* iii^{co} – xx s.

⁷⁸⁸Item, to þe Priour of Cricherche for þe Crowne in Chepe for a yer at Midsomer *anno* ii^{do} – xix s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Item, to ii prestes syngeng in þ^e chapelle at S. Thomas of Akres *every*⁷⁸⁹ for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iii^o for iiiii *termes* – xiii li. vi s. viiii d.

Item, for þeir lyvrey at Ester tofore *anno* iii^o – xxvi s. viiii d.

Summa – xiii li. xiii s. iiiii d.

⁷⁹⁰Item, to William Olyver for a yer payd *quarterly*

at Midsomer *anno* iii^{co} –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, to William Irewilliam in lyke wise –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, to John Brodsworth in lyke wise –

iii li. viiii d.

Item, to John Aleyn in lyke wise –

iii li. viiii d.

Item, to Robert Strother in lyke wise –

iii li. viiii d.

Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, in lyke wise –

iii li. xviii s.

Item, to þ^e said Richaert for his lyvrey at Ester *anno* iii^o – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – xxii li. ix s. iiiii d.

Summa of þ^e *costes* for þe *mercerie* – xl li. xiii s.

⁷⁸⁵ There are no marginal sub-headings on this page.

⁷⁸⁶ The scribe has written a small letter 'b' beside this entry in the LH margin.

⁷⁸⁷ The scribe had first written Halywell but has then expuncted this and scored a line through and then written 'Seint Eleyens'.

⁷⁸⁸ The scribe has written a small letter 'a' beside this entry in the LH margin.

⁷⁸⁹ Presumably there is a word missing and the priest sang mass every day? The word may however be redundant as parallel entries for other years do not include it.

⁷⁹⁰ This sub-section is placed below the damaged central part of the page.

Item, from Alan Newman towards the 'parclosing'⁶⁰⁶ of his entrance-way in Mitre Alley – 16d.

Total of all extrinsic receipts – £3 3s. 4d.

Total of all his receipts – £558 7s. 11½d.

His disbursements

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Firstly, he declares money paid to the Master of St Giles for tenements in St Martin Outwich for a year up to Midsummer 2 Edward IV – 6s. 8d.

Item, to the Prioress of St Helen's for the Crown in Cheap for a year up to Michaelmas 2 [Edward IV] – 18s.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell for the same, for a year up to Christmas 2 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy for the same, for a year up to Christmas 2 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the Chamberlain of Westminster for the Pye in St Martin Outwich for 4 terms up to Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 20s.

Item, to the Prior of Christchurch for the Crown in Cheap for a year up to Midsummer 2 [Edward IV] – 19s.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Item, to 2 priests singing [mass] in the chapel of St Thomas of Acon every [day] for a year up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV], for 4 terms – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, for their livery at the previous Easter, 3 [Edward IV] – 26s. 8d.

Total – £14 13s. 4d.

Item, to William Olyver for a year, paid quarterly,
up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] –

£3 18s.

Item, to William Irwilliam similarly –

£3 18s.

Item, to John Brodsworth similarly –

£3 8d.

Item, to John Aleyne similarly –

£3 8d.

Item, to Robert Strother similarly –

£3 8d.

Item, to Richard Box, beadle, similarly –

£3 18s.

Item, to the said Richard for his livery at Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.

Total – £22 9s. 4d.

Total of the costs for the mistery – £40 13s.

⁶⁰⁶ The *OED* lists the verb as rare and its first example is only from 1577: 'To enclose; to fence in or shut off with a parclose.' The *MED* lists only the noun, no verb.

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Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *payd* to þ^e Maister of S. Giles for *tenementes* in *Bassingeshawe* for a yer at *Mighelmas anno ii^{do} – vi s.*

Item, to þ^e Priour of *Cricheche* of *Caunterbery* for *tenementes* in *Bassingeshawe* for a yer at *Mighelmas anno ii^{do} – xiii s. iiiii d.*

Item, to þ^e Chamberleyn of *Westmynster* for þe *Greyhound* in *Estchepe* for a yer at *Cristemas anno ii^{do} – iiiii s. vi d.*

Item, to þ^e Maister of *Baly Hall* in *Oxenford* for *tenement* in *S. Laurence* parish þe *Jury* for a yer at *S. Lawrens day – xii s.*

Item, to þe king for *sokage* for *tenementes* in *S. Laurence* parish & *S. Jones* in *Wallbroke* for a yer at *Cristemas – xix d. ob.*

Item, to þ^e Maister of *S. Thomas* of *Akres* for *tenementes* in *Bassingeshawe* for *iiii termes* at *Ester anno iii^o – liii s. iiiii d.*

Item, to þ^e Chaunberleyn of *Westmynster* for *tenementes* in *Wallbroke* for a yer at *Ester anno iii^o – iii s.*

Item, to þ^e Maister of *S. Bartilmews* *Spitelle* for *tenementes* at *S. Donstones* in *pest*⁷⁹¹ *quia non petatur – Nichill*

Summa – iiiii li. xiii s. ix d. ob.

The Collage:

First, *payd* to Maister Thomas Ebralle & his brederen for *iiii termes* at *Midsomer*⁷⁹² *anno iii^o – lxiii li.*

Item, to þ^e Tutour & xii^e pore folkes from þ^e iii^{de} day of *Juylle anno ii^{do}* unto þ^e ii^{de} day of *Juylle anno iii^o*, by lii wekes, þe weke xv s. [iiii d],⁷⁹³ *summa – xxxix li. xvii s. iiiii d.*

Summa – Cii li. xvii s. iiiii d.

Pobite:

First, for þ^e dirige of hym holde þ^e xxx^{ti} day of *Juylle anno iii^o* for brede spiced & unspiced – xi s. ii d. Item, for spices – iii s. vii d. Item, for egges – xi d. Item, for boter – x d. Item, for peres – v s. iiiii d. Item, for a barel of goode ale & a *kilderkin* of i d. ob. – vi s. ii d. Item, for xiii gal' wyne – x s. x d. Item, for xxx^{ti} cuppes, ii coverenges & iii tappes – xiiii d. ob. Item, for ii tapers & þ^e wast – xviii d. Item, to þ^e sexteyn – xii d. Item, to þ^e boteler & þ^e cook for þeir labour – vi d. Item, to þ^e xiii pore folkes – xiii d. Item, to þ^e Mayer for his attendaunce & presence – vi s. viii d. Item, for a recreacion to þ^e Maister & his felaship – v s. ix d. *Totalis – lvi s. i d. ob.*⁷⁹⁴

Summa – lvi s. i d. ob.

Summa of þe costes for Whitengton – Cx li. vii s. iii d.

791 On the hospital's holdings in St Dunstan in the East, see Kerling, *Cartulary*, p. 96.

792 MS: Ester AMidsomer: the scribe has written 'Ester' followed by an 'A' for 'anno, has realised his mistake, turned the 'A' into an 'M' for Midsomer, but has forgotten to score out 'Ester'.

793 The 'iiii d.' has been omitted in error in the manuscript.

794 The annotating hand has placed a circle with a cross through it in the RH margin against this sum.

Whittington:

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Firstly, he declares money paid to the Master of St Giles for tenements in Bassishaw, for a year up to Michaelmas 2 [Edward IV] – 6s.

Item, to the Prior of Christchurch, Canterbury, for tenements in Bassishaw, for a year up to Michaelmas 2 [Edward IV] – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the chamberlain of Westminster for the Greyhound in East Cheap, for a year up to Christmas 2 [Edward IV] – 4s. 6d.

Item, to the Master of Balliol College in Oxford for tenements in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry, for a year up to St Lawrence's feastday⁶⁰⁷ – 12s.

Item, to the King for socage for tenements in the parish of St Lawrence and in St John's, Walbrook, for a year up to Christmas – 19½d.

Item, to the Master of St Thomas of Acon for tenements in Bassishaw for 4 terms up to Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 53s. 4d.

Item, to the chamberlain of Westminster for tenements in Walbrook, for a year up to Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 3s.

Item, to the Master of St Bartholomew's Hospital for tenements in St Dunstan in the East, because it was not claimed – Nil

Total – £4 13s. 9½d.

The College:

Firstly, paid to Master Thomas Ebralle and his brethren for 4 terms up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – £63

Item, to the Tutor and 12 poor-folk from 3 July 2 [Edward IV] [1462] until 2 July 3 [Edward IV] [1463], 52 weeks at 15s. [4d.] per week, total £39 17s. 4d.

Total – £102 17s. 4d.

The obit:

Firstly, for his obit held on 30 July 3 [Edward IV], for cake-bread, spiced and unspiced – 11s. 2d. Item, for spices – 3s. 7d. Item, for eggs – 11d. Item, for butter – 10d. Item, for pears – 5s. 4d. Item, for a barrel of good ale and a kilderkin of penny-halfpenny ale – 6s. 2d. Item, for 13 gallons of wine – 10s. 10d. Item, for 30 cups, 2 lids and 3 taps – 14½d. Item, for 2 tapers and the wastage of them – 18d. Item, to the sexton – 12d. Item, to the butler and the cook for their work – 6d. Item, to the 13 poor-folk – 13d. Item, to the Mayor for his attendance and presence – 6s. 8d. Item, for refreshments to the Master and his company – 5s. 9d. Total – 56s. 1½d.

Total – 56s. 1½d.

Total of the costs for the Whittington estate – £110 7s. 3d.

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Estfeld:

First, *payd* to þ^e king for socage for þe Thre Coupes for a yer at Cristemas *anno* ii^{do} – iiiii d.

Item, to a preste syngeng in Aldirmanbery for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iii^o – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his obite holde þ^e ix^e day of Maii – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e iiiii custoses for þeir attendaunce – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þ^e bedille for his labour – xx d.

Item, to þ^e wexchaundler for xiiii tapers renewed *quarterly* for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iii^o – xvi s. viii d.

Item, for þobite of Kynwolmersh hold þ^e xv^e day of Decembre at S. Martyns Graunte⁷⁹⁵ – xiii s. iiiii d.

Summa of þe costes for Estfeld – ix li. xii s.

Abbott:

First, *payd* to a preest syngeng at Fernyngo in Buk'shire for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iii^o – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his obite hold at S. Laurence in þ^e Jury þ^e last day of Feverer – vi s. viii d.

Summa of þ^e costes for Abbot – vii li.

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Vacacions

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of oo tenement in þ^e Crowne, late William Clerk, for þ^e hole yer at Ester – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a tenement late John Normansfeld at S. Martyns Oteswich, for iii *quarters* at Ester – xii s.

Summa of þ^e vacacions of þ^e mercerie – xxv s. iiiii d.

Of Whitengton:

First, of a tenement at Baynardescastelle þe said yer as apereth

by þ^e paper of acompte –

ix li. xii s. ix d.

Item, of iii tenementes in S. Laurence Jury in lyke wise –

lii s. viii d.

Item, of v tenementes in Bassingeshawe in lyke wise –

vi li.

Item, of iii tenementes in Colmanstrete in lyke wise –

vi s. vi d.

Item, of oo tenement at S. Bartilmews in lyke wise –

xl s.

Item, of viii tenementes at þ^e Tourehille in lyke wise –

vi li. xiiii d.

Item, of iii tenementes in þ^e Ryalle in lyke wise –

xxviii s.

Item, of xiii tenementes at S. Jones in Walbroke in ly[ke] wise –

v li. xii s. iiiii d.

Summa of þ^e vacacions of Whitengton – xxxiii li. xiii s. v d.

Of Estfeld:

First, of ii tenementes & vi gardeynes þe said yer – xxxiiii s. xi d.

Summa of þe vacacions of Estfeld – xxxiiii s. xi d.

Summa of alle the vacacions this yeer – xxxvi li. xiii s. viii d.

⁷⁹⁵ This word is spelt in full but also has a redundant abbreviation sign for 'ra' above it.

Eastfield:

Firstly, paid to the King for socage on The Three Cups, for a year up to Christmas 2 [Edward IV] – 4d.

Item, to a priest singing [mass] in Aldermanbury Church for a year up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held on 9 May – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the 4 wardens for their attendance – 13s. 4d.

Item, to the beadle for his work – 20d.

Item, to the wax-chandler for 14 tapers renewed quarterly, for a year up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – 16s. 8d.

Item, for Kynwolmersh's obit held on 15 December at St Martin le Grand – 13s. 4d.

Total of costs for the Eastfield estate – £9 12s.

Abbott:

Firstly, paid to a priest singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], for a year up to Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held at St Lawrence Jewry on the last day of February – 6s. 8d.

Total of costs for the Abbot estate – £7

Vacancies

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The mistery's properties:

Firstly, he declares [a vacancy] of one tenement in the Crown, previously that of William Clerk, for the whole year up to Easter – 13s. 4d.

Item, of a tenement previously that of John Normansfield, in St Martin Outwich, for 3 quarters up to Easter – 12s.

Total of all mistery vacancies – 25s. 4d.

Whittington:

Firstly, a tenement in Baynard's Castle for the said year,
as appears in the paper account –

£9 12s. 9d.

Item, 3 tenements in St Lawrence Jewry, similarly –

52s. 8d.

Item, 5 tenements in Bassishaw, similarly –

£6

Item, 3 tenements in Coleman Street, similarly –

6s. 6d.

Item, one tenement in St Bartholomew the Less, similarly –

40s.

Item, 8 tenements in Tower Hill, similarly –

£6 14d.

Item, 3 tenements in the Royal, similarly –

28s.

Item, 13 tenements in St John's in Walbrook, similarly –

£5 12s. 4d.

Total of the Whittington vacancies – £33 13s. 5d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, 2 tenements and 6 gardens in the same year – 34s. 11d.

Total of the Eastfield vacancies – 34s. 11d.

Total of all vacancies this year – £36 13s. 8d.

Decrees

Of Whitengton:

First, of John Benet at þ^e Tourehille for iii *quarters* at Ester
anno iii^o – iii s.
 Item, of Herry Pery in Bassingeshawe for þe hole yer – iii s. iiiii d.
 Item, of Mawde Broude at Baynardes Castelle for þe said yer – ii s.
 Item, of Richaert Playstowe at S. Donstones in þest for Ester
terme anno iii^o – ii s. vi d.
Summa of þ^e decrees of Whitengton – x s. x d.

Of Estfeld:

First, of John Bigges in Morelane for Ester *terme anno* iii^o – ii d.
Summa of þ^e decrees of Estfeld – ii d.

Summa of alle þ^e decrees this yeer – xi s.

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Stuff boght

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony *payed* for bordes, tymber, nayles, latthes, bryke, tyles, stone, & oþer necessities, as apereth by þe paper particular[l]y⁷⁹⁶ – xli li. iiiii s. iii d.
Summa of alle þe stuff and sawyng þ^{is} yer – xli li. iiiii s. iii d.

Reparacions

Of þe mercerie:

First, *payed* for reparacion done at þ^e Crowne in Chepe, as apereth particular[l]y in þe paper of acompte – xv s. v d.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Martyns Oteswich in lyke wise – xxxviii s. i d. ob.
Summa of þ^e reparacions of þe mercerie – liiii s. vi d. ob.

Of Whitengton:

First, *payed* for reparacion done in S. Laurence parish þ^e Jury, as apereth particularly in þ^e paper of acompte – xii li. x s.
 Item, for reparacion done in Bassingeshawe, in lyke wise – iiiii li. xx d. ob. q^a
 Item, for reparacion done in Colmanstrete, in lyke wise – xix li. viii s.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Bartilmews þe litelle, in lyke wise – xi s. vii d. ob.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Donstones in þest, in lyke wise – xxxii s. i d. ob.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete, in lyke wise – xix s. i d.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Laurence Poulteney, in lyke wise – vi s. ii d.
 Item, for reparacion done at S. Jones in Walbroke, in lyke wise – vii s. viii d.

Item, to William Smyth for ankers, boltes, nayles of iren to divers places – xxix s.
 Item, to Lambard, plomer, for chaungeng of leed & sowder spente in divers places – iii li. ix s. i d. ob.

796 MS: particulary.

Rent-reductions

Whittington:

Firstly, from John Benet in Tower Hill for 3 quarters up to

Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 3s.

Item, from Harry Pery in Bassishaw for the whole year – 3s. 4d.

Item, from Maud Broude in Baynard's Castle for the said year – 2s.

Item, from Richard Playstowe in St Dunstan in the East for

Easter term 3 [Edward IV] – 2s. 6d.

Total of all Whittington rent-reductions – 10s. 10d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, from John Bigges in Moor Lane for Easter term 3 [Edward IV] – 2d.

Total of all Eastfield reductions – 2d.

Total of all rent-reductions this year – 11s.

Materials bought

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Firstly, he declares money paid for boards, timber, nails, laths, bricks, tiles, stone and other necessities, as appears in detail in the paper account – £41 4s. 3d.

Total of all materials and the sawing for this year – £41 4s. 3d.

Repairs

The mistery's properties:

Firstly, paid for repairs carried out at the Crown in Cheap, as appears in detail in the paper account – 15s. 5d.

Item, for repairs done in St Martin Outwich, similarly – 38s. 1½d.

Total of mistery repairs – 54s. 6½d.

Whittington:

Firstly, paid for repairs carried out in the parish of St Lawrence Jewry, as appears in detail in the paper account – £12 10s.

Item, for repairs carried out in Bassishaw, similarly – £4 20¾d.

Item, for repairs carried out in Coleman Street, similarly – £19 8s.

Item, for repairs carried out in St Bartholomew the Less, similarly – 11s. 7½d.

Item, for repairs carried out in St Dunstan in the East, similarly – 32s. 1½d.

Item, for repairs carried out in St Margaret's in Bridge Street, similarly – 19s. 1d.

Item, for repairs carried out in St Laurence Pountney, similarly – 6s. 2d.

Item, for repairs carried out in St John's in Walbrook, similarly – 7s. 8d.

Item, to William Smyth for 'anchors',⁶⁰⁸ bolts, iron nails, [supplied] to various places – 29s.

Item, to Lambard, plumber, for the exchange of lead and solder used in various places – £3 9s. 1½d.

608 The MED lists an 'anchor' as a 'fastening device'; See also Salzman, *Building in England*, p. 290.

Item, to þ^e wif of Phelip Orewelle for keyes, lokkes, henges, hokes, garnettes, dogges of iren, & oþir spente in divers places – vi s. ix d.

Item, to Lam þ^e tyler & his man for werkes in divers places – ix s. ii d. ob.

Item, to Percyvale for lyme spente in divers places – xvi d.

Item, to John Knebon for sonde, lome, & cariage of robous in divers places – xiii s. x d.

Item, to John Okle for lome, sonde, & cariage in divers places – xi s. i d.

Summa of þ^e reparacions of Whitengton – xlvi li. xvi s. viii d. ob. q^a

Of Estfeld:

First, for reparacion done at þ^e Thre Coupes, as apereth particularly in þ^e paper of þacompte – xxxviii li. vi s. iii d. q^a

Summa of þ^e reparacion of Estfeld – xxxviii li. vi s. iii d. q^a

Summa of alle þe reparacions this yeer – iiiix^{xxvii} li. xvi s. vi d. ob.

RW f. 42v Foreyn expenses:

First, payd to divers persones for attendaunce, makeng of aquitances, lecys, paper, & a dyner at þ^e serche & vieu of þ^e lyvelood, as apereth by þ^e paper of acompte – xiii s. i d.

Summa of þe foreyn expenses – xiii s. i d.

Fees:

First, payd to John Stokton, John Donne, Robert Gregory,

& Rauf Kempe, custoses, for þoversight of

Whitengtons lyvelood – iiiii li.

Item, to þ^e said Rauf, rentier, for his attendaunce – xx s.

Item, to Robert Langford for to be of counselle – xx s.

Item, to Roger Roos, rentgaderer, for his wages – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, for potacion with þe tenauntes – xvii s. vi d.

Item, for þengroseng & entreng of þis acompte into
þ^e registre – vi s. viii d.

Summa of þe fees – xx li. x s. x d.

Summa of alle the discharge of þe said accomptaunt –

CCClv li. xix d. ob.

Rest due to þ^e mercerie – CCiii li. vi s. iiiii d. ob. / Wherof

Auditours { John Reyneken
Thomas Nyche
Richaert Gardener } faite le xiiii^e jour de novembre l'an vi^e797

⁷⁹⁷ They are doing the accounts with a very considerable delay, see Introduction, p. 17. One may note also the use of French here.

Item, to Philip Orwell's wife for keys, locks, hinges, hooks, garnets,⁶⁰⁹ iron dogs,⁶¹⁰ and other things, used in various places – 6s. 9d.

Item, to Lam, the tiler, and his serving-man, for work in various places – 9s. 2½d.

Item, to Percyvale for lime used in various places – 16d.

Item, to John Knebon for sand, earth, and for the carrying away of rubbish, in various places – 13s. 10d.

Item, to John Oakley for earth, sand, and carriage, in various places – 11s. 1d.

Total of Whittington repairs – £46 16s. 8¾d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, for repairs carried out at The Three Cups, as appears in detail in the paper account – £38 6s. 3¼d.

Total of Eastfield repairs – £38 6s. 3¼d.

Total of all repairs this year – £87 16s. 6½d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

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Firstly, paid to various persons for attendance, drawing up acquittances, leases, for paper, and for a dinner on the occasion of the inspection and viewing of the estates, as appears in the paper account – 13s. 1d.

Total of extrinsic expenditure – 13s. 1d.

Fees:

Firstly, paid to John Stockton, John Donne, Robert Gregory,
and Ralph Kemp, wardens, for the supervision of the
Whittington estate –

£4

Item, to the said Ralph, renter-warden, for his care and attention – 20s.

Item, to Robert Langford to be our advisor –

20s.

Item, to Roger Roos, rent-collector, for his wages –

£13 6s. 8d.

Item, for drinks with the tenants –

17s. 6d.

Item, for the engrossing and entering up of this account into
the record book –

6s. 8d.

Total of fees – £20 10s. 10d.

Total of all his disbursements – £355 19½d.

Balance due to the mercers' mistery – £203 6s. 4½d.

Of which

Auditors { John Rankyn
Thomas Nyche
Richard Gardener } made on 14 November 1466

⁶⁰⁹ The *MED* lists 'garnet' as 'a type of hinge shaped like a horizontal T'; Salzman, *Building in England*, gives it as 'a T-shaped hinge, of which the short crossbar was fastened to the frame of the door': see pp. 297–8.

⁶¹⁰ The *MED* gives the meaning of 'a heavy metal clamp or brace'. Salzman, *Building in England*, p. 291, explains further: 'The term "dog" is frequently used for a bar or band of iron joining, or strengthening, woodwork.'

Is in dettours þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer, never lyke to be *payd* – Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in þ^e handes of Roger Midelmore – vii li. iiiii s. Item, for *quyte* rente to þ^e Priour of S. Bartilmeus Spitelte not *payd* & in his acompte allowed – vi s. viiii d.⁷⁹⁸
Totalis – vii li. x s. viiii d.

⁷⁹⁹Item, in þ^e handes of Richaert Gardener for parest of his acompte – xxix s. iii d.

Paié a R. Cobolt.⁸⁰⁰

Item, *payd* in Novembre anno vii^o to Robert Cobalt xxi li. x s. vii d. Whereof he deliverid to John Shelley – xv li. xii s. iiiii d., as apereth after folio xliiii^{co} – xxi li. x s. vii d. ob.

Item, in þ^e handes of Roger Roos & dettours – xxv li. viiii s. iiiii d. ob.

Summa of dettours – ii^c iii li. vi s. iiiii d. ob.⁸⁰¹

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Thacompte of Rauff Verney, William Redeknape, William Heende, & John Shelley, custoses of þe mercerie in þe cite of London, for an hole yer at þ^e fest of þe Nativite of Seint John the Baptiste the yeer of oure Lord xiiii^c lxiiii^e and of King Edward þ^e iiiii^{the} the fourthe.

The charge of the said accomptauntz

First, þe said accomptauntz charge þem of mony *resseyved* of John Stokton, John Donne, Robert Gregory, & Rauf Kempe, late custoses, þeir predecessours, in party of payment of þarest of þeir acompte tofore, as apereth folio CCv^{to} – Cxl li. xiiii s. iii d.⁸⁰²

Item, þei charge þem of divers dettours as apereth in þ^e same acompte – Cii li. vii s. x d.

Summa – CC xliii li. ii s. i d.

Entrees of apprentices:

First, þ^e said accomptauntz charge þem of mony

resseyved for Richaert Stratton, þ^e sone of Austyn

Stratton, mercier, paprentis of John Sturmyn – ii s.

Item, of Herry Cantelowe, þ^e sone William Cantelowe,

knyght & mercier, paprentis of Richaert Syff – ii s.

Item, of John Fissher, operwise called Walle, paprentis

of þ^e said Richaert Syff – iii li. vi s. viiii d.

Item, of William Seymour, þ^e sone of John Seymour,

mercier, paprentis of William Sewester – ii s.

798 See above, f. 41r.

799 This line and those that follow on this page are written in a different slightly darker ink and have clearly been written in later, but by the same scribe.

800 Note again the use of French for this marginal sub-heading.

801 Above this, probably in the scribe's own hand and certainly a contemporary one, has been written in Arabic numerals: '203 / 6 / 4 -' (the little line = half).

802 The mention of the folio number is interesting as these pages are not foliated. See note 772 above.

There remains in the hands of debtors from the time of John Bleseby, rent-collector, and never likely to be paid – £147 7s. 4½d.

Item, in the hands of Roger Middlemore – £7 4s. Item, for quit-rent to the Prior of St Bartholomew's Hospital, not paid and authorised in his account – 6s. 8d.

Total – £7 10s. 8d.

Item, in the hands of Richard Gardener for the balance of his account – 29s. 3d.

Paid to R. Cobholt:

Item, paid in November 1467 to Robert Cobholt⁶¹¹ – £21 10s. 7d.⁶¹² Of which he handed over to John Shelley – £15 12s. 4d., as appears below on f. 43

– £21 10s. 7½d.

Item, in the hands of Roger Roos and debtors – £25 8s. 4½d.

Total of debts – £203 6s. 4½d.

The account of Ralph Verney, William Redeknape, William Heende, and John Shelley, wardens of the mercers' mistery in the City of London, for a whole year up to the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year of our Lord 1464 and the regnal year 4 Edward IV.

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Their receipts

Firstly, they declare money received from John Stockton, John Donne, Robert Gregory, and Ralph Kemp, former wardens, their predecessors, in part-payment of the balance of their account above, as appears on folio 205 – £140 14s. 3d.

Item, they declare various debts as appear above in the same account – £102 7s. 10d.

Total – £243 2s. 1d.

Admission of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received for Richard Stratton, the son of Austin Stratton, mercer, the apprentice of John Sturmy –

2s.

Item, from Harry Cantelowe, the son of William Cantelowe, knight and mercer, the apprentice of Richard Syff –

2s.

Item, from John Fisher, otherwise called Walle, the apprentice of the said Richard Syff –

£3 6s. 8d.

Item, from William Seymour, the son of John Seymour, mercer, the apprentice of William Sewester –

2s.

⁶¹¹ He was renter warden in 1467–68.

⁶¹² *Sic*, the halfpenny reckoned below being omitted here.

Item, of Roger Pease þaprentis of William Thornelle –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Herry Glasson & John Elys, þaprentices of Geffrey Feldyng –	vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.
Item, of John Rose þaprentis of Richaert Golofer –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Etwelle þaprentis of John Lambart –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Whittok þaprentis of Richaert Gardener –	xx s. ⁸⁰³
Item, of William Piers þaprentis of John Fissher –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Lam þaprentis of John Sturmyn –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Nicholas Kays þaprentis of Alisaunder Prestaton –	xx s.
Item, of William Dam þaprentis of Thomas Barby –	xx s.
Item, of William Golde þaprentis of Richaert Nedam –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Ede & Roger Kelsam þaprentices of John Alburgh –	xl s.
Item, of Thomas Asshewelle þaprentis of John Tate –	xx s.
Item, of Geffrey Welles þaprentis of Geffrey Boleyn –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Roger Mandevyle þaprentis of John Norlong –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Roger & William Orelle þaprentices of Emond Bettes –	xl s.
Item, of Thomas Pontesbery þaprentis of Nicholas Agor –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert Stokdon þaprentis of William Alburgh –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Sterre & John Tagelle þaprentices of Richaert Riche –	xl s.
Item, of Thomas Costewyke þaprentis of John Pellam –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
f. 207r ⁸⁰⁴ Item, of Thomas Boteler þaprentis of Thomas Sawston –	xx s.
Item, of William Andrewe þaprentis of William Skidmore –	xx s.
Item, of Thomas Berewyk þaprentis of John Shelley –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Clement Dam þaprentis of John Lok –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of John Blower þaprentis of John Marchalle –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of William Cosyn þaprentis of William Alburgh –	xx s.
Item, of Steven Gibson þaprentis of Thomas Baxster –	xx s.
Item, of John Hallom, þ ^e sone of Robert Hallom, mercier, þaprentis of Thomas Ylom –	ii s.
Item, of Roger Wykes þaprentis of Robert Skrayngham –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
Item, of Richaert West þaprentis of Richaert Pope –	xx s.
Item, of Thomas Wesenam þaprentis of Thomas Williamson –	xx s.
Item, of John Welles þaprentis of Isabelle Riche –	xx s.
Item, of John Salford þaprentis of William Shore –	xx s.

803 The return to a fee of 20s. for this apprentice and many others listed this year might be because their fees are being paid late and they are paying the pre-1457/8 fee. This however seems unlikely, given both the time-lag, the numbers, and that the majority of those paying 20s. come at the end of the list. It seems more likely that the fee was officially reduced this year, those paying the higher fee having been taken on before the reduction came into force. Since this is the last year of wardens' accounts to have survived for this period, we have no further check until the mention in the Acts of Court for 1475 that 20s. is the fee (*Acts of Court*, p. 89), and the ordinance of 17 December 1478 which gives 20s. as the fee, and 2s. for a freeman's son, without mentioning any previous higher amount (see *Book of Ordinances*, f. 20r).

804 The parchment of the next three folios is of a noticeably more yellow colour.

Item, from Roger Pease the apprentice of William Thornhille –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Harry Glasson and John Elys, the apprentices of Geoffrey Fielding –	£6 13s. 4d.	
Item, from John Rose the apprentice of Richard Golofer –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Etwelle the apprentice of John Lambard –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Whittok the apprentice of Richard Gardener –	20s.	
Item, from William Piers the apprentice of John Fisher –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Lam the apprentice of John Sturmyn –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Nicholas Kays the apprentice of Alexander Prestaton –	20s.	
Item, from William Dam the apprentice of Thomas Barby –	20s.	
Item, from William Golde the apprentice of Richard Nedam –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from William Ede and Roger Kelsam the apprentices of John Alburgh –	40s.	
Item, from Thomas Ashwell the apprentice of John Tate –	20s.	
Item, from Geoffrey Welles the apprentice of Geoffrey Boleyn –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Roger Mandeville the apprentice of John Norlong –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Roger and William Orwell the apprentices of Edmund Bettes –	40s.	
Item, from Thomas Pontesbury the apprentice of Nicholas Agor –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Richard Stockton the apprentice of William Alburgh –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Sterre and John Tagelle the apprentices of Richard Riche –	40s.	
Item, from Thomas Costewyke the apprentice of John Pelham –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Thomas Boteler the apprentice of Thomas Sawston –	20s.	f. 207r
Item, from William Andrew the apprentice of William Skidmore –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Berwick the apprentice of John Shelley –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Clement Dam the apprentice of John Locke –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from John Blower the apprentice of John Marchall –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from William Cosyn the apprentice of William Alburgh –	20s.	
Item, from Stephen Gibson the apprentice of Thomas Baxster –	20s.	
Item, from John Hallom, the son of Robert Hallom, mercier, the apprentice of Thomas Ilom –	2s.	
Item, from Roger Wykes the apprentice of Robert Scrayingham –	£3 6s. 8d.	
Item, from Richard West the apprentice of Richard Pope –	20s.	
Item, from Thomas Wesenam the apprentice of Thomas Williamson –	20s.	
Item, from John Welles the apprentice of Isabelle Riche –	20s.	
Item, from John Salford the apprentice of William Shore –	20s.	

Item, of Richaert Cony & William Hilston paprentices of John Frost –	xl s.
Item, of Thomas Dyer paprentis of Richaert Everle –	xx s.
Item, of John Sturgeon, þ ^e sone of John Sturgeon, mercier, paprentis of Robert Gregory –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Hethe paprentis of Roger Bonefaunt –	xx s.
Item, of Rauf Vavasour paprentis of Thomas Barby –	xx s.
Item, of Guy Grene paprentis of Thomas Lee –	xx s.
Item, of Richaert Broun paprentis of William Redeknape –	xx s.
Item, of Christofer Billesby & Herry Bryan, paprentices of William Hende –	xl s.
Summa – iii ^{xx} vi li. x s.	

Issues of apprentices:

First, þ ^e said accomptauntz charge þem of mony resseyved of Richaert Langford late paprentis of Richaert Syff –	ii s.
Item, of Roger Bowcer late paprentis of Thomas Rykes & attir with Thomas Hore –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Neve late paprentis of John Neve –	ii s.
Item, of Thomas Riche late paprentis of Richaert Riche –	ii s.
Item, of Hugh Broun late paprentis of John Riche –	ii s.
Item, of Robert Tate late paprentis of John Tate –	ii s.
Item, of John Prentys late paprentis of John Alburgh –	ii s.
Item, of Richaert Estgate late paprentis of John Lok –	ii s.
Item, of William Boller late paprentis of Robert Twygge –	ii s.
Summa – xviii s.	

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Mercymentes:

First, þ ^e said acomptauntz charge þem of mony resseyved of Herry Colet –	iiii d.
Item, of John Edward –	iiii d.
Item, of Thomas Hore –	iiii d.
Item, of William Bettes –	iiii d.
Item, of Herry Asshewelle –	iiii d.
Item, of John Wendy –	iiii d.
Item, of Geffrey Randolff –	iiii d.
Summa – ii s. iii d.	

Fynes for rydeng for þ^e kyng:

First, þ ^e said acomptauntz charge þem of mony resseyved of Richaert Gardener –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of John Neve –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of Herry Newman –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of Thomas Barby –	iii s. iii d.
Item, of John Pellam –	iii s. iii d.
Summa – xvi s. viii d.	

Item, from Richard Cony and William Hilston the apprentices of John Frost –	40s.
Item, from Thomas Dyer the apprentice of Richard Everley –	20s.
Item, from John Sturgeon, the son of John Sturgeon, mercier, the apprentice of Robert Gregory –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Hethe the apprentice of Roger Bonefaunt –	20s.
Item, from Ralph Vavasour the apprentice of Thomas Barby –	20s.
Item, from Guy Grene the apprentice of Thomas Lee –	20s.
Item, from Richard Brown the apprentice of William Redeknap –	20s.
Item, from Christopher Billesby and Harry Bryan, the apprentices of William Heende –	40s.
Total – £86 10s.	

Issues of apprentices:

Firstly, they declare money received from Richard Langford, formerly the apprentice of Richard Syff –	2s.
Item, from Roger Bowchier formerly the apprentice of Thomas Rykes and afterwards with Thomas Hore –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Neve formerly the apprentice of John Neve –	2s.
Item, from Thomas Riche formerly the apprentice of Richard Riche –	2s.
Item, from Hugh Brown formerly the apprentice of John Riche –	2s.
Item, from Robert Tate formerly the apprentice of John Tate –	2s.
Item, from John Prentice formerly the apprentice of John Alburgh –	2s.
Item, from Richard Eastgate formerly the apprentice of John Locke –	2s.
Item, from William Boller formerly the apprentice of Robert Twigge –	2s.
Total – 18s.	

Fines:

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Firstly, they declare money received from Harry Colet –	4d.
Item, from John Edward –	4d.
Item, from Thomas Hore –	4d.
Item, from William Bettes –	4d.
Item, from Harry Ashwell –	4d.
Item, from John Wendy –	4d.
Item, from Geoffrey Randolf –	4d.
Total – 2s. 4d.	

Fines for [not] riding [to meet] the King.⁶¹³

Firstly, they declare money received from Richard Gardener –	3s. 4d.
Item, from John Neve –	3s. 4d.
Item, from Harry Newman –	3s. 4d.
Item, from Thomas Barby –	3s. 4d.
Item, from John Pelham –	3s. 4d.
Total – 16s. 8d.	

⁶¹³ The *Acts of Court*, p. 59, lists Richard Syff also as absent on this occasion.

Fynes of trespassours:

First, þ^e said *acomptauntz* charge þem of mony *resseyved* of Nicholas Alwyn for uncurteis langage to þ^e custoses – vi s. viii d.

Summa – vi s. viii d.

Entrees into þ^e lyvrey, for þeir iii^{de} yer:

First, þ^e said *acomptauntz* charge þem

of mony *resseyved* of Robert Yarom – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Ylom – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Tyler – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Ferys – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Couper – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Boton – vi s. viii d.

Summa – xl s.

Entrees into þ^e lyvrey, for þeir first yer:

First, þ^e said *acomptauntz* charge þem

of mony *resseyved* of Richaert Turnaunt – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Riche – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Chaterle – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Shore – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Pellam – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Fisser – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Pykton – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Water Patsille – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Wendy – vi s. viii d.

Item, of John Banknot – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Thornelle – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Sawston – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Herry Davers – vi s. viii d.

Item, of William Fyncham – vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Williamson – vi s. viii d.

Summa – v li.

Geyne of þ^e levrey:

First, þ^e said *acomptauntz* charge þem of mony *resseyved* for þ^e geyne of þ^e lyvrey þis first yer – iii li. viii s.

Summa – iii li. viii s.

Giftes:

First, þ^e said *acomptauntz* charge þem of þex[e]coutours of Geffrey Boleyn (whom God assoile) of mony *resseyved* by his byquest⁸⁰⁵ – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Item, of Thomas Muschampe, shrive, toward þ^e costes of þ^e trompettes at his presentacion – xl s.

Summa – xv li. vi s. viii d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þ^e said *acomptauntz* – CCCLviii li. x s. v d.

805 His will was proved in 1463. See PCC I Godyn. See also Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 195–6.

Fines from offenders:

Firstly, they declare money received from Nicholas Alwyn for discourteous language towards the wardens – 6s. 8d.

Total – 6s. 8d.

Admission to the livery, for their third year:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Robert Yarom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Ilom –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Tyler –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Ferys –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Couper –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Boton –	6s. 8d.

Total – 40s.

Admission to the livery, for their first year:

Firstly, they declare money received

from Richard Turnaunt –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Riche –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Chaterle –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Shore –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pelham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Fisher –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Pickton –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Walter Patsille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Wendy –	6s. 8d.
Item, from John Banknot –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Thornhille –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Sawston –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Harry Davers –	6s. 8d.
Item, from William Fyncham –	6s. 8d.
Item, from Thomas Williamson –	6s. 8d.

Total – £5

Profit on the livery:

Firstly, they declare money received for the profit on the livery-cloth for those in their first year – £4 8s.

Total – £4 8s.

Gifts:

Firstly, they declare from the executors of Geoffrey Boleyn (may God absolve him), money received by his bequest – £13 6s. 8d.

Item, from Thomas Muschamp, sheriff, towards the costs of the trumpeters at his presentation – 40s.

Total – £15 6s. 8d.

Total of all their receipts – £358 10s. 5d.

f. 208r Resseyved of Maister William Dunsthorpe, comune clerk of þ^e Cite, for to be freman of þ^e felashippe of þ^e mercerie, to þ^e ornament of oure chapelle, a paxbrede & ii cruettes of silver weyng⁸⁰⁶
 Resseyved of þe executours of John Lok (whom God assoile),⁸⁰⁷ to þe said ornament ii basyns of silver weyng⁸⁰⁸

The discharge of þe said accomptauntz

First, þ^e said accomptauntz discharge þem of mony payed for bargehire at ii^e tymes for þ^e presentacion of Thomas Muschampe, mercier, & Basset, salter, shrives, at Westmynster, & Mathewe Felipe, goldsmyth, Mayer, & for drynke & russhes – xxi s. iiij d.

Item, payed to þ^e Maister of Seint Thomas & his brederen for þe merciers dirige – x s.

Item, for xxvi^{ti} tapers wex for þ^e chapelle weyng xiii lb. – vi s. vi d. Item, ii^e rolles wex weyng ii lb. – xvi d., *totalis* – vii s. x d.

Item, for paper & inke – ix d.

Item, for wassheng of Þornamentz of þe chapelle & þamend of þ^e same – ii s. iiij d.

Item, for iiij^e garlondes for þe leccion of þ^e new custoses made with rosemary & gelofers – xviii d.

Item, for þengroseng & registreng of þis acompte – vi s. viii d.

Summa – L s. v d.

Foreyne expenses:

First, þ^e said accomptauntz discharge þem of mony payed to viii^{te} trompettes at þ^e presentacion of þ^e shryves at Westmynster – liii s. iiij d.

Item, for viii^{te} cremesen hodes & þe makeng – xvi s. iii d.

Item, for viii^{te} rolles with russhes – ii s. vi d.

Item, for drynke by þe wey to þ^e trompettes – ii s. ii d.

Item, goven to vi^e duche trompettes by cause we were not sure of þoþer – ii s.

Item, for amend of þe baners – iii d.

Item, for viii^{te} yerdes of blue cloth for oure ii^e prestes at v s. iiij d., *summa* – xlii s. viii d.

Item, for a yerd & di. for þ^e Maister of Seint Thomas – viii s.

Item, for iii^e yerdes & di. blue for Robert Langford – xviii s. viii d.

Item, for v^e yerdes blue for Maister Thomas Ebralle, graunted by a courte – xxvi s. viii d.

Item, for iiij^e yerdes blue for Maister Thomas Kente, by a courte – xxvi s. viii d.⁸⁰⁹

Item, for iii^e yerdes & di. blue for Richaert Box, bedille, & i yerd & quarter skarlet – xxxiii s. viii d.

Item, for botehire at divers tymes for þ^e custoses & oþer of þe felashippe with the Mayre, for maters of þe Cite & oþir, & drynk – iii s.

⁸⁰⁶ A blank space follows.

⁸⁰⁷ See PCC I Godyn, 1463.

⁸⁰⁸ A blank space follows. Are these the same basins mentioned on f. 197r above?

⁸⁰⁹ Presumably his cloth was of better quality?

Received from Master William Dunsthorpe, Common Clerk of the City, to be a freeman of the mercers' mistery, for the adornment of our chapel, a pax and 2 silver cruets weighing – f. 208r
 Received from the executors of John Locke (may God absolve him), for the said adornment, 2 silver basins weighing –

Their disbursements

Firstly, they declare money paid for barge-hire on 2 occasions, for the presentation at Westminster of Thomas Muschamp, mercer, and Basset, salter, sheriffs, and Matthew Philip, goldsmith, Mayor, and for drinks and rushes – 21s. 4d.
 Item, paid to the Master of St Thomas [of Acon] and his brethren for the mercers' Office of the Dead – 10s.
 Item, for 26 wax tapers for the chapel weighing 13 lb. – 6s. 6d. Item, 2 rowels of wax weighing 2 lb. – 16d., total – 7s. 10d.
 Item, for paper and ink – 9d.
 Item, for washing of the chapel accoutrements and for repair of the same – 2s. 4d.
 Item, for 4 garlands for the election of the new wardens, made with rosemary and gillyflowers⁶¹⁴ – 18d.
 Item, for the engrossing and entering into the record-book of this account – 6s. 8d.
 Total – 50s. 5d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, they declare money paid to 8 trumpeters at the presentation of the sheriffs at Westminster – 53s. 4d.
 Item, for 8 crimson hoods and the making of them – 16s. 3d.
 Item, for 8 circlets with rushes – 2s. 6d.
 Item, for drinks along the way for the trumpeters – 2s. 2d.
 Item, given to 6 'Dutch' trumpeters because we were not sure of the others – 2s.
 Item, for repair of the banners – 3d.
 Item, for 8 yards of blue cloth for our two priests, at 5s. 4d. [per yard], total – 42s. 8d.
 Item, for 1½ yards for the Master of St Thomas of Acon – 8s.
 Item, for 3½ yards of blue cloth for Robert Langford – 18s. 8d.
 Item, for 5 yards of blue cloth for Master Thomas Ebralle, granted by a court – 26s. 8d.
 Item, for 4 yards of blue cloth for Master Thomas Kent, [granted] by a court – 26s. 8d.
 Item, for 3½ yards of blue cloth for Richard Box, beadle, and 1¼ yards of scarlet cloth – 33s. 8d.
 Item, for boat-hire on various occasions for the wardens and others of the company, accompanying the Mayor on matters concerning the City and others, and for drinks – 3s.

⁶¹⁴ See note to f. 196v above.

- f. 208v Item, for writeng & copyeng of divers billes & ovirseeng of oure charter⁸¹⁰ – vi s. viii d.
- Item, *payed* to xvi^e persones for to mete Þ^e king, on horsbak, in blue, at his comeng oute of Þe North, by a courte – iii li.⁸¹¹
- Item, *payed* to John Barkle for beryng & sheweng of a tayle of lx li. of Þ^e Priour of Monken Farlegh – vi s. viii d.
- Item, *payed* to Roger Bowchier, mercier, in lyke wise for Þe same tayle – x s.
- Item, to John Portengton of Þescheke to be frendly in Þ^e same mater – iii s. iiiii d.
- Item, to John Grenefeld, collectour for Þ^e Priour of Suthewyk, for Þ^e payment of a taile of an C li. assigned upon Þe said Priour – xxvi s. viii d.
- Item, to John Bisshoppe, collectour of Þ^e Priour of Ixworth, for Þ^e payment of a taile of xl li. – vi s. viii d.
- Item, for botehire & oþer expenses to Westmynster & oþir places for Þ^e same tayle – iiiii s. ii d.
- Item, for a dyner made to Þ^e undir tresorer, customers, sercheours, & oþer of oure felashippe to be frendly in costomeng of oure wares & specially þat it shuld not be opened at Þ^e water syde – xx s. ii d.
- Item, ʒoven to Midelton & Worsle, costumers, by Þavys of Þ^e felashippe, to be frendly in Þ^e same – x li.
- Item, for botehire to Westmynster & oþer places with Þ^e Mayr & oþer craftes to Þe king & his counselle for Þ^e discharge of Þe shippes laden with wollen cloth leyde in straunger shippes – ii s. ii d.
- Item, to Jenyne Bakker, currou, for beryng of a letter to Caxton ovir Þ^e see – xxviii s. viii d.⁸¹²
- Item, to Þe purcers of Þe Gyles & Þe leyne for a reward in recompense of Þeir ladeng from Bawmes maert – iiiii li.
- Summa – xxxiiii li. xi s.

Allowances:

- First, Þ^e said acomptauntz asken to be allowed of mony pardoned to Thomas Niche for a fyne of x li. of olde – v li.
- Summa – v li.

Summa of alle Þ^e discharge of Þ^e said acomptauntz – xlii li. xvii d.

Rest net to Þe felashippe as apereth – CCCxvi li. ix s. – Where of

John Stokton John Donne Robert Gregory Rauff Kempe	}	auditours – Faite le iii ^{ce} jour de septembre l'an iiiii ^{te}
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810 This is probably a reference to Edward IV's confirmation of 4 November 1461, printed in *The Charters*, pp. 10–13.

811 See the *Acts of Court*, pp. 58–9.

812 The same very modern hand as above has written 'Caxton' in the LH margin against this entry.

Item, for the writing and copying of various documents and for examining our charter – 6s. 8d. f. 208v

Item, paid to 16 persons riding on horseback, dressed in blue, to greet the King, when he came from the North, [granted] by a court – £3

Item, paid to John Berkeley for bringing and exhibiting a tally in the sum of £60 from the Prior of Monkton Farleigh – 6s. 8d.

Item, paid to Roger Bowchier, mercer, similarly for the same tally – 10s.

Item, to John Portington of the Exchequer⁶¹⁵ for his goodwill⁶¹⁶ over the same matter – 3s. 4d.

Item, to John Grenefeld, rent-collector for the Prior of Southwark, for the payment of a tally in the sum of £100 assigned to the said Prior – 26s. 8d.

Item, to John Bisshoppe, rent-collector of the Prior of Ixworth, for the payment of a tally in the sum of £40 – 6s. 8d.

Item, for boat-hire and other expenses going to Westminster and elsewhere over the same tally – 4s. 2d.

Item, for a dinner laid on for the Under-Treasurer, the collectors of customs, the ‘searchers’,⁶¹⁷ and others of our company, for their goodwill over the levying of duties on our wares, and in particular that they should not be opened at the water-side – 20s. 2d.

Item, given to Middleton and Wolseley,⁶¹⁸ collectors of customs, on the advice of the company, for their goodwill over the same matter – £10

Item, for boat-hire to Westminster and elsewhere, with the Mayor and other misteries, to the King and his Council, over the unloading of ships laden with woollen cloth brought in foreign ships – 2s. 2d.

Item, to Jenyn Bakker, messenger, for taking a letter to Caxton overseas – 28s. 8d.

Item, to the pursers of the Giles and the Helen as a payment in recompense for their lading of goods from Balms Mart – £4

Total – £34 11s.

Allowances:

Firstly, they ask for allowance for money remitted to Thomas Nyche for an old fine of £10 – £5

Total – £5

Total of all their disbursements – £42 17d.

Net balance to the company, as it appears – £316 9s. Of which

John Stockton	} auditors – made on 3 September 1464
John Donne	
Robert Gregory	
Ralph Kemp	

⁶¹⁵ John Portington had a distinguished career, see Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, p. 529.

⁶¹⁶ Literally, the text says ‘to be friendly’.

⁶¹⁷ Customs officials who searched the ships to determine duties payable.

⁶¹⁸ This may have been Ralph Wolseley; see Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 750–51.

Is payed to John Baker, oon of þ^e newe custoses, at divers tymes – CCxxxviii li. viii s. x d.

Item, delivered in dettours, as apereth aftir – lxxviii li. ii d.

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Dettours:

First, William Redeknape of olde – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Item, Thomas Belyeter – vi s. viii d.

Item, Hugh Wiche, John Lambart & þeir felashippe, late custoses – xxxvii s. ix d.

Item, John Peyntour for his fredome – x li.

Item, William Cantelowe, John Reyneken & þeir felashippe, late custoses – xiii li. ix s. viii d.

Item, William Tyler for his entre in to þe lyverey – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, William Boton in lyke wise – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, Richaert Box, þ^e bedille – xxxix s. v d.

Item, þ^e felashippe by yende þe see for þeir patent – xlvii li. x s.

(Item, Geffrey Feldyng for ii^e apprentices – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.)⁸¹³

Item, William Pountfrete for his entre in to þ^e lyverey – vi s. viii d.

(Item, Thomas Muschampe for þ^e trompettes – xl s.)⁸¹⁴

Summa – lxxviii li. ii d.⁸¹⁵

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Thacompte of John Shelley, oon of the custoses of þ^e mercerie and of þ^e same rentier for þ^e lyvelood, for an hole yeer at Ester the yeer of oure Lord xiii^c lxiii^e and of Kyng E. þ^e iiiii^{the} iiiii^{the}

The charche of the said acomptaunt

Argent sek:

First, þe said acomptaunt chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of Roger Midelmore, oon of þ^e dettours, as apereth in þ^e last acompte – vi li.

Item, of þarest of þ^e said acompte, ovir an Cxlvii li. vii s. iiiii d. ob. due þ^e tyme of John Bleseby, rentgaderer, never likly to be payd, as apereth tofore folio xlii^{do} – xlix li. xix s.

Item, of John Defford for mony lente hym, as apereth tofore folio xxv^{to} – xiii li. vi s. viii d.

Summa of þ^e rest – lxi li. v s. viii d.⁸¹⁶

813 This entry has had a line drawn lightly through it and at the LH side is written 'R-' (= 'resseyved'), while at the RH side has been written 'par hende'. The notes are in the scribe's own hand.

814 As above, this entry has had a line drawn lightly through it and at the LH side is written 'R-', while at the RH side has been written 'par hende'.

815 This sum is written over another that has been entirely erased, presumably a previous total including the two sums later received.

816 This sum appears to have been written in over an earlier erasure, and it appears also that the entry for the repayment from John Defford was added as an afterthought.

Has been paid to John Baker, one of the new wardens, at various times – £238 8s. 10d.

Item, handed over as debts, as appears below – £78 2d.

Debtors:

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Firstly, William Redeknape, of old – 23s. 4d.

Item, Thomas Beleter – 6s. 8d.

Item, Hugh Wyche, John Lambard, and their fellow former wardens – 37s. 9d.

Item, John Peyntour for his freedom – £10

Item, William Cantelowe, John Rankyn, and their fellow former wardens – £13 9s. 8d.

Item, William Tyler for his admission to the livery – 13s. 4d.

Item, William Boton similarly – 13s. 4d.

Item, Richard Box, the beadle – 39s. 5d.

Item, the company overseas for their letters patent – £47 10s.

(Item, Geoffrey Fielding for 2 apprentices – £6 13s. 4d.)

Item, William Pomfreyt for his admission to the livery – 6s. 8d.

(Item, Thomas Muschamp for the trumpeters – 40s.)

Total – £78 2d.

The account of John Shelley, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery and renter-warden of their estates, for a whole year up to Easter in the year of our Lord 1464 and the regnal year 4 Edward IV.

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His receipts

Ready money:

Firstly, he declares money received from Roger Middlemore, one of the debtors, as appears in the last account – £6

Item, from the balance of the said account, excluding £147 7s. 4½d. due from the time of John Bleseby, rent-collector, never likely to be paid, as appears above on folio 42 – £49 19s.

Item, from John Defford for money lent to him, as appears above on folio 25 – £13 6s. 8d.

Total of the balance – £69 5s. 8d.

The lyvelood of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt chargeth* hym of mony
resseyved of divers tenementes in þ^e Crowne in

Chepe for þ^e said yer – xiiii li. xi s. iiii d.

Item, of oo tenement in Seven hoode Lane – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Martyns Oteswich – xxvi li. x s.

Summa of þ^e lyvelood of þe mercerie – xlvii li. xiii s. viii d.

The lyvelood of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt chargeth* hym of mony *resseyved* of divers tenementes at Baynardesscastelle, ovir þ^e decrees of ii s. by yer, as apereth in þ^e last acompte – xvi li. xvi s.

Item, of divers tenementes in Mary Mawdeleyens parish in Milkestrete – vi li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in S. Laurence in þ^e Jury – xxxii li. xiii s. viii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in Bassingeshawe, ovir þ^e decrees of iii s. iiii d. by þ^e yer – xxx li.

Item, of divers tenementes in Colmanstrete, ovir þ^e decrees of iiii d. by þe yer – xxi li. xix s.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Bartilmews þ^e litelle & S. Benettes Fynkes – xxx li.

Item, of divers tenementes & gardeyns withoute Bisshopgate – xxxiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at þ^e Tourehille, ovir þ^e decres of x s. by þ^e yer – x li. xvii s. viii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Donstones in þeest, ovir þ^e decres of x s. by þe yer – xiii li. xiii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete – ix li. x s.

Item, of oo tenement at S. Leonardes in Estchepe – x li.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Laurence Poulteney – xx li. iii s. iiii d.

Item, of divers tenementes in þe Rialle – v li. xiii s.

Item, of divers tenementes at S. Jones in Walbrook – xxii li. iiii s. viii d.

Item, of divers quyte rentes, as apereth tofore folio xi^o, ovir xi s. viii d. of olde *unpayd* – v li. vi s. ii d.

Item, of v s. of quyte rente goyng oute of a tenement late John Cosyn now of þ^e fraternyte of Oure Lady in S. Margretes chirche at Westmynster, sette in þ^e parish of Aldirmay in London – v s.

Item, *resseyved* for þarerages of þ^e same quyte rente – xv s.

Summa of þ^e lyvelod of Whitengton with þ^e xv s. for þarerages – CCxxxviii li. iiii s. vi d.

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The lyvelood of Estfeld:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt chargeth* hym of mony *resseyved* of þe Thre Coupes in Bredestrete – xiiii li.

Item, of divers tenementes & gardeins in Morelane, ovir þ^e decrees of viii d. by þe yer – iiii li. vii s. iiii d.

Summa of þ^e lyvelood of Estfeld – xviii li. vii s. iiii d.

Properties of the mercers' mistery:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements

in the Crown in Cheap for the said year –	£14 11s. 4d.
Item, from one tenement in Sevenhode Lane –	£6 13s. 4d.
Item, from various tenements in St Martin Outwich –	£26 10s.
Total from the mistery's properties –	£47 14s. 8d.

The Whittington estate:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements in Baynard's Castle, over and above the reduction of 2s. per year as appears in the last account – £16 16s.

Item, from various tenements in the parish of St Mary Magdalen in Milk Street – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Lawrence Jewry – £32 13s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in Bassishaw, over and above the reduction of 3s. 4d. per year – £30

Item, from various tenements in Coleman Street, over and above the reduction of 4d. per year – £21 19s.

Item, from various tenements in St Bartholomew the Less and St Benet Finke⁶¹⁹ – £30

Item, from various tenements and gardens in Bishopsgate Without – 33s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in Tower Hill, over and above the reduction of 10s. per year – £10 17s. 8d.

Item, from various tenements in St Dunstan in the East, over and above the reduction of 10s. per year – £13 13s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – £9 10s.

Item, from one tenement in St Leonard's in East Cheap – £10

Item, from various tenements in St Laurence Pountney – £20 3s. 4d.

Item, from various tenements in the Royal – £5 14s.

Item, from various tenements in St John's in Walbrook – £22 4s. 8d.

Item, from various quit-rents, as appears above on folio 11, over and above 11s. 8d. unpaid for a long time – £5 6s. 2d.

Item, from 5s. quit-rent on a tenement formerly that of John Cosyn, now that of the fraternity of Our Lady at St Margaret's church in Westminster, situated in the parish of St Mary Aldermay church in London – 5s.

Item, received as arrears of the same quit-rent – 15s.

Total from the Whittington estate, with the 15s. for arrears –
£238 4s. 6d.

The Eastfield estate:

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Firstly, he declares money received from The Three Cups in Bread Street – £14

Item, from various tenements and gardens in Moor Lane, over and above the reduction of 8d. per year – £4 7s. 4d.

Total from the Eastfield estate – £18 7s. 4d.

⁶¹⁹ Named after its founder, Robert Finke. See Stow, *Survey of London*, p. 194.

The lyvelood of Abbot:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* of divers *tenementes* in Cattenlane – xii li.

Summa of þ^e lyvelood of Abbot – xii li.

Summa of alle þ^e lyvelood this yer – CCCxvi li. vi s. vi d.

Foreyn resseites:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* chargeth hym of mony *resseyved* for divers stuff solde to divers persones, as apereth in þe paper of þacompte particularly – liiii s. iii d. ob.

Summa of alle þe foreyn resseites – liiii s. iii d. ob.

Summa of alle þe charge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* –
CCCiiii^{xviii} li. vi s. v d. ob.⁸¹⁷

Item, *resseyved* of Rauf Kempe, late rentier, by Robert Cobalt, as apereth tofore folio xlii^{do}, in party of payment of þarest of his acompte – xv li. xii s. iiiii d.

Summa of alle þ^e charge of þe said *acomptaunt* –
CCCCiii li. xviii s. ix d. ob.

The discharge of the said accomptaunt

Costes of þe mercerie:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *payd* for quyte rente at Midsomer anno iiiii^{to} to þ^e Prioress of

S. Eleyns for þ^e Crowne in Chepe – xviii s.

Item, to þ^e Priour of S. Mary Overays for þe same – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Prioress of Halywelle for þ^e same – xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to þe Priour of Cricerche of London for þ^e same – xix s.

Item, to þe Maister of S. Giles in þe feld for *tenementes* at S. Martyns Oteswich – vi s. viii d.

Item, to þe Chamberleyn of þabbey of Westmynster for þ^e same – xx s.

Summa – iiiii li. x s. iiiii d.

Prestes:

First, to Sir Thomas Copston, syngeng in S. Thomas chapelle for vi wekes – viii s. iiiii d.

Item, to Sir Richaert Milyas for a yer at Midsomer anno iiiii^{to} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, to Sir Robert [Skydby]⁸¹⁸ for iii quarters at Midsomer anno iiiii^{to} – v li.

Summa – xii li. xx d.

817 This sum has been written in beside the now scored out total of 'CCCLxxiiii li. xix s. ix d. ob.', the difference being the Defford entry above.

818 A blank space follows the name 'Robert'. Next year's parallel entry also leaves a blank space for his surname, the year after merely calls him 'Sir Robert', but in the account for the year 1467 we find the name of Sir Robert Skydby, whom we must presume to be the same.

The Abbot estate:

Firstly, he declares money received from various tenements in Catton Lane – £12

Total from the Abbot estate – £12

Total from the all the estates this year – £316 6s. 6d.

Extrinsic receipts:

Firstly, he declares money received for various materials sold to various people, as appears in detail in the paper account – 54s. 3½d.

Total of all extrinsic receipts – 54s. 3½d.

Total of all his receipts – £388 6s. 5½d.

Item, received from Ralph Kemp, former renter-warden, *via* Robert Cobholt, as appears above on folio 42, in part-payment of the balance of his account – £15 12s. 4d.

Total of all his receipts – £403 18s. 9½d.

His disbursements

Mistery costs:

Firstly, he declares money paid for quit-rent at Midsummer

4 [Edward IV] to the Prioress of St Helen's for the Crown
in Cheap –

18s.

Item, to the Prior of St Mary Overy, for the same –

13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prioress of Haliwell, for the same –

13s. 4d.

Item, to the Prior of Christchurch of London, for the same –

19s.

Item, to the Master of St Giles in the Field for tenements in

St Martin Outwich –

6s. 8d.

Item, to the chamberlain of Westminster Abbey, for the same –

20s.

Total – £4 10s. 4d.

Priests:

Firstly, to Sir Thomas Copston, singing [mass] in the chapel at St Thomas's for 6 weeks – 8s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Richard Milyas for a year up to Midsummer 4 [Edward IV] – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, to Sir Robert Skydby for 3 quarters up to Midsummer 4 [Edward IV] – £5

Total – £12 20d.

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Poremén:

First, to William Olyver for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iiiii^{to} – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, to William Irewilliam in lyke wise – iii li. xviii s.
 Item, to John Brodesworth in lyke wise – iii li. viii d.
 Item, to Robert Strother in lyke wise – iii li. viii d.
 Item, to John Aleyn in lyke wise – iii li. viii d.
 Item, to Richaert Box, bedille, in lyke wise⁸¹⁹ – iii li. xviii s.
Summa – xx li. xvi s.

Summa of þ^e costes of the mercerie – xxxvii li. viii s.

Costes of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *payd* to divers persones for quyte rentes goyng oute yerly of divers places, ovir vi s. viii d. not asked, as apereth tofore folio xli^o – iiiii li. xiii s. ix d. ob.

Item, to þ^e Maister of þ^e Collage & his bretheren for a yer at Midsomer *anno* iiiii^{to} – lxiii li.

Item, to þ^e tutour & xii oþer pore folkes from þ^e ii^{de} day of Juylle *anno* iii^{co} unto þ^e xxx^{ti} day of Juyn *anno* iiiii^{to} for liii^{ti} wekes, þ^e weke xv s. iiiii d., *summa* – xxxix li. xvii s. iiiii d.

Item, for his obyte holde þ^e xxx^{ti} day of Juylle *anno* iiiii^{to}, as apereth by þ^e paper of þacompte – lv s. x d.⁸²⁰

Summa of þe costes of Whitengton – Cx li. vi s. xi d. ob.

Costes of Estfeld:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *payd* for socage, a preest syngeng in Aldirmanbery, his obite, þ^e custoses, þ^e bedille, xiiii tapers chaunged quarterly, & þobite of Kynwolmersh, as apereth tofore folio xli^o – ix li. xii s.

Summa of þe costes of Estfeld – ix li. xii s.

Costes of Abot:

First, þe said *acomptaunt* dischargeth hym of mony *payd* to a preest syngeng at Fernyngo in Buk'shire & his obite holde at S. Laurence þ^e Jury, as apereth tofore folio xli^o – vii li.

Summa of þ^e costes of Abbot – vii li.

Summa of alle þe costes & discharge hiderto – Clxiiii li. vi s. xi d. ob.

819 In the last account written in his same hand, that for 1469, a payment of £3 18s. is again listed for 'Richaert Box, bedille' and also 13s. 4d. for his livery. These sums continue to be paid until 1472 in which year he is only paid for three quarters of the year, the next entry being the payment to John Banknotte, 'beddille' for one quarter of that year. Subsequent years show no parallel entry, and it would seem that the beadle must thereafter have been paid out of different funds, probably out of the Hall funds as was usual for some years before Richard Box took up office.

820 The annotating hand has placed a circle with a cross through beside this entry in the RH margin.

Poor men:

RW f. 44r

Firstly, to William Olyver for a year up to

Midsummer 4 [Edward IV] –	£3 18s.
Item, to William Irwilliam similarly –	£3 18s.
Item, to John Brodsworth similarly –	£3 8d.
Item, to Robert Strother similarly –	£3 8d.
Item, to John Aleyn similarly –	£3 8d.
Item, to Richard Box, beadle, similarly –	£3 18s.

Total – £20 16s.

Total of mistery costs – £37 8s.

Whittington costs:

Firstly, he declares money paid to various persons for quit-rents yearly on various places, over and above 6s. 8d. not requested, as appears above on folio 41 – £4 13s. 9½d.

Item, to the Master of the College and his brethren for a year up to Midsummer 4 [Edward IV] – £63

Item, to then Tutor and 12 other poor-folks from 2 July 3 [Edward IV] until 30 June 4 [Edward IV], for 52 weeks at 15s. 4d. per week, total – £39 17s. 4d.

Item, for his obit held on 30 July 4 [Edward IV], as appears in the paper account – 55s. 10d.

Total of Whittington costs – £110 6s. 11½d.

Eastfield costs:

Firstly he declares money paid for socage, for a priest singing [mass] at Aldermanbury church, for his obit, to the wardens, the beadle, 14 tapers changed quarterly, and for Kynwolmersh's obit, as appears above on folio 41 – £9 12s.

Total of Eastfield costs – £9 12s.

Abbot costs:

Firstly, he declares money paid to a priest singing [mass] at Farthinghoe in [Northamptonshire], and for his obit held at St Lawrence Jewry, as appears above on folio 41 – £7

Total of Abbot costs – £7

Total of all costs and disbursements up to here – £164 6s. 11½d.

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Vacacions

Of þ^e mercerie, þ^e Crowne:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of a tenement late William Clerk for Midsomer terme anno iii^o – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a tenement late Herry Colet for Ester anno iiiii^{to} – xvi s. viiii d.

Summa – xx s.

Item, of a tenement late John Normanfeld for Midsomer & Mighelmas anno iii^o & Ester anno iiiii^{to} – xii s.

Summa – xii s.

Summa of alle þ^e vacacions of þe mercerie – xxxii s.

Of Whitengton, Baynardescastelle:

First, of a tenement called þ^e Dragon for þe hole yer anno iiiii^{to} – vi li. xiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a tenement now John Phelip for Midsomer anno iii^o – iiiii s.

Item, of a tenement late John Cokes for þe hole yer at Ester anno iiiii^{to} – xvi s.

Item, of a tenement now John Hede for þe half terme after Ester anno iii^o – ii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a tenement late John Catesby for þe hole yer at Ester anno iiiii^{to} – liiii s. iiiii d.

Summa – x li. viiii s. xi d.

S. Laurence Jury:

Item, of a tenement now John Wikwane for Midsomer & Mighelmas anno iii^o – v s.

Item, of a tenement now John Aleyne for þ^e said ii termes – viiii s.

Item, of a tenement now Richaert Box⁸²¹ for þ^e hole yer at Ester anno iiiii^{to} – xxvi s. viiii d.

Summa – xxxix s. viiii d.

Bassingesshawe:

Item, of a tenement late Aleyn Martyn for þ^e hole yer at Ester anno iiiii^{to} – xxiii s. iiiii d.

Item, of a tenement late John Shadde for þ^e said hole yer – xxx s.

Item, of a tenement late John Horne for þ^e said yer – xxx s.

Item, of a tenement late Rauf Titelowe for þe said yer – xxvi s. viiii d.

Summa – v li. x s.

Colmanstrete:

Item, of a tenement now Saunder Reynold for Mighelmas anno iii^o – xv d.

Item, of a tenement now John Devenshire for Midsomer & Mighelmas anno iii^o – ii s. vi d.

Item, of a tenement late William Lee for þalf terme before Cristemas anno iii^o & Ester terme anno iiiii^{to}, aftir v s. þe yer – xxii d. ob.

Summa – v s. vii d. ob.

⁸²¹ It would seem that the beadle Richard Box has acquired the lease of a fairly good tenement here.

Vacancies

RW f. 44v

Of the mistery's properties, the Crown:

Firstly, he declares a tenement formerly that of William Clerk, for the term of Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – 3s. 4d.

Item, a tenement formerly that of Harry Colet for Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 16s. 8d.

Total – 20s.

Item, a tenement formerly that of John Normanfeld for Midsummer and Michaelmas 3 [Edward IV] and Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 12s.

Total – 12s.

Total of all vacancies in the mistery's properties – 32s.

Whittington, Baynard's Castle:

Firstly, a tenement called The Dragon, for the whole year 4 Edward IV – £6 13s. 4d.

Item, a tenement now that of John Philip for Midsummer 3 [Edward IV] – 4s.

Item, a tenement formerly that of John Cokes for the whole year up to Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 16s.

Item, a tenement now that of John Hede for the half term after Easter 3 [Edward IV] – 2s. 3d.

Item, a tenement formerly that of John Catesby for the whole year up to Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 53s. 4d.

Total – £10 8s. 11d.

St Lawrence Jewry:

Item, a tenement now that of John Wykwane for Midsummer and Michaelmas 3 [Edward IV] – 5s.

Item, a tenement now that of John Aleyne for the said 2 terms – 8s.

Item, a tenement now that of Richard Box for the whole year up to Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 26s. 8d.

Total – 39s. 8d.

Bassishaw:

Item, a tenement formerly that of Alan Martyn for the whole year up to Easter 4 [Edward IV] – 23s. 4d.

Item, a tenement formerly that of John Shadde for the said whole year – 30s.

Item, a tenement formerly that of John Horne for the said year – 30s.

Item, a tenement formerly that of Ralph Titelow for the said year – 26s. 8d.

Total – £5 10s.

Coleman Street:

Item, a tenement now that of Alexander Reynold for Michaelmas 3 [Edward IV] – 15d.

Item, a tenement now that of John Devenshire for Midsummer and Michaelmas 3 [Edward IV] – 2s. 6d.

Item, a tenement formerly that of William Lee for the half term before Christmas 3 [Edward IV] and Easter term 4 [Edward IV], afterwards 5s. per year – 22½d.

Total – 5s. 7½d.

S. Bartilmeus:

Item, of a tenement tofore Muschamps gate on þe best side for þe hole yer – xl s.

Summa – xl s.

S. Donstones:

Item, of a tenement late Marke van Werk for Ester terme anno iiiii^{lo} – x s.

Summa – x s.

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Item, of vii tenementes at þ^e Tourehille, as apereth by þ^e paper of acompte – iii li. xiiii s. viii d.

Item, of iii tenementes in þe Riaulle, as apereth by þe said acomp[t]e – iii li. xiiii d.

Item, of xix tenementes in Walbrook, as apereth by þe said paper – vi li. v s.

⁸²²*Summa* – xiii li. x d.⁸²³

Of Estfeld:

First, of viii tenementes & gardeins, as apereth by þ^e paper of acompte – xlvii s. ii d.

Summa of vacacions of Estfelds lyvelood – xlvii s. ii d.

⁸²⁴*Summa* of þ^e vacacion of Whitengtons lyvelood – xxxiii li. xv s. ob.

Summa of alle þ^e vacacions þis yeer – xxxvii li. xiiii s. ii d. ob.

Decrees

Whitengton:

First, of þe tenement of Benet Jonetas in Bassingesshawe for þe yer – iii s. iiiii d.

Item, of Kateryn Bastewyk in þ^e same soile for a yer – v s.

Summa of alle þe decrees þis yer – viii s. iiiii d.

Stuff boght

First, payd for bordes, tymber, nayles, latthes, brike, tyle, stone, & oþer necessities, as apereth by þ^e paper of acompte particulerly – xlii li. vi s. xi d.

S[umma]⁸²⁵ of alle þe stuff – xlii li. vi s. xi d.

Reparacions

Of þ^e mercerie:

First, þ^e said acomptaunt dischargeth hym of mony payd at þ^e Crowne in Chepe, as apereth by þ^e paper of acompte particularly – iiiii s. ii d. ob.

Item, of mony payd at S. Martyns Oteswich in lyke wise – viii li. xv d.

Summa of þ^e reparacions of þ^e mercerie – viii li. v s. v d. ob.

822 A small letter 'b' has been written to the LH side of this, and another in the LH margin below, just above the sub-heading 'Of Estfeld', this latter marking the place where the total of the vacancies of Whittington's livelihood should have been set.

823 This total has been written to the RH side of a previous total now scored out of 'xii li. xiiii s.'.

824 A small letter 'a' has been written to the LH side of this, and refers to the misplacing of this sum.

825 MS: Stuff of alle þe stuff.

St Bartholomew's:

Item, a tenement in front of Muschamp's gate on the east side, for the whole year – 40s.

Total – 40s.

St Dunstan's:

Item, a tenement formerly that of Mark van Werk for Easter term 4 [Edward IV] – 10s.

Total – 10s.

Item, 7 tenements in Tower Hill, as appears in the paper account – £3 14s. 8d.

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Item, 3 tenements in the Royal, as appears in the said account – £3 14d.

Item, 19 tenements in Walbrook, as appears in the said paper – £6 5s.

Total – £13 10d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, 8 tenements and gardens, as appears in the paper account – 47s. 2d.

Total of vacancies in the Eastfield estate – 47s. 2d.

Total of vacancies in the Whittington estate – £33 15s. ½d.

Total of all vacancies this year – £37 14s. 2½d.

Rent-reductions

Whittington:

Firstly, for the tenement of Bennet Jonetas in Bassishaw, for the year – 3s. 4d.

Item, for Katharine Bastewyk on the same site, for a year – 5s.

Total of all reductions this year – 8s. 4d.

Materials bought

Firstly, paid for boards, timber, nails, laths, bricks, tiles, stone, and other necessities, as appears in detail in the paper account – £42 6s. 11d.

Total of all materials – £42 6s. 11d.

Repairs

The mistery:

Firstly, he declares money paid at the Crown in Cheap, as appears in detail in the paper account – 4s. 2½d.

Item, money paid at St Martin Outwich, similarly – £8 15d.

Total of all mistery repairs – £8 5s. 5½d.

RW f. 45v

Of Whitengton:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *payd*
for *reparacions* at Castelle, as *apereth* particularly by
þe paper of *acompte* –

xi li. xv s. ix d.

Item, in lyke wise at Seint Laurence in þ^e Jury –

lvi s. vii d.

Item, in lyke wise in Bassingeshawe –

xi li. viii d.

Item, in lyke wise in Colmanstrete –

xii li. x s. v d.

Item, in lyke wise at S. Bartilmeus þe *litelle* –

iii li. xv s. xi d. ob. q^a

Item, in lyke wise at þ^e Tourehille –

v li. xviii s. vii d.

Item, in lyke wise at S. Jones in Walbrook –

xvii s. v d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise at S. Laurence þe Poulteney –

xvi li. x s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise at S. Margretes in Bridgestrete –

iii li. xv s. vi d.

Item, in lyke wise in þe Ryalle –

xx d.

Item, in lyke wise for *divers costes* done in *divers places* –

vii li. v s. vii d.

Summa of þ^e *reparacions* of Whitengton – lxxvii li. viii s. v d. ob. q^a

Of Estfeldes:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *payd* for
reparacions done at þ^e Thre Coupes, as *apereth*
particularly by þe paper of *acompte* –

xx s. iiiii d. ob.

Item, in lyke wise in þ^e More Lane –

xvii s. v d. ob.

Summa of þ^e *reparacion* of Estfeld – xxxvii s. x d.

Summa of alle þ^e *reparacions* done þis yeer – iiiii^{xx} vii li. xi s. ix d. q^a

Foreyn Expenses:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *payd* for *divers causes*, as
apereth particularly by þ^e paper of *acompte* – xliii s. vii d. ob.

Summa of þe *foreyn expenses* – xliii s. vii d. ob.

Fees:

First, þ^e said *acomptaunt* *dischargeth* hym of mony *payd* for fees, *aquytaunces*,
leces, *potacions*, & þ^e *makeng* of þis *acompte*, as *apereth* particularly by þ^e paper
of *acompte* – xx li. vi s. xi d.

Summa of þe fees – xx li. vi s. xi d.

Summa of alle þe *costes* & *paymentes* þis yer –

CCCLiii li. xviii s. viii d. ob. q^a / Whereof

RW f. 46r

Is disallowed by *pauditours* for *divers parcelles* whiche shuld be in þacompte of
þe Halle – vii s. iiiii d.

So þ^e discharge of þ^e said *acomptaunt* amounteth to þ^e *somme* of – CCCLiii li. xi s.
iii d. ob. q^a

Item, he is discharged by þavis of þe *custoses* of þ^e said – vii s. iiiii d.

Whittington:

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Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs at
 Baynard's Castle, as appears in detail in
 the paper account – £11 15s. 9d.
 Item, similarly in St Lawrence Jewry – 56s. 7d.
 Item, similarly in Bassishaw – £11 8d.
 Item, similarly in Coleman Street – £12 10s. 5d.
 Item, similarly in St Bartholomew the Less – £3 15s. 11¾d.
 Item, similarly in Tower Hill – £5 18s. 7d.
 Item, similarly in St John's in Walbrook – 17s. 5½d.
 Item, similarly in St Laurence Pountney – £16 10s. 4½d.
 Item, similarly in St Margaret's in Bridge Street – £4 15s. 6d.
 Item, similarly in the Royal – 20d.
 Item, similarly for various expenses incurred
 in various places – £7 5s. 7d.
 Total of all Whittington repairs – £77 8s. 5¾d.

Eastfield:

Firstly, he declares money paid for repairs carried
 out at The Three Cups, as appears in detail
 in the paper account – 20s. 4½d.
 Item, similarly in Moor Lane – 17s. 5½d.
 Total of Eastfield repairs – 37s. 10d.

Total of all repairs carried out this year – £87 11s. 9¼d.

Extrinsic expenditure:

Firstly, he declares money paid for various reasons, as appears in detail in the
 paper account – 43s. 7½d.
 Total of extrinsic expenditure – 43s. 7½d.

Fees:

Firstly, he declares money paid for fees, acquittances, leases, drinks, and the
 drawing up of this account, as appears in detail in the paper account – £20 6s.
 11d.
 Total of fees – £20 6s. 11d.

Total of all costs and payments this year –
 £354 18s. 8¾d. Of which

Various items were not authorised by the auditors, as they should have been in the Hall account – 7s. 4d. RW f. 46r

Therefore his disbursements amount to the total of £354 11s. 4¾d.

Item, on the advice of the wardens he is discharged of the said 7s. 4d.

So þer is due to þe felaship – xlix li. / Whereof

Auditours { John Stokton
John Donne
Robert Gregory
Rauf Kempe }

Is in þ^e handes of Roger Midelmore –

xxx s. viii d.

Item, in þe handes of Richaert Gardener –

xxix s. iiiii d.

Item, in þe handes of Rauf Kempe⁸²⁶ –

xxi li. x s. vii d. ob.⁸²⁷

Item, in þ^e handes of Roger Roos & dettours –

xxiiii li. ix s. v d. q^a

Summa of dettours – xlix li. ob. q^{a828}

f. 209v⁸²⁹

f. 210r⁸³⁰

826 Against this entry in the LH margin the scribe has made a note 'Païé a R. Cobolt'. See above also, f. 42v. The sum is listed again at the end of the next three years' accounts, along with others. Robert Cobolt was the renter warden of 1467–68, whose account was presented for the year up to Easter 1468 and appears on ff. 54v–56v of this book, written up by the same scribe. The entry referring to this sum of money is on f. 54v and reads: 'Item, of Rauf Kempe in lyke wise – xxi li. x s. viii d. – xxi li. x s. vii d. ob.' After the first sum, a whole further sentence has been written but then scored through: 'Whereof *payd* to John Shelley for mony due to hym of his acompte – xv li. xii s. iiiii d. rest'.

827 Both this sum and the one below appear to have been written in after previous figures had been erased.

828 These debts continue to appear year by year at the end of each account, and are added to gradually as well. At the handover from William Purchase to Richard Rawson as renter warden in 1472–73 the matter is dealt with as follows: After the sum total of the discharge of WP, on f. 73v: 'Whereof is found in the next accompt the whiche he chargith hym *with* to be in dettours & that he hath selidde a bille for to Thomas Ilom, oon of the wardeyns – lxxvii li. xv s.'. On f. 75r at the start of RR's account: 'First, he chargeth hym with the old dett that is owyng by dyvers *personnes* as apperyth by a boke of William Purches, wherein is conteynynd ther names and the *somme* sett out – lxxix li. xix s. v d., how be it this accomptant chargith hym in his boke of reonyng brought into this place – lxxvii li. xv s.'. Successive wardens then seal bills taking charge of the debts and no further mention of these particular debts is found after 1475.

829 This and the following page are blank.

830 This and the next leaf are a bifolium added into the book at a later binding.

Therefore there is due to the company – £49 Of which

Auditors $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{John Stockton} \\ \text{John Donne} \\ \text{Robert Gregory} \\ \text{Ralph Kemp} \end{array} \right\}$

Is in the hands of Roger Middlemore –	30s. 8d.
Item, in the hands of Richard Gardener –	29s. 4d.
Item, in the hands of Ralph Kemp –	£21 10s. 7½d.
Item, in the hands of Roger Roos, and of debtors –	£24 9s. 5¼d.
Total [in the hands of] debtors – £49 ¾d.	

f. 209v

f. 210r

1291
f. 210v⁸³¹

N. parva statera:

Die lune proximo ante festum Sancti Dunstani anno regni regis Edwardi⁸³² in presencia domini Radulfi de Sandwic', tunc custodis civitatis London', Willelmi de Lyre, Thome Romeyn, tunc vicecomitum eiusdem civitatis, Stephani Aswy, Gregore de [R]okesle,⁸³³ Radulfi le Blound, Roberti le Rokesle, Nicholai de Wynton, Willelmi de Farndon, Ricardi Aswy, Johannis de Cantuar', Martini Box, Welmar de Essex, Thome Box, Walteri Hauteyn, parva statera London' data fuit et concessa Willelmo de Bectoun ad terminum vite sue per consideracionem predictorum custodis, vicecomitum et aldermannorum et tocius communitatis. Postea Henricus le Waleys, Johannes de Bacquill, Adam de Fulham, Thom[as]⁸³⁴ de Estanes et Johannes le Blount ratificarunt predictam concessionem et pro rato habuerunt etc.

Postea dominus Rex mandavit breve suum in hec verba: Edwardus etc dilecto et fideli suo Radulfo de Sanwice, custodi civitatis London'⁸³⁵ et aldermannis eiusdem civitatis – Salutem. Ad instanciam quorundam amicorum Jacobine la Lumbard, civis civitatis predictae, nobis dilectorum, vos rogamus attente quatinus illam parvam stateram qua ponderatur sericum in eadem civitate et quam Imgramus de Betoynne, nuper civis eiusdem civitatis, defunctus, ad requisicionem clare memorie Alianoure, nuper regine Anglie, concortis nostre, ex concessione et commissione vestra ad vitam ipsius Imgrami habuit, prefate Jacobine nostre petitionis interventu conced[er]e⁸³⁶ veletis et committere ad totam vitam suam eodem modo quo prefatus Imgramus illam habuit possidendam. Et hoc sicut de vobis confidimus non omittatis, ita quod vobis exinde grates scire debeamus. Teste me ipso apud Berewyk super Twed xxviii^o die Junii anno regni nostri⁸³⁷

Ad istam litteram responsum fuit per custodem et aldermannos quod antequam ista littera eis perveniat, predicta statera concessa fuit Willelmo de Betoynne ad terminum vite sue per assensum et consensum custodis, aldermannorum et communitatis civitatis predicti, quequidam concessio nolunt nec possunt infringere de quod omnes prius predictae concessioni concordati sunt prebuerunt assensum et consensum etc.

831 The script of this page is an anglicana hand of the late thirteenth or early fourteenth century.

832 A blank space follows.

833 MS: Bokesle.

834 MS: Thome.

835 MS: 'Londondon'.

836 MS: 'concede'.

837 A blank space follows.

Small beam.⁶²⁰

1291
f. 210v

On the Monday before the feast of St Dunstan [19 May] in the year [19] Edward I,⁶²¹ in the presence of Ralph of Sandwich, then Warden of the City of London, William de Lyre, Thomas Romeyn, then sheriffs of the same city, Stephen Aswy, Gregory de Rokesle,⁶²² Ralph le Blound, Robert le Rokesley, Nicholas de Wynton (Winchester), William de Farndon, Richard Aswy, John de Canterbury, Martin Box, Welmar de Essex, Thomas Box, Walter Hauteyn, the small beam of London was given and granted to William de Bettoyne for his lifetime, on the decision of the aforesaid Warden, sheriffs, and aldermen and the whole commonalty. Afterwards, Henry le Waleys, John de Bacquill, Adam de Fulham, Thomas de Staines and John le Blount confirmed and ratified the aforesaid grant, etc.

Afterwards, the King sent his letter in these words: Edward etc. to his beloved and trusty Ralph de Sandwich, Warden of the City of London, and to the aldermen of the same city – Greetings. At the request of certain well-beloved by us friends of Jacobina the Lombard, citizen of the aforesaid city, we ask you earnestly that the small beam by which silk is weighed in the same city and which Imgram de Betoyne, lately citizen of the same city, deceased, held for his lifetime at the request of Eleanor of beautiful memory, lately queen of England, our consort, and by your grant and commission, we ask that you should be willing by the intervention of this our request to grant it to the aforesaid Jacobina for her whole lifetime in the same manner as it was held by the aforesaid Imgram. And this, as we trust in you, you should not omit to do, and thus we shall owe you gratitude henceforth for this. Witnessed by myself at Berwick upon Tweed on 28 June in the [19th] year of our reign. To this letter a reply was sent by the Warden and aldermen that before this letter reached them, the aforesaid small beam had been granted to William de Betoyne for his lifetime, by the assent and consent of the Warden, the aldermen and the commonalty of the aforesaid city, the which grant they do not wish to nor can they revoke, since everyone had approved the aforesaid previous grant and given assent and consent etc.

620 For further discussion see Sutton, *The Mercery*, pp. 3–31, 79–80.

621 The year can be established, though missing in the text, from the sheriffs named, Ralph of Sandwich having been Warden for several years, 1289–92. The matter is also covered in the City Letter Books, see *CLB*, 'A', p. 191; see also Riley, *Memorials*, pp. 25–6.

622 The text clearly says 'Bokesle' but this must have been Gregory de Rokesle, a goldsmith; on *CLB*, 'A', p. 191 the name appears with an 'R'; see Beaven, *Aldermen*, I, p. 136 and Index.

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By the kyng

Trusty and welbeloved, we grete you well and understond that after substanciall resonynge and debatynge the mater of and for the right and title unto the gyft of thoffice of weigher of all maner rawe silkes had and taken before oure most trusty counsellour the Lorde Cardynall and divers and many other of oure Counseill, it is sufficiently approved and founden that the gift of the said office of right oonly belongith unto you as Maire, and where also we perceyve that mocion was made unto you on oure behalf by oure said most trusty counsellour for the preferment of oure trusty *servant* William Crane therunto, and also that ye were partly confourmable in this behalf yet ye asked a daye *over* for youre resolute aunswar theryn. Sithens whiche day it is done us to witt that ye, havynge advertisment of oure mynde and pleaser therin, wolde confourme *your* self to the same, wherfore we hertly thanke you, not doubtyng but that ye woll *without* altracion *percever* still in your lovyng purpos unto hym in this behalf, desiryng and praying you in oure herty wise not oonly to tendre his furtheraunce theryn for *perfectyng* of the same matier to a good conclusion and ende, but also of your further goodnes to provide that oure said *servant* by your circumspect wisdom may be admytted to the fredom of the mercy in as muche as it is thought requysite that he that shall occupie that rowme be fre therof. And also that he have libertye to make suche a persone his deputie for execucion of the said office undre hym, as he shall thynke for hymself most expedient, so that the same persone undre hym be alwayes a freman of the said *mercerye*. And thus doynge ye shall deserve oure right especiall thankes whiche we shall hereafter acquyte and remember accordyngly. 3oven under oure signet at oure manour of Grenewiche the xviiith day of February

Hec littera missa fuit *per* excellentissimum principem Henricum octavum, Anglie et Francie regem, defensorem fidei, ac dominum Hibernie, anno regni sui decimo septimo, Johanni Alleyn, tunc maiori civitatis London'. Et postea in curia generali mercerorum in aula sua tenta vicesimo primo die mensis marcii anno predicto publice lecta. Et *per* mandatum eiusdem curie secundum verum tenorem littere predictae hic intratur etc

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Memorandum that Thomas Tikhill, mercier, was chosen be þ^e hole felashippe in a courte⁸⁴⁰ hold þe xxviii^{ti} day of Juyn anno xxxvi^{to} Henrici vi^{ti} to have & ocupie þoffice of weyng of sylke aftir þe deth & in þ^e place of William Towland (whom God assoile), and aftir admytted by Geffrey Boleyn, þan beyng Meir of London, & his bretheren aldirmen, and toke his ooth perteyneng to þoffice. Wherupon John Middelton, Thomas Steelle, Richaert Nedam, & John Warde, þan beyng wardeins, delivered to þ^e said Thomas Tikhill divers pinges perteyneng to þe said felashippe & necessarie to þe same office as hit shewith aftir.⁸⁴¹

838 This page is written in a very tidy and careful yet ornate secretary hand of the mid-sixteenth century.

839 The first and second memoranda have been written by Richard Box. A few years later he has added a couple of notes (see below) and written the third memorandum. All other entries on this page are in a different late-fifteenth- or early-sixteenth-century hand.

840 See the *Acts of Court*, p. 47.

841 A sixteenth-century hand has written two notes in the LH margin against the following list: 'The length of these ii stryges must be the height of hengyng the scoles from the table when the silk shalbe weied.'; 'And xvi ll. is a draught etc.'.

From the king

Trusty and well-beloved, we greet you well and understand that after substantial reasoning and debating over the matter of the right and title to the gift of the office of the weigher of all kinds of raw silk, which was held in the presence of our most trusty councillor the Lord Cardinal⁶²³ and many other members of our Council, it has been sufficiently approved and proved that the gift of the said office belongs by right to you alone as Mayor, and whereas also we note that a suggestion was made to you on our behalf by our said most trusty councillor, for the preferment of our trusty servant William Crane to that post, and also that you were partly willing to agree to this yet asked for a further day for your definitive answer to this. Since which day we have learned that you, taking heed of our judgement and wishes in this matter, were willing to agree to the same, and therefore we heartily thank you, having no doubt but that you will without any change of mind continue in your kind intentions towards him over this, asking and begging you in heartfelt manner not only to see to his advancement to this post in order to bring the same matter to a good conclusion, but also that you in your further kindness shall ensure that our said servant through your careful wisdom may be admitted to the freedom of the mercers' company, in as much as it is thought necessary that he who occupies that office should be a freeman of that company. And also that he shall be free to appoint such a person as his deputy to carry out the said office under his authority, in whatever way he shall think most expedient, provided that the same person working under him shall always be a freeman of the said mercers' company. And in doing this you will deserve our very special thanks, which we shall in the future requite and remember accordingly. Issued under our signet at our manor of Greenwich on 18 February.

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This letter was sent by the most excellent prince Henry VIII, king of England and of France, Defender of the Faith, and Lord of Ireland, in the 17th year of his reign, to John Alleyn, then being Mayor of the City of London. And afterwards, at a general court of the Mercers held in their Hall on 21 March of the aforesaid year, it was read out in public. And by order of the same court it is entered in here according to the true tenor of the aforesaid letters, etc.

Memorandum that Thomas Tickhill, mercer, was chosen by the whole company, at a court held on 28 June 36 Henry VI, to have and to hold the post of weigher of silk, after the death of and to replace William Townland (may God absolve him), and he was afterwards admitted to this office by Geoffrey Boleyn, then Mayor of London, and his brother aldermen, and took his oath that pertains to that office. Whereupon John Middleton, Thomas Steelle, Richard Nedam, and John Warde, then wardens, handed over to the said Thomas Tickhill various things belonging to the said company and necessary for that post, as shown below.⁶²⁴

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⁶²³ Thomas Wolsey.

⁶²⁴ The LH marginal notes refer to the length of the 'stretches', the tightly pulled lengths of rope.

First, ii skoles of laton with ropes & hokes and þ^e beme closed in lether⁸⁴²

Item, viii^{te} divers weightes of laton covered in lethir for to wey rawe silke aftir xxi unces for þe lb. That is to say, viii lb., iiiii lb., ii lb., i lb., di. lb., quarteron, di. quarteron, & i unce.

Item, viii^{te} divers weightes of leed covered in lethir for to wey Paris sylke aftir xvi unces for þ^e lb, that is to say, viii lb., iiiii lb., ii lb., i lb., di. lb., quarteron, di. quarteron, & i unce.

Item, a bag of lether for þ^e skoles & weightes⁸⁴³

- 1460–61? *Memorandum* the⁸⁴⁴ For as moche as John Dereham, meter of lynnencloth, is & grete tyme hath be absente & of longe tyme hath ocupied by a straunge man of by yonde þ^e see, contrarie to þordenances of þ^e felashippe, hit is considered & by þ^e hole felashippe graunted in a courte⁸⁴⁵ holde þ^e said day that Thomas Pery, mercier, shall have rejoyce & ocupye þ^e said office of metyng with all þavailes & dutes þerto belongeng.

- 1471 *Memorandum* þat for þabcense of Thomas Tykhill, mercier, late Weyer of sylke, was chosen for þ^e said office by þ^e hole felashippe Nicholas Hatton, mercier, þ^e xix^e day of August anno Edwardi iiiii^{ti} xi^o and þ^e xxiii^{ti} day of þ^e said August he was presented to þe Mayer at þ^e tyme beyng, Sir John Stokton, mercier, & toke his ooth of olde acustomed. And þer upon the skoles & weightes aforesaid were deliverd to þ^e said Nicholas.

- 1479 Hatton:
Memorandum, for the discece of Nicholas Hatton, late Weyer of Sylk, is chosen Thomas Lymnour for the seid office the xv^{the} day of October anno xiiii^c lxxix,⁸⁴⁶ and to hym delyvered the beme, scoles and all the forseid weightes.⁸⁴⁷

- 1492 R. Collet:
Item, for the discece of Thomas Lymnour, at a generall courte⁸⁴⁸ here holden on Saturday the vii day of Aprill anno xiiii^c iiiii^{xx} xii is chosen Robert Collet for to be Weyer of Silk. And after etc to hym delyvered all the forseid beme, scoles and weightes and the bagg to them belongyng.

842 The words 'and þ^e beme closed in lether' have been added later by the same scribe using a much finer nib.

843 The words 'a bag of lether for þ^e skoles & weightes' have been added slightly later at the same time as the note above and the third memo below.

844 A long blank space follows, evidently left to insert a date.

845 There is no surviving record of this court, but an earlier one of 17 December 1460 refers indirectly to possible problems with John Dereham; see *Acts of Court*, p. 48.

846 See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 119 and p. 120 for the complete list of things handed over to him.

847 A hand (perhaps modern?) has gone over in black ink some of the figures and letters of this entry which may have been very faded.

848 See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 225.

Firstly, 2 latten scales with ropes and hooks and the beam covered in leather.
 Item, 8 various latten weights covered in leather, for weighing raw silk at 21 oz. to the lb. i.e. 8 lb., 4 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{8}$ lb., and 1 oz.
 Item, 8 various lead weights covered in leather, for weighing Paris silk at 16 oz. to the lb., i.e. 8 lb. 4 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{8}$ lb., and 1 oz.
 Item, a leather bag for the scales and weights

Memorandum, the In as much as John Derham, meter of linendloth, 1460–61?
 is now and has for a long time been absent, and the job has been carried out for a long time by a foreigner from overseas, in contravention of the company's ordinances, it has been considered and granted by the whole company at a court held on the said day that Thomas Pery, mercer, shall have, enjoy, and hold the said office of metering, with all the benefits and duties that belong therewith.

Memorandum, that because of the absence of Thomas Tickhill, mercer, formerly 1471
 weigher of silk, there was chosen by the whole company for the said office Nicholas Hatton, mercer, on 19 August 11 Edward IV [1471], and on 23 August he was presented to the current Mayor, Sir John Stockton, mercer, and took his oath as accustomed of old. And thereupon the aforesaid scales and weights were handed over to the said Nicholas.

Hatton: 1479
 Memorandum, due to the death of Nicholas Hatton, formerly weigher of silk, Thomas Lymnour has been chosen for the said office on 15 October 1479, and to him were handed over the beam, the scales, and all the said weights.

R. Colet: 1492
 Item, due to the death of Thomas Lymnour, at a general court held on Saturday 7 April 1492, Robert Colet was chosen to be weigher of silk. And afterwards, etc., there were handed over to him all the aforesaid beam, scales, and weights, and the bag belonging with them.

1495 n.s.

R. Heynes:

Item, after the discece of Robert Collet, Weyer of Silk, which was the xxx day of Janyver anno xiiii^C iiiii^{xx} xiiii^o, than & into that office on Friday the xx day of Feverer folowyng was chosen in generall courte⁸⁴⁹ Richard Heynes, and by William Banknot & William Weston, wardeins, on Thursday the xxvi day of Feverer unto the Maire & Aldyrmen at Yeld Hall so presented and ther so for Weyer forthwith amytted & sworn. And here the same day at afternoon in our Hall unto hym delyvered all the forseid beme, scoles & weightes as aforseid ar recyted in bagges of leder etc.

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Ressu de John Roo, mercier (qe dieu assoile) la mois de⁸⁵¹ l'an H. vi^e xxx⁸⁵² ii torches pur nostre chapelle poisant en tout – xxx lb.

Ressu de John Riche (qe dieu assoile) la mois de⁸⁵³ l'an xxxvii, ii torches pur le chapelle suisdit poisant en tout – xl lb.

Ressu de Isabelle Flete, silkewoman (qe dieu assoile) pur lez nouvelles fenestres de nostre sale en l'an xxxv^e – v li. st.

Ressu de⁸⁵⁴ Gedge, silkewoman (qe dieu assoile) ii torches poisant – xxvi lb., en aprile anno iiiii^{to} E. iiiii^{ti}

Deliveré a nostre chapelle a ii foitz, i torche de xv lb. et i torche de xx lb.

Item, deliveré le xxii^e jour de juylle l'an xxxviii^e i torche de – xv lb.

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Memorandum that after the decesse of Richard Haynes, mercer & weyer of silkes, here was a courte holdyn the viii day of Apprell anno xv^C & oon for the eleccyon of a newe weyer, the which was the same day namyd & chosen Thomas Fischer, mercer, that tyme beyng Maisters John Tatte, William Alborowe, W. Brown, W. Rothewelle wardeyns. And the xxii day of⁸⁵⁵ the seid monyth of Apprell anno eodem was the seid Thomas Fischer presented onto the Meyer & Aldyrmen at Yeld Hall, & the seid Meyer & aldremen forthwith ametted hym weyer, & so he was sworne. And here the same day in ower hall unto hym delyveryd all the forseid beme, skolys, and weyghtes as aforseid ar recyted in bagges of ledder.

849 See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 241.

850 The first notes on this page, all those written in French, are in the hand of Richard Box. The following entries are each in a different sixteenth-century hand, the first two being tidy and the last one very untidy.

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855 MS: 'of of'.

R. Haynes:

1495 n.s.

Item, after the death of Robert Colet, weigher of silk, on 30 January 1494 o.s., there was chosen to succeed into that office in a general court on Friday 20 February following, Richard Haynes, and on Thursday 26 February he was presented by William Banknot and William Weston, wardens, to the Mayor and aldermen at the Guildhall and was at once admitted and sworn as weigher. And here on the same day in the afternoon at our Hall, there were handed over to him all the aforesaid beam, scales, and weights, as listed above, in leather bags etc.

Received from John Roo, mercer (may God absolve him), the month of in f. 212r
the year 30? Henry VI, 2 torches for our chapel, weighing in all – 30 lb.

Received from John Riche (may God absolve him) the month of in the year
37 [Henry VI], 2 torches for the aforesaid chapel, weighing in all – 40 lb.

Received from Isabelle Flete, silkwoman (may God absolve her) for the new
windows in our hall, in the year 35 [Henry VI] – £5 sterling.⁶²⁵

Received from Gedge, silkwoman (may God absolve her) 2 torches
weighing – 26 lb. in April of the year 4 Edward IV [1464]

Handed over to our chapel on two occasions, 1 torch of 15 lb. and 1 torch of
20 lb.

Item, handed over on 22 July 38 [Henry VI] [1460] 1 torch of 15 lb.

Memorandum, that after the death of Richard Haynes, mercer and weigher of silk, a court was held on 8 April 1501 for the election of a new weigher, who was named and chosen on that same day, Thomas Fisher, mercer, at the time that Masters John Tate, William Alburgh,⁶²⁶ W[illiam] Brown, W[illiam] Rothwell were wardens. And on the 22nd day of the said month of April in the same year, the said Thomas Fisher was presented to the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall, and the said Mayor and aldermen forthwith admitted him as weigher, and so he was sworn. And on the same day, here in our Hall, there were handed over to him all the aforesaid beam, scales, and weights as listed above, in leather bags. 1501

⁶²⁵ For her will, see Fitch, *Commissary Court*, I, p. 72 (1456: Register 5, f. 190). See also on her career and on this bequest Sutton, 'The shop-floor', pp. 43–5.

⁶²⁶ This name should be noted, as it is the same as given in the text of the *Acts of Court* (see the manuscript on f. 121 and *Acts of Court* p. 247), but the running head to each page erroneously gives 'Robert Weston' as the second named warden for this year.

1515/1518 *Memorandum* that after the decesse of Thomas Fischer mercer & weyer of sylke, was grauntyd att a quarter day holden the xxvi^{ti} day of Septembre anno xv^c xv,⁸⁵⁶ and where as the sayd Thomas Fyscher decessed the xxi^{ti} day of June the yere of our Lorde xv^c xviiith for the eleccyon of a new weyer, the which was namyd & chossen to be in the sayd offyce and namyd at the quarterday aforesayd Avery Rawson, mercer, theyn beyng *Maisters* Thomas Seymer, alderman, Richard Berne, Edmond Wotton, George Medley, wardeyns. And the xxii day of the sayd moneth of June anno eodem was the sayd Awery Rawson presentyd unto the aldermen at the Yeld Hall and the seyde aldermen forthwith ametted hym weyer, & after that was sworne in thys our hall and toke hys othe in the presentes of *Maisters* wardens.

1520 *Memorandum* that the vth day of Julie for the absence of Avery Rawson, lat Weyre of all raw sylkes,⁸⁵⁷ was chosen the sayd day John Hewster, mercer, by a generall courte holden at Seynt Thomas, as shall appere by an acte ther made. And the vith day of Novembre the sayd John Hewster was presented by *Maister* Mighell Inglysshe, alderman, *Maister* Richard Raynold, one of the wardens of the mercery, to the courte of Aldermen wher the sayd John Hewster was amytted as well by them as by the sayd wardens & felysshyp to the offyce of Weyer of all maner of Sylkes within the cite of London as elles where within the reine of Engeland. And ther upon toke his othe as therunto apperteyneth in the Hall of Seynt Thomas. And ther *resseyved* the beme and ii scales of laten with the ropes & hokes therunto belongyng coveryd with lether with divers wayghtes of laten & lede covered with lether also, to wey with all raw sylke after xxi oz. le ll. That ys to say viii ll., iiiii ll., ii ll., i ll., di. ll., i quarteron, di. quarteron, and i oz. for raw sylke. Item, more viii dyvers weyghtes covered with lether to wey parysse sylke after xvi oz for the ll., that is to say viii ll., iiiii ll., ii ll., i ll., di. ll., i quarteron, di. quarteron, & di. oz.

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856 See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 499 for this date given, although the record of this court on pp. 431–2 does not refer to this election but to other matters concerning Rawson.

857 See also the *Acts of Court*, p. 499 for his having ‘desaytfully, rebukefully and shamefully withdrawen hym self from this Citie of London’, and see further, *Acts of Court*, p. 517.

858 This verso side to the folio is blank and has had a thick flyleaf paper gummed to it.

Memorandum, that after the death of Thomas Fisher, mercer and weigher of silk, there was granted at a quarter day held on 26 September 1515, and since the said Thomas Fisher died on 21 June 1518, that there should be an election of a new weigher, and there was chosen for the said office and named at the aforesaid quarter-day Avery Rawson, mercer, Masters Thomas Seymour, alderman, Richard Berne, Edmund Wotton, George Medley then being wardens. And on 22 June of the same year the said Avery Rawon was presented to the aldermen at the Guildhall and the said aldermen forthwith admitted him as weigher, and he was afterwards sworn in our Hall and took his oath in the presence of the wardens.

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Memorandum, that on 5 July, because of the absence of Avery Rawson, formerly weigher of all raw silks, there was chosen on that same day John Hewster, mercer, by a general court held at St Thomas of Acon, as appears in an act made there. And on 6 November the said John Hewster was presented by Master Michael Inglysshe, alderman, and Master Richard Reynold, one of the wardens of the mercers' mistery, to the court of aldermen where the said John Hewster was admitted both by them and by the said wardens and company, to the office of weigher of all manner of silks within the City of London, and also elsewhere within the kingdom of England. And he thereupon took his oath as pertains thereto in the Hall of St Thomas of Acon. And there he received the beam and 2 latten scales with the ropes and hooks belonging to them, covered in leather, with various weights of lattern and lead, also covered in leather, with which to weigh all raw silk at 21 oz. to the lb., i.e. 8 lb., 4 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{8}$ lb., and 1 oz. for raw silk. Item, a further 8 various weights covered in leather for weighing Paris silk at 16 oz. to the lb., i.e. 8 lb., 4 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{8}$ lb., and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

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Appendix 1

The Rentals at the Beginning of the Renter Wardens' Account Book

After the introductory dedication of the book (for which see p. 1686), which gives the date on which the book was started as 1 November 1449, there follows a rental, a list of all the Whittington estate properties, with the names of the occupying tenants at the time of writing (the precise date being unclear, see below) and the rents payable. This should be compared with the earlier rental of 1431 for the Whittington estate, edited by Jean Imray and printed in *The Charity of Richard Whittington*, pp. 122–7.

The Whittington estate rental is followed by one for the mystery's own properties in 1447, and one for the Eastfield estate in the same year. A start was made to copy out a rental for the Abbot estate but unfortunately only the heading was written up, the list never being copied into the book.

These rentals are given in full below here, and are followed by the texts given on f. 1r, the first page of the rental book proper, which give the City rules relating to tenants' rights over what might now be called 'fixtures and fittings'.

For a full description of these early pages of the Renter Wardens' account book, see Introduction, pp. 15–17.

- 1445 or 1447 f. *1v ¹Extractus rentalium omnium terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum in Civitate London' et suburbis eiusdem custodibus mistere mercerie eiusdem civitatis ex legato Georgii Gerveys² et aliorum pertinentium factus in festo Natalis domini anno regni regis Henrici sexti xxiii³ ut infra.

Castelbaynard

De Roberto Okele de uno ten' ibidem per annum –	vi li.
De Anna Barbour de uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xiii s.
De Johanna Barbour de uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xvi s.
De Willelmo Byrd pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xii s.
De Johanne Gamyll pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xxxiii s. iiid.
De Lucia Lenyng pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xxiiii s.
De David Howelle pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xx s.
De Margareta Bekyngham pro i ten' ibidem per annum –	xxii s.
De Willelmo Hill pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	iiii li.
De Clerico Willelm[o] ⁴ Hill pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xviii s.
De Ricardo Wyld pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xviii s.
Summa totalis – xviii li. xvii s. iiid. s. ⁵	

Milkestrete

De Johanne Culrede pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	lx s.
De Johanne Senycle pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	liii s. iiid d.
De Henrico Massyngham pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	liii li. xiii s. iiid d.
Summa totalis – x li. vi s. viii d.	

Parochia Sancti Laurencii

De Thoma Onhand pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xiiii li.
De Johanne Greston pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xlvi s. viii d.
De ⁶ pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xvi s.
De pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xvi s.
De Johanne Rumbald pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xvi s.
De pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xx s.
De pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xx s.
De Johanne Clerke pro una shopa ibidem per annum –	xvi s.
De Roberto Shirbourn pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	iiii s.
De Ricardo Stapulton pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xl s.
De Roberto Goldbeter pro una camera ibidem per annum –	vi s.
De Johanne Pekerell pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xxiii s. iiid d.

1 This section comes after a space and is in a different hand from that above, or at least a very different script.

2 See Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 30–31, 37, 61, for explication of this. The properties that are listed afterwards belong to the Whittington estate.

3 This figure seems to have been deliberately erased in part. If indeed thus, the date is 25 December 1445. However, 'ut infra' ('as below') might refer to the other two rentals below, both of which are dated for 1447, and the date is therefore in some doubt.

4 MS: *Willelmi*.

5 This and all the other sum totals for each section have been written in later and are in a slightly paler brown ink, but in the scribe's own hand.

6 A space is left and no name filled in. As for other such entries below, one may presume that the tenement itself is not let at this time but that the set rent for it is standard each year.

De Lodewico Machon <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxvi s. viii d.
De Willelmo Crulle <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De Willelmo Hody <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	L s.
De Willelmo Lyghtholder <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	iii li. vi s. viii d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> – xxxiii li. xvii s. iiiii d.	

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De Agnete Borde <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxvi s. viii d.
De Johanne Wakefeld <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxvi s. viii d.
De Willelmo Horn <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	lxvi s. viii d.
De Willelmo Colman <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De Johanne Burton <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	lxvi s. viii d.
De Henrico Pery <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De Elia Davy <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	lxvi s. viii d.
De Johanne Burgh <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De Johanne Kirkeby <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxxvi s. viii d.
De Simone Carter <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De Johanne Cotford <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	iiii li. vi s. viii d.
De Sherman ⁷ <i>pro uno ten' per annum ibidem</i> –	xxx s.
De <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
De <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxvi s. viii d.
De Johanne Burton <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
<i>Summa totalis</i> – xxx li. xiii s. iiiii d.	

Colmanstrete

De Thoma Cost <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxvi s. viii d.
De Johanne Cadevyk <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xl s.
De Johanne Golenge <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s.
De Johanne Huntman <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xiiii s.
De Johanne Couper <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xiiii s.
De Willelmo Foundour <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xiiii s.
De Thoma Mamoyt <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xxiiii s.
De Katerina Blakeburn <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xiiii s.
De domino Radulfo capellano <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	viii s.
De Thoma Hill <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xii s.
De Willelmo Aston capellano <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	viii s.
De domino Johanne Roo <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	viii s.
De Alicia Blytly <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Randolf <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	vii li. vi s. viii d.
De Isabella Cokworthy <i>pro uno ten' ibidem per annum</i> –	xx s.
De Johanne Golenge <i>pro una shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s.
De Roberto <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.
De <i>pro una shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.
De Bette Foundour <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.
De eodem Bette <i>pro una shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.
De Thoma Newton capellano <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.

⁷ The spacing of this entry would seem to indicate that this is a man's craft, not his name.

De Henrico Brigge <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	v s.
De Johanne Golenge <i>pro una shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s.
De Andrea Waleys <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s.
De Johanne Sadeler <i>pro una camera ibidem per annum</i> –	vi s.
De Johanne Baker <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	viii s.
<i>Summa totalis</i> – xxi li. iiii s.	

Budge Rowe

col. 2	De rectore ecclesie Sancti Johannis super Walbroke <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxxiii s. iiii d.
	De Johanne Coles <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
	De Ricardo Skynner <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
	De Johanne [Cle]ment ⁸ <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxxv s.
	De Johanne Middelton <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
	De Ricardo Agewe <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xxx s.
col. 2	De Laurencio Stone <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	xl s.
	De Johanne Hulcot <i>pro una domo ibidem per annum</i> –	x s.
	De Willelmo Brady <i>pro una domo cum camera et shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Johanne Harry <i>pro una domo cum camera et shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Johanne Hosyer <i>pro uno celario ibidem per annum</i> –	x s.
	De Johanne Aleley <i>pro una domo cum camera et shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Willelmo Harreys <i>pro una domo cum camera et shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Edwardo de Vesteria Regis <i>pro una domo cum camera et shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Johanne Andrewe <i>pro una domo cum shopa iuxta comunem latrinam ibidem</i> –	x s.
	De <i>pro una domo cum camera ibidem per annum</i> –	x s.
	De Johanne Wongthorpe <i>de una domo cum shop a ibidem per annum</i> –	xiiii s.
	De Ricardo Agewe <i>pro una domo ibidem cum shopa per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Johanne Eston <i>pro una domo ibidem cum shopa per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Agnete Henry <i>pro una domo cum shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Agnete Arches <i>pro una domo in corner' ibidem per annum</i> –	viii s.
	De domino Thoma cappellano <i>pro una domo cum shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De serviente Henrici Frowyk <i>pro una domo cum shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.
	De Margareta Cranage <i>pro una domo cum shopa ibidem per annum</i> –	xiii s. iiii d.

⁸ The first letters of this name are too unclear (faded) to make them out for certain, but this is probably John Clement: see Name Index.

De Johanne Yoo *pro una domo cum shopa ibidem per annum* – xiii s.
Summa totalis – xxii li. ix s.⁹

Ryalle¹⁰

De Katerina Bacon *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xxx s.
 De Nicholao Oughton *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xxxiii s. iii d.
 De Simone Parke *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xxvi s. viii d.
 De Alianora Brygge *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xxvi s. viii d.
Summa totalis – v li. xvi s. viii d.

Parochia sancti Laurencii Pou[n]tney

De Willelmo Morys, pandoxatore,¹¹ *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xiiii li. xiii s. iii d.
 De Ricardo Graunt *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xl s.
 De Johanne Chircheyerd *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xl s.
Summa totalis – xviii li. xiii s. iii d.

Estchepe

De *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xii li.
 De Willelmo Wodard *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – liii s. iii d.
 De Johanne Hulle *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – C vi s. viii d.
Summa totalis – xx li.

Parochia Sancti Dunstani Est

f. *2v

De Petro Sexteyn *pro uno ten' ibidem vocato le George per annum* – vi li. xiii s. iii d.
 De Ricardo Weston *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xx s.
 De Thoma Grey *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – iii li. x s.
 De Petro Huselle *pro ii^{bus} domibus ibidem per annum* – xli s. viii d.
Summa totalis – xiiii li. x s.

Toure Hylle

De Johanne White *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xl s.
 De Thoma Ady *pro duabus domibus ibidem per annum* – xli s. viii d.
 De Johanne Lawleys *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xx s.
 De Willelmo Housband *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xx s.
 De *pro uno ten' ibidem per annum* – xx s.
 De Simone Maundeby *pro ii^{bus} domibus ibidem per annum* – xl s.
 De Johanne Anoregry *pro una domo ibidem per annum* – xx s.
 De Johanne Dalton *pro una camera ibidem per annum* – vi s. viii d.
 De *pro una camera ibidem per annum* – v s.

9 A sixteenth-century hand has written a note around this total: 'Nota our yerly rente in anno 1463 ys lesse in the hole as apers in this bok fo. 77 – for there yt is but xxi li. xvii s.' This sum does indeed appear on f. 77v of the Renter Warden's accounts, but the date is for 1473.

10 The Reole, a tenement known of in records from the mid-thirteenth century, and also Reole Lane, and the area around, so called from its being frequented by wine merchants and others from La Reole, near Bordeaux. 'Royal', as in the name of the church St Michael Paternoster Royal, is a corruption of 'Reole'.

11 A brewer.

De	pro una camera ibidem per annum –	v s.
De	pro una camera ibidem per annum –	v s.
Summa totalis – xi li. viii s. iiii d.		

Parochia Sancti Bartholomei Parva

De Willelmo Sherman	pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	liii s. iiii d.
De Johanne Michelle	pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	xv li. xiii s. iiii d.
De Adam Semy	pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	iiii li. xiii s. iiii d.
De Jacobo Strooys	pro una domo ibidem per annum vocata Weyhous ¹² –	viii li.
De Johanne Whitfeld, sherman,		
	pro uno ten' ibidem per annum –	lxvi s. viii d.
Summa totalis – xxxiiii li. vi s. viii d.		

Extra Bisshopesgate

De Willelmo Smythe	pro uno gardino ibidem per annum –	liii s. iiii d.
De	pro quadam domo ibidem per annum –	vi s. viii d.
De Waltero Frisnay	pro una domo ibidem per annum –	vi s. viii d.
De Johanne Newerk	pro una domo ibidem per annum –	vi s. viii d.
Summa totalis – xliii s. iiii d.		

Redditus Assise

De tenemento Johannis Cheineham/Chemeham in parochia Sancti Laurencii in Judaismo London' solvend' ad festum Nativitatis domini terminum –	xx s.
De [ten'] rectoris et custodum ecclesie beate Marie de Aldermary chirche in Cordwanerstrete in eadem parochia sol' ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste terminum –	ix s.
De ten' Thome Cosyn in eodem vico solvend' ad ¹³ –	v s.
De ten' Thome Haseley within le Countre Aley ¹⁴ in parochia Sancte Mildrede in Pulletria London' sol' ad festum Nativitatis Johannis Baptiste terminum –	xiii s. iiii d.
De ten' Prioris et conventus domus cartus' Lond' ¹⁵ in parochia beate Marie Wolnore sol' ad festum Nativitatis Johannis terminum –	xx s.
De ten' Prioris et conventus predictorum in eadem parochia solvend' ad –	vi s. viii d.
De ten' decani collegii de Sudbury in parochia Sancti Michaelis de Cornhil sol' ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis –	xxiii s. x d.

¹² See Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, 'Gazetteer', 24, D5 and 23, C5.

¹³ A space is left, as below also, for the due date to be filled in later.

¹⁴ Compter Alley or Counter Alley, leading to the Poultry Compter. See Hobhouse, *Ward of Cheap*, pp. 133, 134; Barron, *London in the Later Middle Ages*, 'Gazetteer', 23 A5.

¹⁵ The Charterhouse of London.

De ten' Willelmi Ferroure vocato le Cony on þe
 Hoop in eadem parochia sol' ad festum
 Nativitatis Johannis – xx s.
 Summa totalis – v li. xvii s.

CC L li. iii s.¹⁶

¹⁷*Extractus omnium terrarum, tenementorum, gardinorum, et reddituum in civitate* 1447
London' pertinentium mistere mercerie eiusdem factus in festo Natalis domini col. 2
anno regni regis Henrici sexti vicesimo sexto

Parochia Beate Marie de Arcubus

De Radulfo Marche pro una shopa ibidem per annum – iii li. xiii s. iii d.
 De Johanne Lyons pro una shopa ibidem per annum – xxvi s. viii d.
 De Nicholao Hatton pro una shopa ibidem per annum – xl s.
 De Jerard Reed pro una shopa ibidem per annum – xl s.
 De Roberto Frankisshe pro una shopa ibidem per annum – xxvi s. viii d.
 De Thoma Onhand pro una shopa ibidem per annum – xiii s. iii d.
 De Elizabeth Flete pro una shopa ibidem per annum – iii li. vi s. viii d.
 Summa totalis – xv li. vi s. viii d.

Parochia Sancti Laurencii in Judaismo

De Johanne Harowe pro uno ten' in venella vocata Sevenhodelane
 in parochia Sancti Laurencii predicta per annum – vi li. xiii s. iii d.

Parochia Sancti Martini Oteswyche

De Willelmo Wilby, hakeneyman, pro .i. ten' ibidem per annum – xxiii s. iii d.
 De Augustino Cassyn, lumbard, pro .i. ten' ibidem per annum – lvi s.
 De Ricardo Bowyer pro uno ten' ibidem per annum – xx s.
 De Johanne Kyng, grocero, pro uno ten' ibidem per annum – liii s. iii d.
 De Johanne Gobet, piscenario, pro uno ten' ibidem per annum – xiii s.
 De Simone Philpot, hostiller, pro uno ten' et una camera
 in Aleya ibidem per annum – xxi s. viii d.
 De Ricardo Wymark pro ii^{bus} ten' et una camera ibidem
 per annum – xxxiii s. iii d.
 De Willelmo Devenysshe, capellano, pro una camera,
 una aula, uno gardino, et uno scolehou¹⁸ ibidem
 per annum – xvii s. iii d.
 De Matheo Hayne pro una camera in Aleya ibidem per annum – vi s. viii d.
 De Johanne Tychemersshe, clerico, pro una camera ibidem
 per annum – x s.
 De Roberto Brewer pro uno celario cum una camera per annum – xi s.
 De Hans Botiller supra idem celarium per annum – x s.
 Summa totalis – xiii li. xvi s. viii d.

16 This note in the lower LH corner of the page refers to the total rent that the estate should bring in each year.

17 The heading appears at the top of the page, clearly above the second column.

18 On schooling in London at this period see Barron, 'The Expansion of Education'.

- 1447 Extractus omnium terrarum et tenementorum et gardinorum in civitate London' et in suburbiis eiusdem pertinentium mistere mercerie eiusdem ex legato Willelmi Estfeld, factus in festo Natalis domini anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum xxvi^o

Parochia Omnium Sanctorum de Bredestrete

De Thome Raccheford pro uno ten' vocato

le iii Coupes¹⁹ *ibidem* per annum – xii li.

Morelane in Parochia Sancti Egidii extra Crepulgate

De Willelmo Rumbald pro uno ten', uno stabulo, et uno

gardino *ibidem* per annum – x s.

De , uxore Mylys, pro uno ten' et uno

gardino *ibidem* per annum – x s.

De Johanne Sayer pro ii^{bis} ten' et uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – xvi s. viii d.

De Johanne Gille pro uno ten' et uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – viii s.

De Johanne Sonman/Souman pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – vi s.

De Willelmo Abelle, lymnour,²⁰ pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – iii s.

De Willelmo Warner pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – v s.

De Johanne Stobenharn pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – iii s.

De Willelmo Gladman pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – ii s.

De Johanne Hoghton pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – ii s.

De Henrico Wykwan pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – ii s.

De Katerina Smyth pro uno gardino *ibidem* per annum – iiiii s.²¹

De pro una camera *ibidem* per annum – iiiii s.

Summa totalis – iii li. x s. viii d.

- f. *3r Extractus omnium tenementorum et reddituum in civitate London' pertinentium mistere mercerie eiusdem civitatis ex legato Johannis Abbot

Parochia Sancti Laurencii in Iudaismo²²

19 Or 'Le Three Coupes upon le Hoop', a tenement left to the company by Sir William Eastfeld. See Sharpe, *Calendar of Wills*, II, 509–11.

20 William Abell was a well-known illuminator of manuscripts whose work has been examined by Jonathan Alexander, 'William Abell "lymnour"'; Christianson, *A Directory*, pp. 59–60; further details of his life are also to be found in Combes, 'William Abell'. He is generally considered to have been the artist who drew the scene of Richard Whittington on his deathbed which appears on f. 1r of the manuscript held by the Mercers' Company with the English version of the Whittington almshouse ordinances, for which see Imray, *The Charity*, pp. 107–21; and for a recent reproduction of the scene see p. 233 of Caroline Barron, 'Chivalry, Pageantry and Merchant Culture'. For a reproduction of another of his illuminations see Binski, *The Cambridge Illuminations*, p. 380 and for further references pp. 270 and 379–81. Neither Imray nor anyone else however has picked up this reference to William Abell as a tenant of the Mercers' Company in his garden in Moor Lane at this date.

21 This figure of 'iiii s.' and that below are smudged, and each might read as 'iii s.', but when one adds up the total it should be 3s. between these two, but the shillings figure of the total is also smudged. One should not rely on the exactitude of these figures here therefore.

22 The rest of this page is blank.

²³Cum alias apud quosdam orta fuisset materia dubitandi de *et super antiquissima consuetudine habita et usitata in civitate London'* de hiis que *per tenentes ad terminum vite vel annorum affixa sunt domibus absque speciali licencia domini fundi an remanere debeant domino soli ut parcella eiusdem aut tenentibus huiusmodi in fine sui termini singula huiusmodi affixa liceat amovere. Unde visus, libris antiquis scrutatis quam pluribus recordis et antiquis processibus et iudiciis dicte civitatis: Declaratum fuit per Maiorem et Aldermannos pro antiqua prescripta consuetudine civitatis predicte quod singula huiusmodi aisiamenta affixa domibus seu fundis per tenentes huiusmodi absque speciali et expressa licencia domini fundi si fuit affixa per clavos ferreos aut ligneos ut appenticia, vitrini, clavicula, sere, scanna, seu alia huiusmodi, vel si fuit affixa cum gispo, calcino seu terreo quocumque vulgariter dicto morter ut fornax, plumbum, cacabus, caminus, corbell', paviamentum et huiusmodi, vel si plante radices emiserunt in fundo ut vites, arbores, arbuste, frutices etc., non licebit huiusmodi tenentibus in fine termini aut aliquo tempore ipsa nec aliqua promissorum deponere amovere seu abradicare quovismodo, sed semper remanebunt domino fundi ut parcella eiusdem soli seu tenementi etc.*

c. 1444–45
RW f. 1r

Wher late to certen persons rest in dowl of & upon an old custome had & used in the Cite of London of the thingis the which by tenantes for terme of lyve or of yeres ben fixed to howsis *without* specialle licence of the lorde of the grounde, whedur the same thingis shulde remayne unto the lorde of the grounde as parcellle of the same tenementis or els whedur hit is leffull to the same tenantes alle the same thingis so fixid yn thende of their terme to remeve or take away. Wherfor, the old bokes seyn & many recordis, olde processe & jugmentis of the seid Cite seyn & serched, hit hath ben declared by þe Mayre & Aldermen of the seid Cite for an old prescribid custome that alle maner of esementis fixid in housis or groundis by the seid tenantes *without* specialle licence of the lord of the grounde, yf they ben fixid *with* yron nailes or pynnes of tree as apentes, glasse, keies, lokkis, benchis or any other suche, or yf they ben fixid *with* cley, lyme, erthe, morter or *with* whatsumevir maner of erth as a furneis, led, cawdron, chemeney, corbelle, pavement & suche lyke, or yf they ben plantes, rotes yn the grounde as vynes, trees, crabtrees or frute trees etc., hit shall not be leffull to any suche tenantes in the ende of their terme or any tyme the thingis nor noon of them to take downe, amove or digg up in any maner wise, but alwey shalle remayne to the lord of the grounde as parcellle of the grounde or of the tenement, etc.

²³ A contemporary note in the LH margin alongside this paragraph reads: 'K. folio 221', i.e. Letter Book 'K' of the City. See also Sharpe, *CLB*, 'K', p. 298.

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Appendix 2

Oaths

These oaths are written on folios A1r–6r, mostly on the lower half of each page. It is clear that they have been written out on what was considered scrap paper, and, since they are in the same hand as that of the ordinances written in the preliminary pages of the *Book of Ordinances*, they were very possibly being done as the model draft for the fair copy that was then written up as the more formal record. Not all of them however appear there, and some differences are to be noted. For a description of the other contents of these pages, see Introduction, pp. 6–8.

f. A1r Ye shall swere that in good & manerly wise ye shall bere & behave you unto the wardeyns of the mystere of the mercery of the Cite of London & to every of them. And in thocupacion of carpentrye¹ and other that ye canne & may do at all & every tyme requisite & convenyent to your power ye shall do. Also all such stuff as shall comme to your handes or at your will for the weall & profyt as of & for the lyvelod to the wardeyns and comunialte of the said mistere belongyng, ye shall to your powre theron truly mynyster & occupye and nothyng therof enalyn, embesell, leve or geve away unto any maner of persoon but by the consent, will and agrement of the seid wardeyns or at leest of ii of hem. Nor by any mean use or know any to be enalyend, enbeseld, sold, lent or away gevyn but that ye therof evermore forthwith or as shortely after as ye cane and well may comme unto the seid wardeyns or onto ii of them and the same unto ii of hem so for to sh[e]we² it. More over ye shal not take on you to make or begynne any new werk to be doon in or upon any place or tenement of the forseid lyvelod, ne to do reparacion in or in any parte therof otherwise or more than is by the seid wardeyns or ii of them ye shalbe comawndid for to do. And over this at the ende of every weke all & every such persoons werkeman or lauborer occupied as in or in any parte of the seid livelod and to your knowlege theron wrought, ye shall therof as nere as ye can geve unto ii of the seid wardeyns knowlege that is to sey ho many dayes or half dayes or any oon day that be so of you requiryd. All which poyntes & every of hem to your powre & knowlege ye shall do & perform. So help you God and all seyntes and be this boke.

Ye shall swere that in good & manerly wise ye shal bere & behave you unto the wardeyns of the mystere of the mercery of the Cite of London, & to every of them, also ye shall endeavour & applye you *with* all diligence that ye can do or may do for to mynyster your office of Rentgaderer³ lyke & accordyng to tharticles in the⁴

f. A1v The oath of Shopholders:⁵
Ye shall swere that ye shall kepe sad & gode governaunce in your owne persone and your servantz. And also ye shulbe obedient and redy at liefull calleng & somounes of þe Custoses & Wardeins for þe tyme beyng and to every of them. And þat ye nor none in your name bye nor selle nor do to be boght nor solde *withinne* þe Cite nor *without* any maner of wares of any persone servant, apprentis or lowes, but if þe goode & þavaile þerof if any be growe properly to þe use of þe maister of þe forseid servant, apprentis or allowes. And also þat ye shall not resseyve, coloure nor conveye from þeis parties of England ovir þe se nor from þo[se]⁶ parties in to þeis parties no maner of merchaundise þat eny soche servant, apprentis or lowes byeth, sellith, sendith or ocupieth to his owne use withoute speciall licence knowen & had of his maister. [And that ye take

1 Underlined in the MS.

2 MS: shwe.

3 Underlined in the MS.

4 The text breaks off at this point.

5 Cf. *Book of Ordinances*, preliminary quire f. 4r, where the text is almost the same, with a few very minor differences of wording, and with an additional first sentence: 'Ye shall swere that ye shalbe true unto oure liege lord the kyng and to his heris kinges'.

6 MS illegibly smudged.

noon apprentis but þat ye first present hym unto þe wardeins or to oon of them, and to you amytted.]⁷ And also if ye knowe eny persone doynge þe contrarie þis ordinaunce & ooth ye shall shewe & open hit or do hit to be shewed & opened to the Custoses & Wardeins for þe tyme beyng or to oon of þem withinne viii¹⁰ daies after soche knowleshe had if ye may come to them⁸ or to eny of þem. And ellis alsone as ye goodely may. So helpe you God & alle halowen⁹ & by þis booke.

The ooth of þe meter of lynnencloth:¹⁰

Ye shall swere that well & truly ye shul behave you in the rom¹¹ of mesurage of lynnencloth bitwene marchaunt & marchaunt gevyng to no persone more þan his dute is for no love, luker, or favour. Nor takeng from ony persone his dute of right for hate nor enemyte, but egally & rightfully ye shull do bytwene partie & partie as right & consience requyre & provided alwey that if ony cloth be hurte, wette, roten, or broken & not marchantable þat þan ye shull sette þat asyde & aparte unto þe tyme þe parties be acordid of þe same. And þis ye shull observe & kepe in þat you is dureng þe tyme of your rome. So helpe God & alle halowen.

(And there alle broune cloþ meten by the roope which conteyneth xi elles longe and xii tymes þe length of the said roope stondeth for C elles englissh. & the metours do have aperons allowid them.)¹²

The ooth of Straungers admytted into þe feleship:¹³

Ye shull swere that ye shul be true to oure leige lord þe kyng and his eres kyngs. Ye shull also welle & truly observe & kepe alle þe godde & pollityk rules & ordenaunces in & by þe felaship of þe Mercerie afore ordeyned & made and hereaftir to be made for þe wele of þe same. And [...] ¹⁴ of þem in þat you is meyntene & kepe. And þe secretes of þe same to you shewed & known for counseylle ye shall holde & kepe secret. And þay nor eny of þem discovere, opene nor entercomune to ony straunge person oute of þe seid felashippe. Ye shull also be obedient & redy at the somounes & warnynges of þe Custoses of þe same or of þe bedill in þeir name or oon of þem for þe tyme beyng, [...] as ofte as ye be duly monysshed. Resonable atire alwey [...] And to all charges for þe welfare of þe sam, ye shulbe contributory¹⁵ whan ye are monyced. And alle þe [...] afore rehersed ye shull well & truly kepe to your power. So helpe you God & alle hallowen.

7 The sentence in brackets here is written at the LH side of this paragraph about half way down and is inserted here at the point it appears in the text of the *Book of Ordinances*, prelim. f. 4r.

8 Something longer than this word has been erased here and the word 'them' has been written over this later in darker ink.

9 In the *Book of Ordinances*, the three words 'alle halowen' have been heavily scored through in later (Protestant) times, and the same has been done for all references to the saints in that book.

10 Cf. *Book of Ordinances*, preliminary quire f. 4v, where the text is again almost exactly the same.

11 i.e. office.

12 This sentence here in brackets is written out at the LH side of the main paragraph. It is not included in the *Book of Ordinances*, although a much later hand has added there a reference to a 1505 act of court concerning the aprons. See also *Acts of Court*, pp. 267–9, p. 268 in particular for the aprons.

13 Cf. *Book of Ordinances*, preliminary quire f. 4v, where the text however is very different.

14 The text is too rubbed and smudged to be read here, and at several points below also, thus marked and noted.

15 The MS is very rubbed and the exact spelling of this word here is uncertain, but this is one of the spellings found below.

- f. A2r The othe for brethern:
 Ye shall swere that ye shalbe feithfull and trewe unto oure liege lorde the kyng and to his eyers kynges. Also ye shalbe trewe and feithfull unto the felichip of the mercery, and ther counsell kepe in all thinges requisite that shalbe shewed onto you. And upon a resonabill warny[n]g as ye may attende to com to all lefull courtes & sembles. Also ye shalbe contrubetory to all charges to you put by the wardeyns & felichip, and to bere & pay your parte of charge set for your degre leke as other of the same felichip shall do for ther degre. All suche poyntes & every of them to your power well & truely ye shall hold & kepe. So help you God & all seyntes, etc.
- f. A3v The othe for Brokerz:¹⁶
 Ye shall swere that ye shalbe faithfull & true in thoffice of Brokerage and ye shall not take of ony persooone and specially of the feliship of the Mercery more for brokerage than as in the Yeldhall of London therfor is ordeyned & sett. Also all maner warez and in especiall mercery warez by you or by meane of you to be solde, ye shall first profre them to sell and the lowest price therwith unto certen persooonez shopholders of oure seid feliship of the mercery, and so withoute frawde or collour playnly understonde & knowen by you proferd unto oure seid feliship to fore that ye profer it unto ony persooone or persooonez of ony other feliship to sell. And that in no wise ony suche mercery ware be by you proferd unto ony chapman of þe contrey or to ony other forein be no maner collour for to sell, ne that ye geve knowlech unto ony chapman or other forein of ony suche merceri ware so to be solde. But as muche as in you ys & by meane of your office of broker, ye shall endeavour you to enprowe & further the seid feliship of the mercery first & to fore all other persooone, persooonez or felishyppz what so ever they be. And yf ye know or can knowe in tyme to come ony persooone broker or other of oure seid feliship of the mercery doying contrarie this acte & othe, ye shall than geve knowlech þerof unto the wardeins of the mercery whyche for the tyme shalbe or to oon of them as soone as that ye godely may. So help you God, all sayntes, & be this Booke.
- f. A4r The othe for the issue of apprentices¹⁷
 Ye shall swere that ye shalbe true unto oure liege lorde the kyng and to his heires kynges. Ye shall also be obedient & redy to come at all lefull summonces & warnynges of the wardeins of the mercery whan and as often as ye be duly monysshed & warned by them or by ony of them, by their bedell¹⁸ or by ony other in their name, lefull excuse alwey except. All ordynances & rules by the feliship of the merceri ordeyned, made and stablISHED and hereafter for the weale, worship & profit of the seid feliship to be made ye shall holde & kepe. All comunicacions, necessary ordynances and cowncels for the welfare of the seid feliship, and the secretes therof to you shewed ye shall kepe secrete & holde for councele, and them ne ony of them to discover or shew by ony meane or

16 The *Book of Ordinances*, ff. 5v–6r contains an ordinance concerning brokers some of whose provisions are the same as those contained in this oath but there are also differences to be noted.

17 Cf. *Book of Ordinances*, prelim. quire ff. 2v–3r, where the text is almost exactly word for word the same.

18 The *Book of Ordinances* specifies the clerk, not the beadle at this point (although the word ‘clerke’ would appear to have been written over an erasure). The two offices merged in later times.

collour unto any persooone or persooonez of any other feliship. Ye shall also be contributory to all chargez to you putt by the wardeins & feliship, and to bere & pay *your parte* of charge sett for *your* degre lyke as other of the same feliship shall do for their degre. Moreover ye shall not departe oute of the seid feliship for to serve, ne ye shall not accompeny you *with* any persooone or persooonez of any other feliship, wherthrough *prejudice* & hurte may in any wise growe unto the seid feliship of the *mercery*. And over this ye shall swere that duryng the tyme of *your servyce* ye shall neither bey ne sell for *your owne self* ne for any other persone. Ne that ye shall receyve any goodes or marchaundisez by any collour belonging unto any other persoon than oonely to *your maister* whiche that ye now serve or shall serve *withynne* the feliship of *þe mercerie*, except by his speciall licence & wille. And also that ye shall not take any shop, hows, *chambre*, seller ne warehows by any collour for to ocupie byeing & sellyng unto suche tyme as þat ye have ben *with* the wardeins of the *mercery* for the tyme beyng and by oon of hem for shopholder amytted, sworn & entered. Ne that ye shall take ne have any apprentice or any so for to ocupye unto that he be by you unto oon the seid wardeins for apprentice first presented & by the seid wardein so amytted. Alle which pointes & every of hem to *your power* wele & truly ye shall hold & kepe. So help you God etc.

Coppye of thothe for such persones as at Yeldhal be made fre of this Cite¹⁹

Ye shall swere that ye shalbe good & trew unto *our* liege lord Kyng of Englonde and to his heyres kynges. Obeisaunt & obedyent to the Mayor & to the minystres of this Cite. The *fraunchises* & custumes therof ye shall maynteyne and the cite kepe harmles in that that in you is. Ye shalbe contributory to al maner charges *within* this cite as somons, watches, contribucions, taskes, tallages, lotte & skotte, and all other charges bere *your parte* as another freman shall. Ye shall colour no foreyns good wherby the kyng might lose his custume or his avauntage. Ye shall know no foreyn to bey, sell nor merchaundise *with* anoþer foreyn of this cite nor the *fraunches* therof but ye warne the Chamberleyn therof or summe mynystre of the Chamber. Ye shall emplede no freman out of this cite while ye mow have right & law here *within*. Ye shall take none apprentice but if he be fre borne and for no lesse terme than for vii yers. *Within* the first yere ye shall do hym be enrolled and at the *termes* ende ye shall make hym fre if he have wele & truly served you. Ye shall also kepe the peace in your owen persone. Ye shall know no gaderynges, conventicles noþ[er] conspiracies made ayenst the peace but ye warne the Maier therof & let it to *your power*. All these poyntes ye shall well & truly kepe accordyng to the lawes & custumes of this Cite to *your power*. So help you God & halidome & by this Boke.

¹⁹ This oath is written on a small parchment sheet sewn on to the outside edge of this folio; it is in the same hand as the other oaths. The 'heading', placed here as a sub-title, is written on the reverse of the leaf.

f. A5r The oth that schal be made be the apprentice at his entre:²⁰
 3e schal sweren that well and trewely to *your* power²¹ 3e schal serven 3oure
 maister be al the tyme of 3oure apprentishode & 3e schal holde & performe alle
 the covenantes & condicions betwix 3oure maister and 3ow ymade. And at alle
 tymes to come 3e schal holde stedfastly, secretly and for conseyle alle & everiche
 the secret dedes, gode ordinaunces and appoyntmentis what that *ever* they
 ben to the feliship & craft of the mercery²² longynge, *without* hem or any of them
 for to schewen, deskoveren, tellen, enformen or entrecomen to any straunger
 or to any persone of *oper* craft thanne of the same crafte of the merceri. And ye
 shal not departe oute of the seid craft for to *serve* ne to acompany you *with* eny
 maner persone of eny other company or crafte wherthrough prejudise & hurte
 my3t growe unto þe seid crafte of the merceri or þe secretes therof þerby to be
 discovered & knowen. So helpe you God, all hallowen & be þis boke.

f. 6r Othe for apprentices:²³
 Ye shall swer that wele & truly to *your* power ye shall *serve your* maister duryng
 the *terme* of *your* apprentishode. And ye shall hold & perfourme the *covenantes*
 in *your* endentur of apprentishod conteyned. Also ye shall hold stedfastly,
 secretly & for counsell all & *everich* lefull ordynance what so *ever* they be to the
 craft or ocupacion of the mercery belongyng. And as much as in you is *everrich*
 of hem ye shall observe, holde & kepe and not to breke, discover, open or shew
 ony of hem to ony *persone* but to such as unto the feliship of the mercery is here
 accordyng to this othe sworn. And that ye shal not depart out & from the seid
 feliship for to *serve* ne to be accompanied *with* ony maner *persoone* of ony *oper*
 company, feliship, ocupacion or craft, wherby ony prejudyce, hurt or harme may
 grow & be unto the feliship of the mercery or ony the secretes þerof therby to be
 discovered & knowen. So help you God, alle seintes & be this boke.

20 The oath given in the *Book of Ordinances*, prelim. quire f. 2r, is substantially the same as this, with slight differences in wording only, and an additional first sentence, as is usual in that book, swearing to be true 'unto oure liege lorde the king and to his heires kinges'.

21 The preceding three words have been added above the line later in different ink but by the same scribe.

22 The preceding six words have been written interlinearly as a correction to 'they ben to the said craft longynge', and the words 'said craft' have been scored through.

23 The oath in the *Book of Ordinances*, prelim. f. 2r, is almost identical to the above, with only the usual preliminary oath of loyalty to the king and his heirs being additional and other wording and spelling differences being minimal.

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The inclusion in square brackets of dates of admission to the freedom is taken each time from Coke's Register (*Names of all Freemen of the Company from the 22 year of King Edward the Third, anno 1347*). This was started by John Coke, clerk to the Company, in 1528, and has been continued into the twentieth century. One may note that there are a number of problems over names and dates of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries given in this source.

Names are listed under a headword followed in many cases by all variants in spelling for this name found in the texts. The choice of headword under which to list a person has been determined by either the most commonly known form, or by the modern version of the placename (except that where doubt subsists as to the place, no change has been made), or by choosing among variants the one most commonly used by members of a family. Names in square brackets denote spellings that never in fact occur in the text, and these are always immediately followed by the spelling(s) actually found (for example [Birdlip] Birdlepe/Bridlepe).

It can at times be difficult to determine whether entries refer to two separate people with the same name or to one and the same person. Cross-references in the index below indicate some of these queries. When in doubt, I have usually preferred to make two entries rather than one, and those using this index should check all variant spellings of a name with care against the relevant entries in the texts.

Except in occasional circumstances, references to people are only listed here if they are actually named in the text. Thus, for example, the Prioress of St Helen's, Dame Margaret Stokes, appears for those years in which she is named; if a reference is only to a prioress, and her name not given, then she is not listed here, but in the Subject Index, under St Helen's, where all references to any prioress, named and unnamed, will be found.

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Abbreviations used are:

adm.	admitted, admission	iss.	issue (from apprenticeship terms)
app.	apprentice	pd	paid
d.	died, death	sal.	salary
ent.	entry, entered	w.	warden
f.	fine, fined, or fee (paid)		

- Abbot/Abote/Abbott/Abot**, John 1: app. of Thos Dyster, 1395–96: 19r, iss. 1406–07: 44v; [adm. 1407]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; 1423–24: 84v; 1432–33: 111v; w. 1415–16: 66v; 67r, 68v; w. 1422–23: 81v, 82r, 83v; w. 1428–29: 98r, 98v, 100v; w. 1432–33: 110r; 110v, 112r; sheriff, 1428–29: 98v, 100r; d. 1450–51: 170v;
- his bequeathed property: 2; 1444–45: 148v; 1450–51: 171v; R*3r; 1449–50: 166v; 1451–52: 173v, 175r; 1453: R10r; 1453–54: R11r; 1453–54: R13r; 1454–55: R15v; R16v; 455–56: R17v; R18r; 1456–57: R19r; R19v; 1457–58: R21r; R21v; 1458–59: R23r, R23v, R24r, R24v; 1459–60: R27v–R31v; 1460–61: R32r–35v; 1461–62: R36r–R39r; 1462–63: R39v–R42v; 1463–64: R43v–R46r;
- his obit and his priest: 1449–50: 166v; 1451–52: 174r; obit, 1453: R10v; his dirge, 1455: R16v; his obit, 1456: R18r; his obit, 1457: R19v; his obit, 1458: R21v; his priest at Farthinghoe (Fernyngo), 1457–58: R21v; his obit in St Lawrence Jewry, 1458–59: R23v; his obit, 1459–60: R29r; his obit, 1460–61: R33v; his obit, 1461–62: R37v; his obit, 1462–63: R41r; his obit, 1463–64: R44r;
- f. 1409–10: 51r; f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1416–17: 70r; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; f. 1423–24: 84v; f. 1427–28: 95r; debt 1433–34: 114v; debt 1434–35: 118r; 118v;
- his apps listed as John Polle, 1414–15: 65v; John Pantery, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; John Ros, 1422–23: 82v; John Roo, 1433–34: 113r; Lowys Wynter & Nich. Waller, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Pratte, 1437–38: 128v; Wm Pratte, 1444–45: 147v; Wm Pratte & Thos Philip, 1449–50: 164r.
- Abbott/Abot/Abote**, John 2: tenant in Coleman Street, 1459–60: R30r; 1460–61: R32r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r.
- Abelle**, William: ‘limner’ (illuminator of manuscripts): tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Abralle** *see* Ebralle
- Abyn**, John: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Abyngdon**, Roger: app. of John Jacome, 1453–54: 178r.
- Acombe**, William: app. of John Waltoun, 1395–96: 18v.
- Acreman**, Thomas: app. of John Boton, 1437–38: 128v.
- Acton**, Thomas: 1448–49: 161r.
- Adam/Adams**, John: app. of John Brodde, 1443–44: 144v, iss. 1443–44: 144r, [adm. 1442]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1448–49: 157v; 1447–48: 155v; 449–50: 162v; his apps listed as John Fisser, 1447–48: 155r; John Baker, 1450–51: 169v; Thos Fabyan, 1450–51: 169v; John Fischer, 1453–54: 178v; Thos Fabyan, 1458–59: 192v.
- Adams/Adames**, William: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1421–22: 80v; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v; debt 1435–36: 123r; debt 1436–37: 124r; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1438–39: 132v.
- Adam**, William 2: app. of Rich. Everley, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1454–55: 180r, [adm. 1455]; shopholder; ent. 1456–57: 186v.
- Addrianson/Arianson/Arehanson**, Peter: shipper, 1451–52: 174r; 1453–54: 179v.
- Adlen**, Robert: app. of John Tate, 1456–57: 185v.
- Admond(e)**, John: pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; w. 1423–24: 83v, 84r, 84v, 86v; d. 1435–36: 123r; bequest 1435–36: 119r; his apps listed as Geoff. Feldyng, 1411–12: 56v, Mich. Symond, 1415–16: 67v; John Bullok, 1420–21: 78v; Geoff. Feldyng, 1421–22: 80v; Thos Hethe & Thos Massyngberd, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Hethe, 1436–37: 124v. [see also J. Edmond 1?]
- Ady**, Thomas: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Agewe/Agu**, Richard: tenant (of 2 houses and a shop) in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r.
- Agor/Hagar/Hagur/Hager**, Nicholas: app. of John Brodde, 1443–44: 144v; app. of Thos Ryke, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r, f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1460–61: 199r; see also 1449–50: 162r; his apps listed as Wm Fleccher, 1461–62: 200v; Thos Pontesbery, 1463–64: 206v.
- Ailsham** *see* Aylsham
- Alabre**, Richard: app. of Ralph Marche, 1445–46: 150r.
- Albert**, Nicholas: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1452–53: 175v.
- Albon/-oun**, John: app. of Wm de Bury, 1391–92: 9r.
- Alburgh/Alborgh/Alborowe**, John: app. of John Lokke, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1448–49: 158r; pd 1454–55: 181r, pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; renter warden 1464–65; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1454–55: 180v, f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r;
- his apps listed as John Prentys, 1456–57: 185v; John Moyle, 1459–60: 195r; Harry Reynold, 1462–63: 204r; Wm Ede & Rog. Kelsam, 1463–64: 206v; John Prentys, 1463–64: 207r.

- Alburgh**/Alborowe/Albrough/Alborgh, William: app. of John Reynkyn, 1447–48: 154v; app. of John Lok, iss. 1456–57: 186v;¹ [adm. 1457 as late app. of John Locke]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; w. 1501: 212r; f. 1460–61: 198v; f. 1461–62: 201r; his apps listed as Rich. Stokdon, 1463–64: 206v; Wm Cosyn, 1463–64: 207r.
- Aldeburgh**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Alderford**, Edmund: w. 1402–03: 35v, 37r; 39v; fee pd 1403–04: 38v; f. 1403–04: 40r; f. 1410–11: 53v; his apps listed as John Paible, 1400–01: 32v; John Mounteneye, 1410–11: 54r.
- Ale**, John: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Aleley**, John: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Aleyn**, John 1: app. of John Otteley, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1395–96: 18r; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; w. 1402–03: 35v, 37r, 39v; w. 1409–10: 49v, 50v, 52v; f. 1414–15: 65r; his house 1416–17: 70r; his apps listed as John Condoun & Thos Wilwys, 1398–99: 27v; Hen. Osbern, 1403–04: 38v; John Cowndoun, 1407–08: 46v; Wm Cristian & Edm. Chymbham, 1408–09: 48v; Wm Brook, 1409–10: 51v; John Seymour, 1412–13: 58v; John Aleyn 2, 1413–14: 63r; John Seymore, 1413–14: 63r; Wm Palmere, 1414–15: 65v; John Aleyn 2, 1422–23: 82r; Wm Palmer, 1422–23: 82r.
- Aleyn(e)**, John 2:² app. of John Aleyn, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1420]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1449–50: 164v; alms 1461–80: 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; 1463–64: R44r; his apps listed as Henry Strete, 1429–30: 102r; John Renkyn, 1432–33: 110v; John Aleyne, Wm Asshe & John Camvile, 1435–36: 120v; John Camvyle, 1443–44: 144r.
- Aleyne**, John 3: app. of John Aleyne, 1435–36: 120v.
- Aleyn(e)**, John 4: app. of Matt. Fowcher, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1450]; tenant in Coleman Street, 1461–62: R38r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1463–64: R44v.
- Aleyn**, John 5: clerk of the Mayor's court, 1462–63: 205v.
- Aleyn/Alleyn**, John 6: Mayor of London, 1525–26: 211r.
- Aleyn/Aleyne**, Thomas: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r, w. 1395–96: 16v; w. 1395–96: 17v, 19v; w. 1403–04: 37r, 37v, 39r, 49r; 1403–04: A2r, w. 1415–16: 66v, 67r, 68v; w. 1421–22: 79v, 80r, 81v; bequest, 1437–38: 127r; f. 1407–08: 47r; his apps listed as Rob. Lyncoln & Herb. Estfeld, 1391–92: 6v; John Somnour, 1395–96: 18v; Wm Appiloun, 1397–98: 25r; John Onley, John Kirkeby & John Gerveys, 1401–02: 34v; Steph. Rydemere, 1404–05: 41r; John Wode, 1408–09: 48v; Wm Larke, 1411–12: 57r; Robt Nelissoun, 1412–13: 58v; Thos Asshewelle, 1415–16: 68r; Robt Blenerhayset, 1416–17: 70r; John Middeltoun, 1420–21: 78r; Wm Larke, 1420–21: 78v; Thos Asschby, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; Thos Aschby, 1423–24: 85r; Robt Blenderhasset, 1424–25: 87r.
- Aleyn**, Walter (Watkyn): app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1408–09: 48v; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1441–42: 139r; 1449–50: 162r; his app. listed as Rich. Polle, 1429–30: 102r.
- Aleyn**, William: app. of Laur. Hamptoun, 1400–01: 32r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*.
- Alfey**, John: app. of John Martyn, 1458–59: 193v.
- Alfold/Alfolde**, Piers: iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1432 by redemption]; ent. 1433–34: 113v; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 116r; pd 1435–36: 119r.
- [Algate]/Algate/Halgate/Halleyate/Haljat(e)/Halyat(e)/Haliat(e)/Haliot**, John: app. of Thos Saccheford, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1403–04: 38r; [adm. 1404]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; 1427–28: 94r; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1430–31: 105r; his apps listed as John Penne, 1419–20: 76r; Alex. Wareyn, 1423–24: 85r; Wm Cullyng 1427–28: 95r, 96r; John Penne, 1428–29: 99r; Rich. Bonne, 1428–29: 99r; Wm Collyng, 1433–34: 113v; Rich. Love, 1435–36: 119v.
- Allapert**, John: app. of Wm Prentys, 1424–25: 87v.
- Allard**, John: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1426–27: 92r.
- Allewyn** see Alwyn
- Alleyn** see Aleyn
- Alrede**, Richard: ent. 1446–47: 153r.
- Althertoun** see Atherton
- Alvers**, John: 1450–51: 170v.
- Alwyn/Alwyne/Allewyn**, Nicholas: app. of John Broddesworth, 1451–52: 172v; app. later of Rich. Riche, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463]; tenant in Catton Lane, 1459–60: R30r; 1460–61: R32v; shopholder 1462–63: 204r; f. 1463–64: 207v.

1 This entry almost certainly should refer to Wm Alburgh, although 'John' had been inserted later to the entry.

2 It is not always easy to decide to which of the first four men of this name an entry refers. The allocations above seem probable but are hypothetical and care should be taken.

- Alyenore**, Richard: iss. 1414–15: 65v.
- Amersham**/Amersam/Amersame/Hamersam/Hamersham, Philip: app. of John Stokton, 1438–39: 131v; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1448]; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; his app. listed as Robt Rodemerich, 1456–57: 185r.
- Amorigy**, Roger: iss. 1413–14: 62v; ent. 1413–14: 62r; pd x 2, 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v.
- Amour**, John: app. of Thos Hawe, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v.
- Amour**, William: app. of Wm Goodman, 1411–12: 57r; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1419].
- Anable**, Richard: app. of Robt Gregory, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1455].
- Andirton**, Robert: app. of Thos Tikylle, 1436–37: 124v.
- Andrew(e)**, John 1: app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1420]; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; w. 1440–41: 136v; tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; 1454–55: 180v, 1455–56: 183v; his son named as John Andrewe, 1459–60: 195r; his apps listed as John Lynes, 1435–36: 120r; John Lyne, 1443–44: 144r; John Roualle, 1443–44: 144v; Robt Weston, 1447–48: 154v; John Botiller, 1450–51: 169v; Thos Stubbes & John Walcote, 1455–56: 182v; Robt Weston, 1457–58: 190r; John Andrewe, 1459–60: 195r.
- Andrew(e)**, John 2: son and app. of John Andrewe, 1459–60: 195r.
- Andrew(e)**, Laurence: w. 1391–94: 5v, 11r, 11v, 12r, 12v, 13v, 14v, 15v; debt 1394–95: 16v, 17v, debt 1395–96: 20r, 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v, debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; 1392–93: 12r; f. 1394–95: 15r; his apps listed as Walt. Prodance, Rich. Harpour, Rich. Aylmer, John Moryell & Wm Wy 1395–96: 18v.
- Andrew**, Richard: app. of Thos Cok, 1433–34: 113r.
- Andrew**, William 1: app. of John Stokton, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- Andrew**, William 2: app. of Wm Skidmore, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1474].
- Anketylle**/Anketille/Anketylle, Thomas: alms 1419–25: 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 87v.
- Analby**/Andelaby, Richard: app. of Wm Heende, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1467].
- Anne**, queen of Richard II: 1396–97: 22v.
- Anoregrey**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Ansam**/Aunsham, Richard: app. of Harry Frowyk and then of John Shipton, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457 as late app. of H. Frowyk]; servant of John Shipton and John Warde, f. 1456–57: 187r, 187v; f. 1461–62: 201v.
- Anselle**, John: app. of John Chirche, 1429–30: 102r.
- Aperley**, Richard: app. of Thos Bataile, 1434–35: 116r.
- Apperle**/Aperle, Thomas: app. of John Rayner, iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm 1463].
- [Appleby]**Appilby, John 1: app. of Thos Bataille, 1412–13: 60r.
- [Appleby]**Appulby, John 2: app. of Thos Steele, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457].
- [Appleby]**Appelby, Thomas: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
- Arable** *see* Orable
- Archebold**/Archepold, Robert: app. of Sim. Bertelot, iss. 1418–19: 74r; [adm. 1417]; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; f. 1423–24: 85r; his app. listed as John Baret, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Arches**, Agnes: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Arderne**, John: app. of Edw. Blakeney, 1437–38: 128v.
- Arehanson**, Arianson *see* Addrianson
- Armorer**/Armurer/Armoner, Thomas: app. of Wm Eryngton, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; f. 1435–36: 121r.
- Arneway**/Arnewey/Arnwey, Robert 1: app. of Rich. Harpour, 1408–09: 48v; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; f. 1435–36: 121r; his apps listed as Nich. Collyng, 1439–40: 134v; Nich. Golenge, 1449–50: 164r.
- Arneway**/Arnewey, Robert 2: app. of John Stokton, 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].
- Arnold**, Richard: app. of John Seyer, 1442–43: 141r.
- Arondelle** *see* Arundel
- Arthur**/Arthour/Artour, John: app. of John Nutbroun, ent. and iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1440]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as Thos Hore & Wm Kokman, 1447–48: 155r; as Thos Hore, 1456–57: 186v.
- [Arundel]**Arundelle/Arondelle, Dame Elizabeth: prioress of Haliwell, 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1427–28: 97r; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v. (*see also* Subject Index)
- Asby**, John: app. of Alein Everard, 1409–10: 51v.
- Asby** *see also* Ashby
- Aschby** *see* Ashby
- Asche** *see* Asshe

- Ascheden**, John: app. of Rich. Bonefaunt, 1456–57: 186r.
- [Ashbourne]** Asshebourn, John: app. of John Tate, 1456–57: 185v.
- [Ashby]** Assheby, George: app. of Thos Walker, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1459 as late app. of Robert Walker].
- [Ashby]** Asshby, John: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [Ashby]**/Asshby/Aschby/Asschby/Assheby, Thomas: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422]; f. 1426–27: 91r; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; his app. listed as Raff Cheveney, 1426–27: 92r.
- Ashby** *see also* Asby
- [Ashton]** Asshton, John: lawyer, 1442–43: 143r. *see also* Asshe
- Ashton**, Maud: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [Ashwell]** Asshewelle, Henry/Harry 1: app. of Ralph Verney, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r, f. 1458–59: 193r, f. 1460–61: 198v; f. 1463–64: 207v; his apps listed as Robt Frende & John Osbarne, 1456–57: 185v.
- [Ashwell]** Asshewell, Harry 2: app. of Ralph Verney, iss. 1450–51: 169v.
- [Ashwell]** Asshewelle, Thomas 1: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1415–16: 68r.
- [Ashwell]** Asshewelle, Thomas 2: app. of John Tate, 1463–64: 206v.
- Askham**, William: mayor 1403–04: 37v.
- Asperle**, Thomas: app. of Robt Frankes, 1445–46: 149v.
- Aspilon**-oun, William: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1397–98: 25r.
- Aspryngton**/oun, John: app. of Thos Secheford, 1408–09: 48v.
- Asschby** *see* Ashby
- Asshe**/Assh/Assche, John 1: app. of Thos Tykelle, ent. & iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1420]; 1420–21: 78r *bis*; pd 1435–36: 119v; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; exec. of John Admonde, 1435–36: 119r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1448–49: 158r; his apps listed as Thos Yonge, 1442–43: 141r; Robt Coke, 1445–46: 150r; John Pynder, 1447–48: 154v; Rich. Bonefaunt, 1447–48: 155r; Thos Kitwilde, 1455–56: 182v.
- Asshe**/Assh, John 2 ('the younger'): app. of Wm Stephens, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v, f. 1448–49: 157v; his apps listed as Wm Slyke & John Skele, 1456–57: 185r; John Pynder, 1458–59: 192v.
- Asshe**/Asche, John 3: app. of Wm Stevens, 1452–53: 175v; app. of Wm Stevens, then of Edm. Bettes, iss. 1459–60: 195v.
- [Asshe]**Asche, John 4: sergeant, 1455–56: 184r; *see also* Ashton
- Asshe**, Reynold: ent. 1460–61: 199r; serving-man of Harry Frowyk, 1460–61: 199r.
- [Asshe]**Asche, Robert: app. of Rich. Bonefaunt, 1456–57: 186r.
- Asshe**, William: app. of John Aleyne, 1435–36: 120v.
- Asshedene**, John: app. of Thos Nyche, 1452–53: 175v.
- Asteley**, John: app. of Aust. Stratton, 1446–47: 152v.
- Astelle**, John: tenant in Pye 1426–27: 93r.
- Aston**/-oun, William 1: app. of Stephen Speleman, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1411].
- Aston**, William 2: chaplain: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Aswy**, Richard: witness 1291: 210v.
- Aswy**, Stephen: witness 1291: 210v.
- [Atherstone]**Atherstoun/Atherestoun, John: app. of Thos Seggefard, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410, as late app. of John Sikilbrice]; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62r; his app. listed as John Ferby, 1412–13: 60r.
- Atherton**/-oun/Athirton/Althertoun, Piers: app. of James Bynd, 1424–25: 87v; then app. of John Bynde, iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1432]; f. 1435–36: 121r.
- Attelhull** *see* Hulle
- Attemylle** *see* Mille
- Attewater** *see* Water
- Attewode** *see* Wood
- [Atwell]**Attewell/Atthewell, Sir William: priest; sal. 1451–52: 174r.
- Atwell** *see also* Well
- Atwood**, Atwode *see* Wood
- Audeby**, William: his apps listed as Thos Gentil & Rob. de la Mare, 1391–92: 7v; Thos Marcheford, 1395–96: 18v.
- Audeley**, John: app. of John Coventre, iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429]; fee 1430–31: 106r. [*see also* J. Awdole]
- Aunselle**, Maud: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Aunselle**, Nicholas: tenant in St Martin Outwich, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Austyn**, Thomas 1: his apps listed as Rob. Speek, Hugh Clerk, Thos Aleyn, John White, Rob. Berkwey, John Skyteby, Rich. Setryngtoun & John Boteler, 1391–92: 6r.
- Austyn**, Thomas 2: app. of John Otle, 1395–96: 18r, iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r.

- Austyn**, Thomas 3: app. of John White, junior, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1407–08: 46v; [adm. 1409].
- Austyn**, Thomas 4 (probably the same as one of the others of this name): rent-collector, sal. 1420–21: 79r; sal. 1421–22: 81r; sal. 1422–23: 83v; 1423–24: 86v; as a former rent-collector, 1426–27: 93r; 1427–28: 97v; 1428–29: 100r; 1429–30: 104r; 1430–31: 107r.
- Awbrey**, William: app. of Rich. Wise, 1455–56: 182r; f. 1455–56: 182r.
- Awdole**, John: app. of Thos Depdene, 1419–20: 76r. [see also J. Audeley]
- Axe** *see* Haxay
- Aylesbury**, Robert: app. of Thos Newentoun, 1395–96: 19r.
- Ayleward**, Richard: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1408–09: 48v; [adm. 1412].
- Aylleward**, William: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- [**Aylmere**]Aylmer/Haylemere, John: app. of Wm Brigge, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1429].
- Aylmere**/Aylmer/Aylemer/Aylemere/Eylmere, Richard: app. of Laur. Andrewwe, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; w. 1411–12: 55v, 56v, 58r; w. 1421–22: 79v, 80r, 81v; bequest 1428–29: 99r; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1404–05: 42r; his apps listed as John Forde, 1408–09: 48v; Robt Rustoun, 1409–10: 51v; Thos Cook, 1414–15: 65v; Wm Aylemer, 1419–20: 76r; John Deram, 1422–23: 82v; Thos Cokke, 1425–26: 89v; Harry Wetyngton, 1428–29: 99r; John Derham, 1429–30: 101v; Hen. Whityngdon, 1435–36: 119v.
- [**Aylmere**]Aylemer, Robert: app. of John Derham, 1433–34: 113r.
- [**Aylmere**]Aylemer, William 1: app. of Rich. Aylemer, 1419–20: 76r.
- [**Aylmere**]Aylemere, William 2: app. of Wm Melreth, 1426–27: 92r.
- [**Aylsham**]/Aylesham/Ailsham, Alayn de: pd 1347–48: 3v; w. 1348–49: 4v.
- Bachelor**, Richard: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1453–54: R14r.
- Bachelor**, Robert: app. of Thos Tornour, 1419–20: 76r.
- Bacon**, Katharine: tenant in the Royal, 1447: R*2r.
- Bacon**/Bacoun/Bakoun, Nicholas: app. of John Shadworth, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1395]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; w. 1399–1400: 28v, 29v, 31r; f. x 2 1404–05: 41r; f. 1404–05: 42r; debt 1406–07: 45v; d. 1427–28: 95r; his apps listed as John Scales, 1398–99: 27r; Robt Reynham, 1404–05: 41r.
- Bacquill**, John de: 1291: 210v.
- [**Badcock**]Badcok/Badkoke, John: founder; tenant; debt 1451–52: 175r; debt, 1453: R10r.
- Bady**, Thomas: app. of Robt Skrayngham, 1460–61: 198r.
- Bageys**, John: app. of John Sybille, 1391–92: 7r.
- Bagot**, Edmund: app. of John Stokton, 1456–57: 185v.
- Baile**, John: app. of Wm Pekke, 1417–18: 72v.
- Baile** *see also* Bale
- Bailly**/Baillee, John: app. of Wm Rose, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
- Baker**, Alexander: app. of Thos Freman, 1430–31: 105v.
- Baker**, John 1: app. of John Dorham, 1435–36: 120r.
- Baker**, John 2: app. of Rand. Strete, 1447–48: 155r.
- Baker**, John 3 (perhaps = JB2): app. of John Adams, iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1459–60: 196r; tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r; his tenement, 1453: R10r; tenant at the Catherine Wheel, 1460–61: R34v; w. 1464–65: 208v; his former app. named as John Fisser, 1456–57: 187v; his apps listed as Thos Fabyan, 1458–59: 192v; Robert Roo, 1461–62: 200v; Hugh Clopton, 1462–63: 204r.
- Baker** *see also* Barker
- Bakker**, Jenyn: 'curroure' (a running messenger), 1463–64: 208v.
- Bakoun** *see* Bacon
- Bakster**, Thomas: app. of Wm Stevenes, 1451–52: 172v.
- [**Baldewyn**]Baudewyn, John: lawyer 1455–56: 184r.
- Baldewyn**, Robert: app. of Nich. Hatton, 1462–63: 203v.
- [**Baldewyn**]Baudewyn, Thomas: app. of John Olney, 1429–30: 102r.
- Baldewyn**/Bawdewyn, William: app. of Ralph Verney, 1447–48: 154v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; shopholder; ent. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1459–60: 196r.
- Baldry** *see* Bawdre
- Bale**, John 1: app. of John Lane, 1395–96: 18v.
- Bale**, John 2 (?): f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*.
- Bale**, Robert: scrivener, 13–14, 24; 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r; 1443–44: 146v; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151v; 1446–47: 154r; 1447–48: 157r; 1448–49: 161v.
- Bally**, Isabelle: silkwoman 1415–16: 68v.
- Bally**/Balle, John: app. of Robt Speke, 1395–96: 18v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; pd 1399–

- 1400: 29v; debt 1415–16: 69r; debt 1416–17: 71r; 1417–18: 72v.
- Bamme**, Adam: Mayor and escheator, 1390–91: 22r, 22v.
- [Banaster]**Banastre, Nicholas: iss. 1405–06: 43r; ent. 1405–06: 42v; pd 1405–06: 42v; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r.
- [Banaster]**Banastre, Roger: app. of John Middelton, 1443–44: 145r.
- [Banbury]**Banbery, John: tenant in Budge Row, 1453–54: R14r.
- Bancroft**/Bankroft, William 1: app. of Wm Stevenys, iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1448]; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1457–58: 190r, his apps listed as John Bradsha, 1452–53: 175v; John Bolton, 1456–57: 185v.
- Bancroft**, William 2: app. of Thos Wotton, 1453–54: 178r.
- Banknot**/Banknotte, John: app. of Rich. Bonefaunt, iss. 1456–57: 186r; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; pd 1463–64: 207v; beadle 1472– ; R44r (*footnote*).
- Banknot**, William: app. of Rog. Bonefant, 1453–54: 178v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463]; w. 1495: 211v.
- Bankwelle**, John: app. of Rich. Bonyfaunt, 1446–47: 152v.
- Bannowe**/Banno/Banove, Thomas: app. of John Harrowe, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1453]; f. 1461–62: 201r.
- Barantyn**/Barentyn, Drew: [goldsmith]; mayor 1408–09: 49v.
- Barard** *see* Berard
- Barbeley**, William: app. of Wm Redknappe, 1445–46: 149v.
- Barbour**, Anna: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Barbour**, Joanna: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Barbour**, John 1: app. of Rob. Webbe, 1391–92: 9r; debt 1406–07: 45v.
- Barbour**/Barbur, John 2: app. of Robt Frankes, 1447–48: 155r.
- Barby**/Berby/Bernby, John: 23; app. of Thos Welton, 1417–18: 72v; app. of Thos Welton & Thos Fauconer, iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1430]; pd 1435–36: 119v; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; w. 1459–60: 194v, 195r, 196v, 198r, 200r, R29r; warden and renter, 1459–60: R27v–R31v; auditor, 1460–61: R35r, R35v, 200r; sum paid out of monies of 1455–56: R18v; from monies of 1456–57: R20v; from monies of 1457–58, R22v; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1429–30: 102v; f. 1429–30: 104v; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 148r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v;
- his apps listed as John Robert, 1437–38: 128v; John Robert, 1443–44: 144r; Thos Stavirton, 1459–60: 195r.
- Barby**/Berby, Thomas: app. of Ralph Verney, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1461–62: 201r; f. 1463–64: 207v;
- his apps listed as Thos Kyseng, 1461–62: 200v; Wm Dam, 1463–64: 206v; Ralph Vavasour, 1463–64: 207r.
- Barde**, Anneis [Agnes]: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Barde**, Bilesard (de): tenant in St Martin Outwich, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; debt paid , 1459–60: R28r; 1460–61: R34v.
- Bardolf**, John: app. of Everard Flete, 1424–25: 87v.
- Barentyn** *see* Barantyn
- Baret** *see* Barret
- Barkele** *see* Berkeley
- Barker**, Thomas: app. of Thos Traynelle, iss. 1439–40: 134v; [adm. 1441].
- Barkere**, William 1: f. 1423–24: 84v.
- Barker**/Baker, William 2: app. of Wm Hardewyke, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1439].
- Barkewey** *see* Berkway
- Barkle** *see* Berkeley
- [Barley]**Barle, John: app. of John Lambart, iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455].
- Barley**/Barlee/Barle/Barly, Robert: app. of Sim. Lawnde, 1435–36: 120r; app. of Thos Dounton, iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1442]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1454–55: 180v, f. 1457–58: 190r, f. 1459–60: 196r; his app. listed as Steph. Freman, 1449–50: 163r and 1458–59: 192v.
- [Barley]**Barly, William: app. of John Lambard, 1445–46: 150r.
- [Barnaby]**Barnabe, William 1: app. of Thos Cressy, 1405–06: 43r.
- [Barnaby]**Barnabe, William 2: app. of Thomas [Rike], iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1443]; f. 1443–44: 144r.
- Barnard** *see* Bernard
- Barnet**, Master Richard: lawyer, 1442–43: 143r.
- [Baron]**Baroun, John: app. of Thos Sawston, 1456–57: 186r.
- Baron**/Baroun/Barun, Robert: 17, 41; app. of Rich. Lovelas, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1435]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; w. 1446–47: 152r, 154v; w. 1454–55: 179v, 180r, 182r, R16v; renter, 1449–50: 165r, R*1v, R7r; renter 1450–51: R8r; renter 1452: R8v;

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f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. x 2, 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1452–53: 176r; debt 1450–51: 171v; gift, 1449–50: 168r, 168v; see also 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 167r; 1451–52: 173v; 1452: 174v; 1460–61: 199v;

his apps listed as Wm Grofman, 1439–40: 134v; Ph. Spire, 1443–44: 144r; Rich. Clyf & Thos Sawston, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Groveman, 1447–48: 154v; John Lewys, 1447–48: 155r; Nich. Waldef, 1450–51: 169v; Rich. Syffe, 1450–51: 169v; John Kervell, 1451–52: 172v; Thos Sawston, 1454–55: 180r; Nich. Waldiff, 1458–59: 192v.

[Barret]Baret, Henry: app. of John Bostoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.

[Barret]Baret, John 1: app. of John Fauntleroy, 1413–14: 63r.

[Barret]Baret, John 2: app. of Robt Archebold, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.

Barret/Baret/Barette/Barete/Beret, John 3: app. of John Sturjoun, 1433–34: 113r; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 148r.

[Barret]Baret, John 4: app. of John Sturgeon, iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1453].

[Barret]Barett/Baret, Thomas: app. of Wm Irwilliam, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1447–48: 154v; [adm. 1444].

Barry, John: iss. 1391–92: 10r, pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; his apps listed as John Somerford & John Storyn, 1395–96: 19r.

Bartelot/Barthelot/Bartlot/Bertelot/Berthelot, Simon (also as Symkyn): iss. 1391–92: 10r; fee 1391–92: 10v; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; w. 1414–15: 64r, 64v, 66v; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; f. 1423–24: 84v; his will: 64r *footnote*; bequest 1427–28: 96r;

his apps listed as James Grigge, 1395–96: 19r; Wm Hott & John Birdlepe, 1417–18: 72v; Wm Hott 1417–18: 72v; Robt Archebold, 1418–19: 74r; John Happsford, 1418–19: 74r; Hen. Warner, 1420–21: 78v; John Saymour & Thos Wynter, 1422–23: 82r; John Happsford, 1430–31: 106r.

[Bartelot]Bartelot, Thomas: app. of Thos Gille, 1429–30: 102r, 102v.

Bartelot/Bertelot, William: f. 1406–07: 44v; his apps listed as Henry Daubeney, John Raland & John Farnham, 1391–92: 7r; Thos Nortoun & Thos Wynter, 1404–05: 41r; John Bridlepe, 1408–09: 48v.

[Barton]Bertoun, John 1: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r.

Barton/-oun, John 2: app. of Thos Cressy, 1405–06: 43r.

Barton/-oun/Bertoun, Walter: app. of John Otlee, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v; his app. listed as Wm Torver, 1411–12: 56v.

Barton/-oun, William 1: app. of John Strattoun, 1410–11: 54r. [*see also* Batour]

Barton, William 2 *see* Boton

Bartyn, Robert: app. of Rich. Syff, 1456–57: 185v.

Basford, John: app. of John Roo, 1451–52: 172v.

[Basingstoke]Basyngstoke, Richard de: goldbeater, sheriff 1347–48: 1r.

Basketmaker, Robert: debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v.

Basset, [Robert]: salter; sheriff 1463–64: 208r.

Basset, Thomas: app. of Wm Mille, 1443–44: 144v.

Basset, William: app. of John Tate, 1449–50: 163v.

Bastwyk, John 1: app. of Rich. Bures, 1423–24: 85v.

Bastwyk, John 2 (or same as JB 1?): app. of Thos Onhand, iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1442]; 1448–49: 161r.

Bastewyk, Katharine: tenant in Bassishaw, 1463–64: R45r.

Basyngham, Thomas: app. of John Lokke, 1452–53: 175v.

Bataille/Bataylle/Batail/Bataile/Batayle, Thomas: app. of Thos Depden, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; w. 1421–22: 79v, 80r, 81v; w. 1427–28: 93v, 94r, 98r; w. 1433–34: 112r, 112v, 114v; w. 1443–44: 143v, 147r; f. 1435–36: 121r; bequest 1457–58: 190v; see also 1421–22: 81r; 1435–36: 120v; 1436–37: 124r; 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r; 1449–50: 162v;

his apps listed as John Appilby, 1412–13: 60r; John Kyrkeby, 1420–21: 78v; John Kyrkeby, 1426–27: 91v; Wm Pomfret, 1427–28: 96r; John Rugewyn, 1430–31: 105v; Wm Pomfreyt, 1430–31: 106r; Rich. Musley & Rich. Aperley, 1434–35: 116r; Chris. Plommer, 1442–43: 141r.

Batour, William: app. of John Strattoun, iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1420]. [*see also* Barton]

Baudewyn *see* Baldewyn

Bawde/Baude/Baud, John: app. of John Bostoun, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1421]; f. 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Piers Kemp, 1422–23: 82v; James Cromwell, 1426–27: 92r; James Woleton, 1427–28: 96r; Piers Kempe 1429–30: 101r; Piers Kempe as former app.: 105r.

- Bawde**, William: app. of John Seymor, 1442–43: 141r.
- Bawdewyn** *see* Baldewyn
- Bawdre** [Baldry], William: searcher (shipping customs officer) 1461–62: 201v, 202v.
- Bawne**, Thomas: his tenement, 1453: R10v.
- Baxter**, Thomas: app. of Wm Stevens, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; f. 1461–62: 201r; his app. listed as Steph. Gibson, 1463–64: 207r.
- Baynard**, John: app. of Robt Strode, 1426–27: 92r; then app. of Ol. Snytale, iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1436].
- Baynard**, William: tenant in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v.
- Beauchamp**, John: tenant in Bassishaw, 1461–62: R38r.
- Beauchamp**, William de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Beaufitz**, Richard: app. of Wm Dantre, 1435–36: 119v.
- Beaufo**/Beaufu/Beaufeu, Thomas: app. of Wm Milreth, 1431–32: 108v; iss. 1439–40: 134v; [adm. 1441]; his app. listed as John Goodyere, 1441–42: 139r.
- Beaufort**, Henry: Duke of Somerset: 1456–57: 188v.
- [Beddington]**Bedyngtoun, Nicholas de: pd 1347–48: 3v; his apps listed as Roger de Cantebrug & John de Lyndesey, 1347–48: 4r.
- Bedon**, William: app. of John Warde, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1472].
- Bedston**, William: app. of Wm Talbot, 1451–52: 172v.
- Beek**, Richard: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1405–06: 43r.
- Beke**, Thomas: app. of Ralph Marche, 1455–56: 182r; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Bekeswelle**, Thomas: app. of Thos Philippe, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1417–18: 72v; [adm. 1416]; fee 1417–18: 72v.
- Bekylswade** [Biggleswade], William: app. of Aust. Stratton, 1442–43: 141r.
- Bekyngham**, Margaret: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Bekyngton**-oun, Thomas: app. of Wm Walderne, 1403–04: 38v.
- Belamy**: wood-merchant? 1453–54: R15r.
- Beldon**, John: app. of Sim. Dawdele, 1456–57: 186r.
- Bele**, John: app. of John Maymond, 1391–92: 7v; beadle: sal. 1409–10: 52r; sal. 1410–11: 55r; 1411–12: 57v; sal. 1412–13: 61r; sal. 1413–14: 63v; sal. 1414–15: 66r; 1414–15: 66r; sal. 1415–16: 68v; sal. 1416–17: 70v; sal. 1417–18: 73r; sal. 1418–19: 74v; 1418–19: 74v; sal. 1419–20: 76v; rent-collector; sal. 1419–20: 77r; sal. 1420–21: 79r; beadle: sal. 1421–22: 81r; sal. 1422–23: 83r; last year as beadle, sal. 1423–24: 85v; alms 1424–25: 87v; his apps listed as John Drask, 1391–92: 7r; Wm Tikelwardyne, 1395–96: 18v.
- Beleter**/Belyeter/Belyetir/Belyter/Bylletter, Thomas: app. of John Strangways, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1436]; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; 1449–50: 162v; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 196r; tenant in Bassishaw, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; debt 1460–61: 200r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r.
- Belgrave**, Piers/Peter: app. of Thos Vyvent, 1391–92: 6v, iss. 1395–96: 18r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; alms 1425–34: 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r; 1433–34: 114r; his apps listed as Wm Skynner & Wm Peek, 1400–01: 32v; Wm Belgrave, 1409–10: 51v.
- Belgrave**, Thomas: sergeant at arms, 1462–63: 205r.
- Belgrave**, William 1: app. of John Shadworth, 1391–92: 6r.
- Belgrave**, William 2: app. of Piers Belgrave, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1411].
- Belgrave**, William 3: app. of Wm Pekke, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1425].
- Belle**, John: app. of John Cottesford, 1426–27: 92r.
- Belle**, Nicholas: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r; 1459–60: R30r.
- Belton**, John: app. of John Brodde, 1444–45: 147v.
- Belyeter**, Belyetir, Belyter *see* Beleter
- Belyngton**, William: app. of Bonyfaunt, 1448–49: 159r.
- Bencham**, Robert: app. of John Elys, 1408–09: 48v.
- Bendishe**, Thomas: app. of John Seccheford, 1424–25: 87r.
- Benet**, Harry: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1456–57: 185v.
- Benet**, Sir John: chaplain, 1449–50: 165r.
- Benet**, John 1: app. of Thos Erl, 1391–92: 8v.
- Benet**, John 2: tenant in Tower Hill, 1462–63: R41v.
- Benet**, Thomas 1: app. of Wm Hales, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1434]; f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r.
- Benet**, Thomas 2: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1470].
- Benge**, John: app. of Rich. Foliat, iss. 1438–39: 131v; [adm. 1440].

- Benham**, John: app. of Ralph Verney, 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1472].
- Benyngton**/-oun, John: app. of John Frosshe, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1409–10: 51r.
- Benyngton**/-oun, Nicholas: his apps listed as Rob. Roos, Rad. Elsyng, John Lordyng, Rich. Maynard, John Shirbourne, John Subdoun, John Hoghtoun, Thos Neuelyn, Rich. Orwelle & Thos Heley, 1391–92: 9r.
- Berard**/Barard, John: app. of Thos Shirwynd, 1428–29: 99r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1439]; f. 1437–38: 129r.
- [Berard]**Barard, Thomas 1: app. of Thos Brangwayn, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400].
- Berard**/Barard/Borard, Thomas 2: app. of John Wode, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; app. of John Wode & Rich. Riche, iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1429]; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. x 2, 1443–44: 145r;
his apps listed as Wm Hatter, 1435–36: 120r; Rich. Smythe, 1439–40: 134v; Wm Hatter, 1443–44: 144r; John Mayner, 1445–46: 149v.
- Berby** *see* Barby
- Beret** *see* Barret
- Berwyk** *see* Berwick
- Berford** *see* Burford
- Berkeley**/Barkele/Barkle, John: app. of Thos Dounton, 1439–40: 134v; app. of Wm Thornhille, iss. 1445–46: 149v; [adm. 1444]; 1462–63: 205r; 1463–64: 208v.
- Berkway**/Berkwey/Berkewey/Barkewey, Robert: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1397]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v.
- Bernabe** *see* Barnaby
- Bernard**/Barnard, Thomas 1: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1409–10: 51v; then app. of John Butler the younger, iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1420].
- Bernard**, Thomas 2: scrivener, 1453–54: R15r; 1455–56: 184r; 1460–61: 199v.
- Bernby** *see* Barby, Barnaby
- Berne**, Richard: w. 1518: 212r.
- Bernewey**/Bernnewey, William: app. of Wm Caundische, 1423–24: 85r; app. of Wm Cavendysshe, iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd 1438–39: 131r; his app. listed as Robt Castelle, 1438–39: 131v.
- Bernham**, John: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
- Bertelot** *see* Bartelot
- Berton**, -oun *see* Barton
- [Berwick]**Berwyk/Berwik, Thomas 1: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; his app. listed as John Cottoun, 1417–18: 72v.
- [Berwick]**Berewyk, Thomas 2: app. of John Shelley, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1472].
- Bery**, Ralph: app. of Wm Myles, 1456–57: 186r.
- Best**/Beste, John: iss. 1409–10: 51r; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; d. 1426–27: 91r.
- Beston**/-oun, John: app. of Wm Shiryngnam, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400].
- Betelee**/Betele/Betlee, Richard: w. 1376–77: A2r; alms 1414–17: 1414–15: 66r; 1415–16: 68r; 1416–17: 70v.
- Betelee**/Botelee, Robert: his apps listed as John Sykylbrys, John Holand & Wm Herford, 1391–92: 7v; as Thos Estoun, 1395–96: 18v.
- Beteley**, William: app. of Roger Madour, 1347–48: 4r.
- Betoyenne**, Imgramus de: keeper of the small beam; d. 1291: 210v.
- Betoyenne**/Bettoun, William de: keeper of the small beam, May 1291–1298: 210v.
- Bettes**/Bettis/Bette/Pettys, Edmund: app. of John Lokke, 1443–44: 144v; app. of Rich. Wychingham, iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1466]; fee 1452–53: 176r; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–59: 193r;
his apps listed as Piers Orvin, 1457–58: 189v, 196v; John Roo, 1459–60: 195v; John Asche, 1459–60: 195v; Wm Bollere, 1460–61: 198r, John Roger & Wm Orelle, 1463–64: 206v.
- Bettes**, John: app. of Thos Middeltoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Bettes**/Bettz, William 1: app. of John Warde, 1448–49: 159r; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; his tenement, 1453: R10r; tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1453–54: R11r; shopholder 1461–62: 201r; f. 1463–64: 207v.
- Bettes**, William 2 ('the younger'): app. of John Marchalle, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1466].
- Bettesham**/Bette, Philip: app. of Alex. Orable, 1440–41: 137r; iss. 1448–49: 158v; [adm. 1447].
- Bettoun** *see* Betoyenne
- Beulee**, John: app. of John Wasshebourne, 1424–25: 87v.
- [Beverley]**Beverle/Bevirle, John: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Beverley**, William: app. of Wm Prentis, 1429–30: 102r.
- Beville**, William: app. of Thos Spark, 1412–13: 60r.

- Beynham** *see* Raynham
- Bigges**, John: tenant in Moor Lane, 1462–63: R41v.
- Bilby**, Richard: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1395–96: 18v.
- Bille**, John: app.³ of John Olney, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1429]; attorney of John Olney; f. 1427–28: 95r, 98r; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v.
- Bille**, William *see* John Bille
- Billesby**, Christopher: app. of Wm Hende, 1463–64: 207r.
- Bircham**, Henry: app. of Walt. Cottoun, 1408–09: 48v.
- Birde**, Anneis [Agnes]: tenant in Bassishaw, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Birde/Bridde**, John: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Bird**: [=John Birde?] his wife [Agnes?], 1461–62: R36v; 1462–63: R40r.
- [Birdlip]**Birdlepe/Bridlepe, John: app. of Wm Bartelot, 1408–09: 48v; then app. of Sim. Bertelot; iss. 1417–18: 72v; [adm. 1416 as app. of Simon B.].
- [Birdlip]**Bridlepe, William: app. of Nich. Hamme, 1395–96: 18v.
- Birlyngham/Byrlyngham**, Thomas: app. of Wm But, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r.
- Birtoun** *see* Byrtoun
- Bisshoppe**, John: rent-collector of the Prior of Ixworth, 1463–64: 208v.
- Bitterden**, Thomas: app. of Walt. Cottoun, 1403–04: 38v.
- [Blackhall]**Blakhalle, Alexander: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r. [*see also* Blake]
- Blackehalle**, John 1: app. of John Estmond, 1415–16: 68r.
- [Blackhall]**Blakhalle/Blakhal, John 2: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1448–49: 158v; [adm. 1447].
- Blake**, Alexander: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Blakeburn**, Katharine: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Blakeney**, Edmund: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1435–36: 120r.
- Blakeney/Blakney**, Edward: app. of John Bostoun, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1434]; f. 1437–38: 129r; his app. listed as John Arderne, 1437–38: 128v.
- Blakeney**, Robert: app. of Thos Dullay, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Blakerby**, John: app. of Robt Cobholt, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1471].
- Blakmeur**, Robert: app. of John Lynys, 1449–50: 163v.
- Blankensoppe**, Blencansop(e) *see* Blenkinsop
- Blenderhasset** *see* Blennerhasset
- Blendon/-oun/Blendone**, Sir Roger:⁴ Guppey's priest; sal. 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 102v; 1430–31: 106r; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r; 1433–34: 114r; 1434–35: 117r; 1435–36: 121v.
- Blennerhayset** *see* Blennerhasset
- [Blenkinsop]**Blenkensop/Blenkynsop/Blencansop/Blencansope, Richard: app. of John Coventre, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1430]; fee 1429–30: 102v; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r.
- [Blenkinsop]**Blencansope, Robert: f. 1438–39: 132v.
- [Blenkinsop]**Blenkynsoppe/Blenkinsope, Roger: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1435].
- [Blenkinsop]**Blankensoppe, William: app. of Wm Cavendissh, 1418–19: 74r.
- [Blennerhasset]**Blennerhayset/Blennerhaysset/Blenderhasset, Robert: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1424–25: 87r; [adm. 1426]; f. 1427–28: 95v.
- Bleseby/Blesby**, John: 22–3; app. of Thos Muschamp, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; debt, 1453: R10v; rent-collector, 1453–54: R11v, R12v; R13r; R15r; 1454: R15v; salary, 1454–55: R16v; 1455–56: R18r; 1456–57: R20v; 1457–58: R22v; 1458–59: 194v, R25r; debts owing to him, 1454–59: R25v–26v, R28r; his negligence, 1459–60: R31r; debt paid in part, 1459–60: R28r; 1460–61: R35v; tenant in Coleman Street, 1460–61: R32v; former rent-collector, 1461–62: R39r, R39v; 1462–63: R42v, R43r.
- Blound**, Radulphus le: 1291: 210v.
- Blount**, John le: 1291: 210v.
- Blower/Blowar**, Geoffrey: app. of John Roo, 1445–46: 149v; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1451]; servant of John Roo, 1456–57: 187v; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1460–61: 198v; f. 1462–63: 204r; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v;

3 Listed as William Bille, this later corrected to John.

4 At f. 102v he is named 'John' but this must be an error.

Blower/Blowar, Geoffrey (cont.)

his apps listed as Chris. Wartir, 1456–57: 185r; John Gaywode, 1458–59: 192r; Wm Smyth, 1459–60: 195r; John Pierson, 1462–63: 204r.

Blower, John: app. of John Marchalle, 1463–64: 207r.

Blytly, Alice: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.

Blyton: attorney, 1443–44: 146v.

Boche, John: app. of John Derham, 1429–30: 102r.

Bocher: bargeman 1424–25: 88r.

Bokesle *see* Rokesle

Bokyngfold, John: app. of Robt Twyg, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1470].

Bold/Boolde, Richard: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1440–41: 137r; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455].

Bole, Richard 1: app. of John Riche, 1456–57: 185v; then app. of John Marchalle, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463 as late app. of John Riche].

Bole, Richard 2: app. of Rich. Riche, 1459–60: 195r.

Boleyn/Boleyne/Bulleyn, Geoffrey:⁵ formerly a hatter; [adm. 1429]; ent. 1435–36: 118v, 120v; w. 1442–43: 140v; 143v, R5r; w. 1453–54: 177v, 178r, 179v, 185r, 188v, R12v; R13r, R16v; auditor 1454–55: 181v; sheriff 1446–47: 153r, 153v; Mayor 1457–58: 190v, 191r, 211v; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 156r; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r;

bequest 1463–64: 207v; *see also* 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r; 1449–50: 162v;

his apps listed as Robt Hastynges & Wm Brampston, 1435–36: 120v; Rog. Bonyfaunt, John Lewys, Robt Stowe, John Hille & Walt. Padsylle, 1442–43: 141r; Wm Gresham, 1443–44: 145r; John Elys, 1449–50: 163v; Walt. Patsill, 1449–50: 163v; Rog. Bonyfaunt, 1449–50: 164r; John Elys, 1449–50: 168v; Edm. Joosse, 1451–52: 172v; John Elys, Hugh Joye & John Synte/Syute, 1452–53: 175v; Geoff. Meleman, 1453–54: 179r, 179v; Wm Welles, 1456–57: 185v; Edm. Joes, 1458–59: 192v; Rich. Sutton, 1459–60: 195v; Geoff. Welles, 1463–64: 206v.

Bollere, William 1: app. of Robt Twyg, then of Edm. Bettes, iss. 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1461].

Boller, William 2: app. of Robt Twyg, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464].

Bolton, John: app. of Wm Bancroft, 1456–57: 185v.

Bomfaunt *see* Bonefaunt

Bonde, Anneys [Agnes]: wife of John Fasby; tenant in the Pye: debt 1413–14: 64r.

Bonde, Robert: app. of Robt Raynham, 1424–25: 87r.

Bonefaunt/Bonefant/Bonyfaunt/Bonyfaunte/Bomfaunt, Richard 1: app. of Robt Large, 1430–31: 106r; iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1442]; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1451–52: 173r; his house, 1453–54: R14v; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v;

his apps listed as John Bankwelle, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Belyngton, Wm Misterchamber & John Spyon, 1448–49: 159r; Harry Millerson, 1453–54: 178v; John Banknot, 1456–57: 186r; Robt Asche & John Ascheden, 1456–57: 186r; his former app. named as John Neve, 1456–57: 187v.

Bonefaunt, Richard 2: app. of John Asshe, 1447–48: 155r.

Bonefaunt/Bonyfaunt/Bonefant, Roger: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry 1458–59: R24r, 1459–60: R27v;

his apps listed as Wm Banknot, 1453–54: 178v; John Lyaulton, 1456–57: 185r; Thos Lyde, 1459–60: 195r; Wm Banknot, 1462–63: 204r; Thos Hethe, 1463–64: 207r.

Bonne, Richard: app. of John Halyate, 1428–29: 99r.

[Bonville] /Boneville, William (Lord Bonville of Chewton): 1455–56: 184r.

Bonyfaunt *see* Bonefaunt

Booke, Adam: hatter 1453–54: 179v.

Boolde *see* Bold

Borard *see* Berard

Borde, Agnes: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r.

Boreham/Borham/Boram, John: app. of Stephen Spelman, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1399–1400: 29v; [adm. 1400]; serving-man 1397–98: 25r; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; f. 1397–98: 25r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1430–31: 105r; exec. of Rich. Somerey, 1430–31: 105r; bequest, 1434–35: 116v;

his apps listed as Wm Brome, 1414–15: 65v; Thos Silver, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Silver, 1436–37: 124v.

⁵ The great-grandfather of Anne Boleyn.

- Borford** *see* Burford
- Borgh(e)**, John: app. of John Somerey, 1426–27: 92r. [*see also* Burgh]
- Borman**, John: app. of Rich. Everley, 1446–47: 152v.
- Borowe** *see* Burgh
- Borowth/Borouth**, John: app. of Thos Style, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448].
- Borton** *see* Burton
- Borwe** *see* Burgh
- Bosan/Bosane**, Bartholomew (also as Bette): iss. 1392–93: 12r; pd 1392–93: 12r; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; debt 1394–95: 17r, 17v, his app. listed as John Chaundeler, 1395–96: 19r.
- Bosane**, John: [adm. 1395 as late app. of John Mylles].
- [Bosham]**Boseham, John: debt of executors 1394–95: 17r, 17v; 1395–96: 20r.
- Bosseworth**, Richard: app. of Wm Stephens, 1438–39: 131v.
- Bostok**, John: app. of Rich. Lesyngham, 1456–57: 185v.
- Boston/-oun**, John 1: alms each year from 1391–92 until 1409–10: 10v, 12r, 13r, 15v, 19v, 23r, 25v, 28r; 30v; 33v; 35r; 37r; 39r; 41v; 43v; 45r; 47r; 49v; 52r.
- Boston/-oun/Bostone**, John 2: app. of Thos Est, 1400–01: 32r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; his shop 1417–18: 73r; w. 1429–30: 100v, 101r, 104r; f. 1416–17: 70r; f. 1424–25: 87r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95r; bequest, 1433–34: 113v; his apps listed as John Bawde, 1412–13: 60r; Hugh Wyche, 1413–14: 63r; Thos Igaldesby, 1417–18: 72v; John Baude, 1420–21: 78r; Hen. Baret, Hugh Doun & Thos Pouter, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; Hugh Wyche, 1422–23: 82r; Edw. Blakeney, 1422–23: 82v; John Forde, 1426–27: 92r; Thos Pouter, 1429–30: 101v; Wm Redeknape, 1429–30: 102r; Edw. Blakney, 1432–33: 110v; Wm Redeknap, 1442–43: 140v.
- Boston**, Thomas: app. of Hen. Frowyk, iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1443]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1447–48: 155r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1449–50: 164v; his apps listed as John Nelle, Robt Wemple & Thos Ybon, 1445–46: 149v; John Highfeld, 1447–48: 155r; John Highfeld & Thos Ilom, 1456–57: 186v.
- Botelee** *see* Betelee
- Boteler**, Baldwyn: fishmonger: 1447–48: 156v; 1449–50: 165r.
- Boteler**, John: app. of John Sacheford, 1426–27: 92r.
- Boteler**, Thomas: app. of Thos Sawston, 1463–64: 207r.
- Boteler** *see also* Butler
- Bothumselle/Bothomselle/Botumselle/Bottomsell**, John: app. of Ever. Flete, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1430]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; his apps listed as John Norlonge & Wm Hayton, 1435–36: 120r; John Norlong, 1449–50: 164r.
- Botiller**, Hans: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Botiller**, John: app. of John Andrewe, 1450–51: 169v.
- Botiller** *see also* Butler
- [Botley]**Botlee/Butlee, John: his apps listed as Wm Erntoun, 1395–96: 19r; alms 1406–07: 45r.
- Boton/-oun**, John: app. of John Wasshebourne, 1424–25: 87v; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1436]; exec. of Thos Bataille, 1457–58: 190v; f. 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as Thos Acreman, 1437–38: 128v; John Harrys, 1447–48: 155r; John Thurkilton, 1456–57: 185v.
- Boton/Button/Barton**, William: app. of Wm Cantlowe, 1440–41: 137r; iss. 1448–49: 158v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r.
- Botoner**, John: app. of John More, 1391–92: 9r.
- Bourchier**, Henry, earl of Essex: 1462–63: 205r.
- Boure**, Hugh atte: pd 1347–48: 2v, w. 1348–49: 4v.
- Boure**, Richard: app. of Thos Faulkoner, 1410–11: 54r.
- Bowchier/Bowcer/Bowser**, Roger: app. of Thos Rykes, 1456–57: 185v; app. of Thos Rykes, then of Thos Hore, iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464]; 1463–64: 208v.
- Bowchier**, Thomas: app. of Thos Filer, 1456–57: 186r.
- Bowden**, Richard: app. of Thos Kyrkeby, 1442–43: 141v.
- Bowelle**, N[]: app. of Wm Holte, 1436–37: 124v.
- Bowelle**, Richard: pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v.
- Bowrne**, Richard: app. of John Langley, 1442–43: 141v.
- Bowser** *see* Bowchier
- Bowyer**, Richard: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Box**, John: app. of Wm Groveman, 1452–53: 175v; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Box**, Martin: 1291: 210v.

- Box/Boxe**, Richard: 14, 17, 22, 24; app. of Wm Estefeld, iss. 1435–36: 119v; f. 1441–42: 139r; beadle (1452–72); sal. 1452–53: 177r; beadle 1454–55: R16v; 1455–56: 183v; 1463–64: 208r; scribe, 1452– (1456–57): 188v; writes up the accounts, 1460–61: R35r; writes up account, 1461–62: R39r; beadle, salary paid out of alms 1453–54: R12r; 1454–55: R16r; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; alms, 1463–72: 1463–64: R44r; his livery, 1452–53: 177r; 1454–55: 181v; 1454–55: R16v; 1455–56: R18r; 1456–57: 188v; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: 194r; 1461–62: 202v; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r; debt owing 1458–59: R26v; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r; tenant, 1460–61: R35r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1463–64: R44v.
- Box**, Thomas: 1291: 210v.
- Boxstede**, Thomas: app. of Rob. Sherwynd, 1391–92: 7r.
- Boxtoun** *see* Buxton
- Boyne**, Andrew: tenant in Baynard's Castle, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Boys**, Hugh: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1405–06: 43r.
- Boys**, John 1: iss. 1398–99: 27r; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v; debt 1406–07: 45v.
- Boys**, John de 2: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Boyville**, Henry: app. of Wm Maltby, 1415–16: 68r.
- Braban**, John: tenant, 1461–62: R39r.
- Brabasoun**, Adam: sheriff 1347–48: 1r.
- [Bradfield]**Bradefeld, John 1: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- [Bradfield]**Bradfeld, John 2: tenant 1419–20: 77r.
- [Bradfield]**Bradefeld, William: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Bradshawe**, Hugh: app. of John Penne, 1443–44: 144v.
- [Bradshaw]**Bradsha, John: app. of Wm Bancroft, 1452–53: 175v.
- [Bradshaw]**Bradschawe, Robert: app. of John Michel, 1415–16: 67v.
- Bradstrott**, William: musician? 1449–50: 166v.
- Brady**, William: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Brampton**, William: app. of Geoff. Boleyne, 1435–36: 120v.
- Brampton/-oun**, Henry: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r.
- Brampton**, William 1: scrivener, 1453–54: R14v.
- Brampton**, William 2 [perhaps = WB1]: tenant in Baynard's Castle, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r; tenant, 1461–62: R39r.
- Brampton** *see also* Brompton
- Brandon/Brandoun**, Thomas de: pd 1347–48: 3r; holds money, 1347–48: 4v.
- Brangwayn/Brangewayn**, Thomas 1: app. of Thos Vyvent, 1391–92: 6v; f. 1394–95: 15r; his apps listed as Thos Berard, 1391–92: 7r; Geff. Loveye & Wm Peke, 1395–96: 19r.
- Brangwayn/Brangweyn**, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Middeltoun, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1428].
- [Brayfield]**Brayfeld, John: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Brayl**, William: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1391–92: 8r.
- Brekemast**, John: app. of Thos Halle, 1395–96: 19r.
- Brekenelle**, Philip: app. of John Harowe, 1447–48: 155r.
- Brekenoke**, Davy: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Brekenoke**, John: app. of Ralph Verney, 1456–57: 185v.
- Brettehille** *see* Brighthille
- Bretyn**, John: app. of Robt Damyon, 1440–41: 137r.
- Brewer**, John: app. of Wm Prentyce, 1417–18: 72v.
- [Brewer]**Bruer, Robert 1: app. of Rich. Bures, 1416–17: 70r.
- Brewer**, Robert 2: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Brewster**, Edmund: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1460–61: R34r.
- Brice/Bryce/Brys/Bryse**, Thomas: [adm. 1443 as late app. of John Raynkyn]; ent. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1447–48: 155r; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1449–50: 164v; pd 1454–55: 181r, pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r, f. 1458–59: 193r, f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1459–60: 196v; his apps listed as John Coke, 1446–47: 152v; Nich. Browne & Hugh at Welle, 1455–56: 182r; Rich. Hugate & John Westwoed, 1458–59: 192r; John Cok, 1459–60: 195v.
- Bridde** *see* Birde
- Bridenelle**, Alice: daughter of Thos Picot: ent. 1427–28: 94v; [adm. 1442].
- [Bridgnorth]**Bryggenorth, William: app. of John Cosseham, 1395–96: 19r.
- Bridlepe/Bridleep** *see* Birdlip
- Bridlyngton/Bridlyngtone/Brydlyngton**, William: app. of Thos Osberne, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1436]; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; his apps listed as John Chapete, 1436–37: 124v; John Chopet, 1456–57: 186r.
- Brigge**, Edmund: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1395–96: 18r.

- [**Brigge**]Brygge, Eleanor: tenant in the Royal, 1447: R*2r.
- Brigge**/Brige, Everard: app. of Thos Onhande, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1443]; f. 1443–44: 145v.
- Brigge**, Henry: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Brigge**/Brygge, John: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1433]; f. 1427–28: 94v.
- Brigge**, Lambert: app. of Ever. Fleete, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1438].
- Brigge**/Brygge/Brugge, William 1: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1395–96: 18v, iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1406]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; f. 1423–24: 84v; f. 1424–25: 87r; his apps listed as John Bromptoun, 1415–16: 68r; John Haylemere, 1421–22: 80v; Laur. Sikerpris & Thos Scowrore, 1426–27: 92r; John Aylmer, 1431–32: 108v.
- Brigge**, William 2: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1430–31: 106r.
- Briggs**, Thomas: tenant in St Martin Outwich, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Brighthille**/Brettehille, Thomas: app. of Thos Sybnam, 1431–32: 108v; iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1455].
- Brikhille**, Harry: app. of Thos Lonmore, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1467].
- Brisbon**/Brisebon: plumber, 1456–57: R20v; 1457–58: R22v; 1459–60: 197r.
- Britton**, William: [adm. 1447 as late app. of John Cantlowe].
- Brockley**]Broke/Brokele/Brokeley, John: draper; sheriff 1425–26: 90r; alderman; ent. 1431–32: 109r; debt 1435–36: 123v; debt 1436–37: 126v.
- [**Brodsworth**]Brodsworth(e)/Brodysworth(e)/Brodsworth(e)/Brodsworth/Brodde-sworth(e)/Broddisworth(e)/Brodworth, John; and also frequently as Brodde/Brod/Brode, John: 22; ent. (unpaid) 1435–36: 120v; ent. 1436–37: 124r; iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1438 by redemption]; debt 1435–36: 120v, 123v; tenant 1448–49: 160r; arrested and imprisoned, 1449, 1450–51: 169r, 186v *n.*; alms 1459–65: 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; 1463–64: R44r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 144r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. x 2, 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1455–56: 183r;
- his apps listed as Thos Hurst, 1436–37: 124v; Wm Skele & Sim. Philipe, 1436–37: 124v; Thos Philippe, 1437–38: 128v; John Warner, 1439–40: 134v; Ralph Marche, 1441–42: 138v; Thos Selyok, 1442–43: 141r; John Adam, 1443–44: 144r; John Adam, Nich. Hagar & John Warmyngton, 1443–44: 144v; John Belton, 1444–45: 147v; John Brodde & Rich. Pope, 1446–47: 152v; John Skele, 1448–49: 158r; Nich. Alwyn, 1451–52: 172v; Nich. Glover & Rich. Worcester, 1452–53: 175v; Rich. Pope, 1456–57: 186v; Rich. Golofer, 1459–60: 195v; Nich. Allewyn, 1462–63: 204r.
- Brodde**, John: app. of John Brodde (Brodsworth), 1446–47: 152v.
- Broke** *see* Brook
- Brome**, William: app. of John Boram, 1414–15: 65v.
- Bromeham**, John: app. of Robt Serff, 1456–57: 186r.
- [**Brompton**]Bromptoun, John 1: app. of Wm Brigge, 1415–16: 68r.⁶
- Brompton**/Brampton, John 2: rent-collector, 1445–46: 150v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153r; 1447–48: 156r, 156v; debt 1449–50: R7r.
- Brompton**/-oun, Richard: funeral 1400–01: 33v.
- Brompton**, William: app. of Hugh Wyche, iss. 1442–43: 140v.
- Brompton** *see also* Brampton
- [**Brook**]Broke, John 1: debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r.
- [**Brook**]Broke, John 2: app. of John Reynkyn, 1443–44: 144v.
- [**Brook**/Brooke/Broke, Richard: app. of John Eton, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1428]; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1430–31: 105v; 107r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v.
- [**Brook**]Broke/Brok, Sir Thomas: priest; sal. 1448–49: 159v; chaplain, 1449–50: 165r.
- Brook**, William: app. of John Aleyn, 1409–10: 51v.
- Broude**, Maud: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1462–63: R41v.
- Broughton**/-oun, John: app. of Roger Russelle, 1409–10: 51v; app. of John Wasshbourn, iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1421].⁷
- [**Brown**]Broun, Hugh: app. of John Riche, 1456–57: 185v; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464].

⁶ This might perhaps be the same man as the next.

⁷ There might be two different men here, but it seems likely they are the same. The *Register* records him as the former app. of John Washbourne.

- [**Brown**]Broun, John 1: app. of Thos Dister, 1400–01: 32v.
- Browne**/Broun, John 2: app. of Thos Stile/Steale, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1444].
- Brown**/Broun/Bron, John 3: app. of Ralph Verney, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; 1457–58: 191r; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; renter warden 1465–66; his apps listed as Rich. Elsy, 1456–57: 185r; Wm oo Werke, 1459–60: 195r; John oo Werke, 1462–63: 203v.
- Browne**, John 4: app. of Thos Gibbys, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1476].
- [**Brown**]Broun, John 5: of Finsbury; supplier of building materials, 1456–57: R20v.
- [**Brown**]Broun, John 6: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r.
- Browne**, Nicholas: app. of Thos Brice, 1455–56: 182r.
- [**Brown**]Broun, Richard: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1474].
- Brown**/Broun, Robert: app. of Thos Rykes, 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; tenant in Cripplegate without, 1461–62: R38r.
- [**Brown**]Broun, Sir Thomas, knight, 1458–59: 194r.
- [**Brown**]Broune, Thomas: app. of Hen. Savage, 1438–39: 131v.
- [**Brown**]Broun, William: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Brown**, William: w. 1501: 212r.
- Bruer** *see* Brewer
- Brugge** *see* Brigge
- Bruton**/-oun, John: app. of John Cosham, 1391–92: 9v.
- Bruton** *see also* Burton
- Bryan**/Brian, Thomas: serjeant at law, 1455–56: 184r.
- Bryan**, Harry: app. of Wm Hende, 1463–64: 207r.
- Bryan**, John: from Bristol; ent. 1444–45: 148r; [adm. 1448 by redemption].
- Bryan**: trumpeter 1444–45: 149r.
- Bryd**/Brydde/Brid/Bridde, Dan Geoffrey: chamberlain of Westminster Abbey, 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 88r; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 97r; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v.
- Brydde**: one of the Mayor's officials, 1424–25: 88r.
- Bryet**, Philip: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Brygge** *see* Brigge
- Bryggenorth** *see* Bridgorth
- Brynkle**, Robert: alms 1405–06: 43v.
- Brynyng**, John: app. of Thos Hurst & Ralph Marche, 1441–42: 139r.
- Brys**/Bryse *see* Brice
- Brytte**, Thomas: app. 1444–45: 147v.
- Bufford** *see* Burford
- Bulleyn** *see* Boleyn
- Bullok**, John: app. of John Admond, 1420–21: 78v.
- Bullok**, William: app. of John Langham, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1433–34: 113r; [adm. 1435].
- Bulstrode**, Harry: app. of Robt Skrayngham, 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1468].
- [**Bumpstead**]Bompsted/Bunstede, Henry/Harry: f. 1448–49: 158v; f. 1452–53: 176v; pd 1458–59: 193r, *also* 1458–59: 194r, pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; his app. listed as Wm Saunderson, 1458–59: 192r.
- [**Bumpstead**]Bompsted, William: app. of Ralph Kempe, 1453–54: 178v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- Bungey**, Nicholas: app. of John Burton, 1433–34: 113r.
- Bunstede** *see* Bumpstead
- Buntyn**, Margaret: prioress of St Helen's: 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r. [*see also* Subject Index].
- Bures**/Burys, Richard: app. of John Waltoun, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; f. 1407–08: 47r; w. 1416–17: 68v, 69v, 71r, 71v; w. 1424–25: 86v, 87r, 88r; his apps listed as Wm Haalle, 1401–02: 34v; Wm Colle, 1404–05: 41r; Thos Watlyngtoun, 1405–06: 43r; John Middeltoun, 1411–12: 56v; Edm. Hyde, 1412–13: 60r; Wm Harby, 1414–15: 65v; Robt Bruer, 1416–17: 70r; Robt Edmond & Adam Huberd, 1420–21: 78v; Edm. Heydde, 1421–22: 80v; John Bastwyk & Piers Makerelle, 1423–24: 85v; Piers Makerelle, 1430–31: 106r.
- [**Burford**]Berford, William 1: app. of Laur. Hamptoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- [**Burford**]Borford/Bufford, William 2: app. of Robt Crispe, 1447–48: 155r; app. of Thos Crispe, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- Burgeis**, Robert: app. of John Kirkeby, 1456–57: 185v.
- Burgh**, John 1: app. of John Estoun ii*, 1409–10: 51v.
- Burgh**, John 2: app. of Robt Ruschtoun, 1422–23: 82v.
- Burgh**, John 3: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r.
- Burgh**, Raynald de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Burgh**, Richard de 1: pd 1347–48: 3r.

8 This is very probably Thomas Easton 2.

- Burgh(e)**/Borowe/Borwe, Richard 2: app. of Alex. Orable, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1442]; goes overseas, 1448–49: 161r; (not) pd 1452–53: 176v; f. 1442–43: 141r; f. 1452–53: 176v; debt 1452–53: 177v.
- Burgh**, William 1: app. of Mart. Kelhome, 1422–23: 82v.
- Burgh**, William 2: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Burgh** *see also* Borgh
- Burgheshulle**, Watkyn: app. of Steph. Stichemer, 1433–34: 113r.
- Burgoyne**, Thomas 1: under-sheriff, 1442–43: 143r.
- Burgoyne**, Thomas 2: app. of Hugh Wiche, iss. 1456–57: 186v, 187r; [adm. 1457]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. x 2, 1456–57: 187r; f. 1459–60: 195r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1460–61: 198v; his app. listed as Gilb. Palmer, 1459–60: 195r.
- Burgundy**, duke of *see* Philip; duchess of *see* Isabella
- Burnam**, John: app. of John Riche, 1453–54: 178r.
- Burre**, John 1: his apps listed as John Enmede, Rich. Southam, John Estmond & Rich. Skete, 1395–96: 18v; Wm Chalvertoun, 1398–99: 27v.
- Burre**, John 2: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [Burton]**Burtoun, John de 1: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Burton**/oun/Burtone/Bortoun/Bruton, John 2: app. of Robt Trees, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1422]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 99r; pd 1429–30: 101v; w. 1442–43: 140v, 143v, R5r; w. 1452–53: 174v, 175r, 175v, 178r, 179v, 181r; 182r, R9v, R10r, R10v, R11v, R13r, R14v; w. 1458–59: 191v, 192r, 195r, R23v; 1459–60: R31v; auditor 1459–60: 197r; bequest 1460–61: 199r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1455–56: 182v; fee 1456–57: 187r; fee 1457–58: 190r; fee 1459–60: 196r; debt 1436–37: 124r; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r;
- holds two tenements in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; *see also* 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r; 1443–44: 146v; 1448–49: 157v; 1449–50: 162r; 1449–50: 162v;
- his apps listed as John Wyngborne, 1423–24: 85r; John Frisney, 1432–33: 110v; John Wynkeborne, 1432–33: 110v; Nich. Bungey, 1433–34: 113r; Thos Kirkeby, 1434–35: 116r; Ralph Kempe, 1435–36: 120r; John Frisney, 1442–43: 140v; Sim. Dawdeley, 1442–43: 141r; Thos Shelley, 1442–43: 141v; Wm Burton, 1447–48: 155r; Raff Kemp, 1449–50: 164r; Sim. Daudley, 1449–50: 164r; Wm Burton, 1458–59: 192v; Wm Burton, 1460–61: 198r.
- Burton**, John 3: app. of Sim. Dawdeley, 1453–54: 178v.
- Burton**/oun, Robert/John: of the Receipt of the Exchequer; ent. 1431–32: 109r; debt 1435–36: 123v.
- [Burton]**Burtoun, Roger de: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Burton**/Borton, William 1: app. of Wm Thornhille, 1441–42: 139r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448].
- Burton**, William 2: app. of John Burton, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459]; iss. 1460–61: 198r.⁹
- Burton**, William 3: app. of Rich. Everle, 1456–57: 185v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- Burton**: 'gynne'-maker, 1459–60: R31r.
- Bury**, William (de): f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1403–04: 38v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1408–09: 49r; f. 1409–10: 50v; his apps listed as John Alboun, 1391–92: 9r; John Chirche, 1420–21: 78v.
- Burys** *see* Bures
- Busch**, Nicholas: app. of Wm Maltby, 1416–17: 70r.
- Butlee** *see* Botley
- Butler**/Buteller/Botel(l)er/Botiller/Boteller, John 1: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v;
- his apps listed as Steph. Patryngton, 1411–12: 56v; John Longe & Nich. Wygmore, 1413–14: 63r; Thos Hotoun, 1415–16: 68r; John Pykeryng, 1417–18: 72v; Thos Hotoun, 1425–26: 89v.
- Butler**/Boteler, John 2: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1413 as late app. of John Marcheford]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r; w. 1415–16: 66v, 67r, 68v; w. 1420–21: 77v, 78r, 79v; sheriff 1419–20: 77r;
- his apps listed as Robt Flyspe, 1414–15: 65v; Thos Bernard, 1419–20: 76r; Robt Flysp, 1420–21: 78v.
- Butler**, William: app. of John Herstoun, 1420–21: 78v.
- Butte**/But, William: app. of Thos Vyvent, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1395]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; w. 1397–98: 23v, 24r, 26r; f. 1394–95: 15r; f. 1404–05: 42r; debt 1406–07: 45v;

9 This second entry for his issue may indicate that two different men are referred to, but a scribal error seems perhaps more likely.

Butte/But, William (cont.)

his apps listed as Thos Birlyngham, Thos Maymond & John Gliderowe, 1395–96: 19r; John Cottoun, Thos Vyne & Rich. Scotisbury, 1398–99: 27r; Rich. Holand, 1400–01: 32v; John More, Wm Roys, Robt Stevenes & Robt Trenerth, 1403–04: 38r; Rich. Trenerth, 1407–08: 46v; Wm Stokley, 1413–14: 63r; Robt Trenerth, 1420–21: 78v.

Button *see* Boton

Buxton/-oun/Boxtoun, Robert: f. 1395–96: 20r; debt 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; his apps listed as Thos Estoun & Wm Denot, 1391–92: 9r.

Bygyns, John William: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1437–38: 128v.

Bylbourgh, John: app. of John Chyrche, 1424–25: 87r.

Bylleter *see* Beleter

Bynde/Bynd, James: iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1397, former app. of John Fresshe]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; alms 1430–31: 106v; alms 1431–32: 109r;

his apps listed as Thos Segge, 1405–06: 43r; Wm Halle, 1409–10: 51v; Wm Halle, 1418–19: 74r; James Tournour, 1419–20: 76r; Thos Lyngcolne, 1422–23: 82v; Piers Athertoun, 1424–25: 87v; Piers Althertoun, 1433–34: 113v.

Byrd, William: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.

Byrlyngham *see* Birlyngham

Byrom/Birom/Byron, Thomas: app. of John Camvyle, 1448–49: 159r; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].

Byrton/-oun/Birtoun, Henry: his app. listed as Thos Symoun, 1391–92: 8v; as Thos Symond 1400–01: 32r.

Bysle, John: app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r.

Cade, John: rebellion, 1449–50: 167r.

Cadevyk, John: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.

Callowe, John: app. of Robt Reygnam, 1426–27: 92r.

Calverton/-oun, William: 1411–12: 57v.

Calwarton/-oun, Thomas: app. of Wm Rose, 1395–96: 19r.

Cambo, Laurence: app. of Rich. Coventree 1404–05: 41r.

[**Cambridge**]Cantebrug, Roger de: app. of Nicholas de Bedyngtoun, 1347–48: 4r.

[**Cambridge**]Cantebrug, Thomas: app. of Henry atte Mersh, 1347–48: 4r.

[**Cambridge**]Cambrigge, William: Mayor 1420–21: 78v *bis*.

Campion, William: app. of John Martyn, 1455–56: 182r.

Camvyle/Camvile, John: app. of John Aleyne, 1435–36: 120v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1444]; his apps listed as Thos Byrom, 1448–49: 159r; Thos Byron, 1458–59: 192v.

Candyssh *see* Cavendish

Cantelow, Harry: son of Wm Cantelow, 1463–64: 206v; app. of Rich. Syff, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1473].

Cantelow/Cantelow/Cantlowe, John: app. of Thos Denton, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1429–30: 101v; pd 1430–31: 105r; pd 1431–32: 108r; alms 1447–48: 156v; alms 1448–49: 159v; his wife given alms, 1453: R10v.

Cantelow/Cantlowe/Cantlow, Thomas: app. of Wm Cantlowe, 1444–45: 147v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r.

Cantelow/Cauntelow/Cantlowe/Cantlow, Sir William: app. of John Whatle, 1412–13: 60r; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r;

w. 1431–32: 107v, 108r, 109r; w. 1445–46: 149v, 152r, R6r; w. 1449–50: 161v, 162r, 167r, 169r, 174v, R*1v; w. 1455–56: 181v, 182r, 183r, 184r, 184v, 185r, 188r, 188v, R18r; w. 1461–62: 200r, 200v, 201v, 203v, R39r; auditor, 1456–57: 189r;

sheriff 1448–49: 159r; alderman 1449: R*1v; alderman 1451–52: 173v; at Reading parliament 1452–53: 177r; knight, 1461–62: 200v;

f. 1423–24: 85r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; f. 1444–45: 147v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r;

father of Harry Cantelow, 1463–64: 206v; *see* also 1449–50: 166v; 1449–50: 167r; 1452: 174v; 1453–54, R15r; 1455–56: 183v;

his apps listed as Wm [R]eynham, 1423–24: 85v; Wm Raynham, 1433–34: 113r; Wm Barton, 1440–41: 137r; Thos Cantlowe, 1444–45: 147v; Wm Button, 1448–49: 158v; Thos Cantlow, 1449–50: 164r.

[**Canterbury**]Cantuar', John de, 1291: 210v.

Canyng, Thomas: [Grocer]; Mayor 1456–57: 188r.

Capeleyne, Gilbert: app. of Wm Prentys, 1426–27: 92r.

Capman, William: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1447–48: 154v.

Cappeland/Caplond/Copland, John: app. of Thos Traynelle, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1442].

- Carleton**/-oun, Henry: app. of John Organ, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396]; pd 1394–95: 14v.
- Carleton**/-oun, John: app. of John Lane, 1391–92: 7r.
- Carpenter**, Jacombe: 1445–46: 151v.
- Carpenter**, John: [Common Clerk of London]; 17, 40; letters to Ghent, Bruges and Ypres, 1421–22: 81r; exec. of Rich. Whittington, 1422–23: 82v; 1427–28: 97v; 1429–30: 103v; 1433–34: 114v; 1434–35: 117v; 1435–36: 122r; in charge of Whittington bequest, 1442: R5r; exec. of John Shadworth, 1429–30: 101r; his will, 1442–43: 143r.
- Carpenter**, Martin: debt 1399–1400: 31r.
- Carre**, Nicholas: app. of Rich. Tasburgh, 1426–27: 92r; f. 1430–31: 105v.
- Carter**, Simon/Simkin: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debts paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Carter**, William: app. of John Clerk, 1420–21: 78v.
- Cassyn**, Augustine: Lombard: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Casteleyn**/Castellyn, Simon: app. of Peter Elsynham, 1391–92: 8v; his app. listed as John Penne, 1395–96: 19r.
- Castelle**, John: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1446–47: 152v; later app. of John Sturmyn, iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1458].
- Castelle**/Castel/Castell, Robert: app. of Wm Bernewey, 1438–39: 131v; app. of Robt Hallum, iss. 1448–49: 158v; [adm. 1446]; later serving-man of Robt Hallum, 1449–50: 162v; 1450–51: 170v.
- Castelle**, Stephen: app. of John Pydmelle, 1421–22: 80v.
- Catelyn**/Ketelyn, William: app. of John Froste, 1452–53: 175v; [adm. 1465].
- Catesby**, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1459–60: R30r; 1460–61: R32r; former tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1463–64: R44v.
- Catisby**, Thomas: app. of John Olney, 1422–23: 82v.
- Catour**, John: app. of John Donne, 1461–62: 200v.
- Catteworth**, Thomas: grocer; sheriff 1435–36: 123r.
- Catyn**, John: tenant in St Margaret's Bridge Street, 1461–62: R36v.
- Caundische**/Caundyssh *see* Cavendish
- Causton**/-oun, Henry de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Causton**/-oun, John de: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Causton**/-oun, Michael de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Causton**/-oun, Nicholas de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Causton**/-oun, Richard de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Causton**/-oun, Roger de: pd 1347–48: 3v; alms 1393–96: 1393–94: 13r, 1394–95: 15v, 1395–96: 19v.
- Causton**/-oun, Stephen: app. of Wm Coventre, *filis*, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1413]; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; alms 1434–38: 1434–35: 117r; 1435–36: 121v; 1436–37: 125v; 1437–38: 129v; his app. listed as John Gardiner, 1423–24: 85v.
- Causton**/-oun, Theobald de: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed as Wm Holenden, 1347–48: 4r.
- Causton**/-oun, William de: pd 1347–48: 3r; pd 1347–48: 3v; his apps listed as John Tok & Nicholas Cray, 1347–48: 4r.
- Cave**, John: seamster, 1449–50: 165v.
- [Cavendish]**Cavendish, John 1 (from Cressaltoun): pd 1347–48: 2v.
- [Cavendish]**Cavendish, John de 2: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- [Cavendish]**Candyssh, John 3: 1449–50: 162v.
- [Cavendish]**Cavendyssh, Stephen: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- [Cavendish]**Cavendish, Walter: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- [Cavendish]**Cavendisse/Cavendysse/Cavendyche/Cavindische/Caundische/Cawndische/Cawndysse/Caundyssh, William: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1401–02: 35r; iss. 1403–04: 38r; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; w. 1412–13: 58r, 58v, 61v; w. 1420–21: 77v, 78r, 79v; w. 1426–27: 90v, 91r, 93v; f. 1404–05: 42r; 1423–24: 84v; his apps listed as Ph. Gartoun, 1403–04: 38r; John Seggeford, 1409–10: 51v; Wm Blankensoppe, 1418–19: 74r; John Secheford, 1419–20: 76r; John Sybyle, 1419–20: 76r; Wm Flete, 1420–21: 78v; Wm Bernnewey, 1423–24: 85r; John Rokewode, 1426–27: 92r; Thos Kyghley, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Bernewey, 1432–33: 110v.
- Cavyl**(e), William: app. of Thos Middilmore, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1432].
- Cawndisse**/Cawndysse/Cawndishe *see* Cavendish
- Caxton**/Caxston, Richard: app. of John Harrowe, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1446].
- Caxton**/Caxston, William: app. of Robt Large, 1437–38: 128v; (not) pd 1452–53: 176v; f. 1452–53: 176v; debt 1452–53: 177v; governor of Merchant Adventurers, 1461–62: 202v; 1463–64: 208v.
- Chacombe**/Chacome/Jacombe/Jacome, John: app. of Rich. Riche, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1442]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1442–43: 141r; 1442–43: 143r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. x 2, 1446–47: 153r; f. x 3, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1455–56: 183r; his apps listed as Robt West, 1448–49: 159r; Rog. Abyngdon, 1453–54: 178r; Thos Corbrond, 1456–57: 185r.

- [**Chadshunt**]Chadeleshunt/Chateleshunt, Geoffrey de: pd 1347–48: 3r; his app. listed as Edmond atte Hull, 1347–48: 4r.
- Chadworth**/[Chedworth], William: 1449–50: 165r; 1449–50: 166v; 1454–55: 181v.
- Chalkton** *see* Chalton
- Chalton**/-oun/Chalkton/Schalkton, Thomas: app. of Robt Shirewynd, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1401 as late app. of William Shirewynd]; iss. 1403–04: 38r;¹⁰ pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; w. 1414–15: 64r, 64v, 66v; w. 1426–27: 90v, 91r, 93v; w. 1432–33: 110r, 110v, 112r; w. 1439–40: 134r, 140r; w. 1444–45: 147r, 149v; sheriff, 1433–34: 113v, 114r; alderman, 1444–45: 147r, 149v; Mayor 1449–50: 166v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1425–26: 89v; debt 1441–42: 140r; debt 1442–43: 143r; debt 1443–44: 147r; *see also* 1421–22: 81r; his apps listed as Wm Haddoun, 1404–05: 41r; Walt. Aleyn, 1408–09: 48v; John Andrew & Thos Shefford, 1410–11: 54r; Nich. Lambert, 1412–13: 60r; Edw. Pecche, 1415–16: 68r; John Andrewe, 1421–22: 80v; Robt Rokewode & Wm Widwsone, 1426–27: 92r; Rich. Vans/Vaus, 1430–31: 106r; Wm Wydowson, 1437–38: 128r; Wm Yarom, 1446–47: 152v; John Walker, 1449–50: 163v; Robt Overton, 1449–50: 164r; John Walkot, 1449–50: 168v; Rich. Yarom, 1452–53: 176r; John Walcote, 1455–56: 182v; his serving-man John Swan 1423–24: 84v.
- Chalverton**/-oun, William: app. of John Burre, 1398–99: 27v.
- [**Chamber**]Chambre, Edward: app. of Thos Halle, 1401–02: 34v.
- Chamber**/Chambir/Chambre, John: app. of John Seymour, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 186v; tenant in the Crown, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debts paid, 1459–60: R28r; his app. listed as John Seman, 1451–52: 172v.
- [**Chamber**]Chambre/Chamboure, William: app. of Wm Heneghe, 1442–43: 141v; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451]; f. 1451–52: 173r.
- Chamberleyn**, Adam: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Chamberleyn**, John 1: iss. 1399–1400: 30r.
- Chamberleyn**, John 2: app. of John Dorham, 1442–43: 141v.
- Chamberleyn**, Simon: pd 1347–48: 4r.
- [**Chamberleyn**]Chaumberleyn, William: app. of John Waltoun, 1391–92: 8r; [adm. 1401].
- Chandeler** *see* Chaundeler
- Chapete**/Chopet, John: app. of Wm Bridlyngton, 1436–37: 124v; iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457].
- Chapman**, John *see* Colwelle, John
- Chapman**, Sir Richard: chaplain; sal. 1444–45: 148v; sal. 1445–46: 151r.
- Chapman**, William: tenant in the Pye: debt 1415–16: 69r; debt pd 1416–17: 70v.
- Charleton**/-oun, Richard: app. of Wm Raven, 1347–48: 4r.
- Chartesey**, William: app. of John Coventre, 1420–21: 78v.
- Chashulle**, William: app. of Thos Newentoun, 1391–92: 7r.
- Chateleshunt** *see* Chadeleshunt
- Chaterle**, John: app. of Robt Gregory, 1454–55: 180r.
- Chaterle**, Thomas: app. of John Colet, 1456–57: 186r; iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1462]; fee 1461–62: 200v; pd 1463–64: 207v; f. 1461–62: 201v; his app. listed as Wm Chaterle, 1462–63: 203v.
- Chaterle**, William: app. of Thos Chaterle, 1462–63: 203v.
- Chaterys**, Thomas: 1449–50: 166v.
- Chatirton**/Chaterton, Thomas: musician, 1437–38: 130r; trumpeter 1444–45: 149r.
- Chaudy**, John: app. of John Lane, 1391–92: 7r.
- Chaumberleyn** *see* Chamberleyn
- Chaundeller**, John 1: app. of Bette Bosan, 1395–96: 19r.
- [**Chaundeler**]Chandeler, John 2: [adm. 1456 as late app. of John Seymour].
- Chaundeler**, William: app. of Walt. Roy, 1456–57: 186r.
- Chedworth** *see* Chadworth
- Chefeld** *see* Sheffield
- Cheineham**, John: tenement in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*2v.
- Chelfeld**, John: app. of Rog. Middelmore, 1443–44: 144v. [*see also* Sheffield]
- Chelley** *see* Shelley
- Chepenhale** *see* Chippenhale
- Chepenham** *see* Chippenham
- Cherche** *see* Chirche
- [**Cherry**]Chery/Cherye, John: app. of Hugh Wyche, 1430–31: 105v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1436].
- Cheshand**, Richard: app. of Thos Hurst, 1446–47: 152v.
- [**Chester**]Chestre, William: app. of Robt Horwode, 1420–21: 78v.

¹⁰ The two entries for his issue are odd, and, coupled with what would seem otherwise as an error in the *Register* about his master's first name, might conceivably mean that two different men are involved. However, some errors in recording seem more probable. *See note to f. 38r.*

- Chesteyn(e)**, John: app. of John Wasshebourn, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1432].
- Cheveney**, Ralph: app. of Thos Asshby, 1426–27: 92r.
- Cheveney** *see also* Chyveney
- Cheveyn** *see* Chyveney
- Cheyne**, Sir William: Chief Justice; ent. 1427–28: 94r; at feast, 1429–30: 103v.
- Cheyner**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed as John Douy, 1347–48: 4r.
- Cheyny**, James: app. of John Comptoun, 1416–17: 70r.
- Chicheley**, Harry: tenant 1448–49: 160r, 160v.
- Chicheley**, Robert: exec. of John Shadworth, 1429–30: 101r.
- [**Chichester**]Chichestre, John de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Chiksand**, Nicholas: app. of Thos Steele, 1443–44: 144v.
- Chiksand**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1465].
- Childemyll**, Richard: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Chilley** *see* Shelley
- Chippenhale**/Chipenhale/Chipynhale/Chippynhale/Chyppenhale/Chepen hale, John: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1401]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; f. 1404–05: 42r; re-admission, 1407–08: 46v; his app. listed as John Smale, 1409–10: 51v.
- [**Chippenham**]Chipenham/Chypenam/Chepenham, Thomas 1: app. of John Whyte, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1415–16: 67v; [adm. 1418]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r.
- [**Chippenham**]Chepenham, Thomas 2: app. of Rich. Herry, 1409–10: 51v.
- Chirch(e)**/Cherche/Chyrche, John: app. of Wm Bury, ent. & iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1422]; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; w. 1425–26: 88r, 89r, 90v, 92v; f. 1423–24: 85r; f. x 3, 1427–28: 95v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1449–50: 163r; his apps listed as Wm Saxby, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; Geoff. Duttoun, 1422–23: 82v; John Bylbourgh, 1424–25: 87r; Wm Tyler, 1426–27: 92r; John Anselle, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Tiler, 1435–36: 119v; Rich. Hayles, 1440–41: 136v; John Lambe, 1443–44: 144r; John Lambe, 1443–44: 144v; John Wryth, 1449–50: 163v; John Wryght, 1449–50: 164r.
- Chirche**, Nicholas: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Chirche**, Richard: app. of Ralph Verney, 1450–51: 169v.
- Chirche**, William: app. of John Pykyng, 1436–37: 124v.
- Chircheyerd**, John: tenant in St Laurence Pountney, 1447: R*2r.
- Chiselle**/Chyselle, Thomas: app. of Thos Weltoun, 1417–18: 72v.
- Cholsey**, John: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
- Chopet** *see* Chapete
- Chymbham**, Edmund: app. of John Aleyn, 1408–09: 48v.
- Chymbham**, Richard: app. of Robt Domenyk, 1405–06: 43r.
- Chyneney** *see* Chyveney
- Chyntyng**, John: app. of Thos Fauconer, iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1422]; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; 1435–36: 123r.
- Chyphenam** *see* Chippenham
- Chyppenhale** *see* Chippenhale
- Chyveney**/Cheveyn, Simon: app. of John More, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1404].
- Clampard**, John: ironmonger, 1459–60: 197r; 1460–61: 199v.
- Claver**/Clavere/Clavor/Clavire, Richard: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1438]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. 1451–52: 173r; tenant, 1450–51: 171v; tenant 1451–52: 173v; debt 1451–52: 175r; see also 1446–47: 153r; 1449–50: 162r; 1449–50: 162v; his apps listed as Thos Heshaupt & Rich. Copley, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Claver, 1452–53: 175v; Rog. Cople, 1455–56: 182v; Thos Heysand, 1456–57: 186v; Thos Cooke, 1461–62: 200v.
- Claver**, William: app. of Rich. Claver, 1452–53: 175v.
- Clement**, John 1: app. of John Richard, 1405–06: 43r.
- Clement**, John 2: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r.
- Clement**, Robert: 1462–63: R40r.
- Clement**, Thomas: app. of Wm Groveman, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1471].
- Clerk**, Hugh (also as Huchon): app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v; alms 1424–28: 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; his apps listed as John Herdewyk & Rich. Tipup, 1391–92: 9v; Nich. Clerk & John Reynold, 1395–96: 19r.
- Clerk**, John 1: app. of John Lane, 1403–04: 38v; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1413]; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; 1418–19: 74v; contribution 1412–13: 58v; f. 1427–28: 94v; 1449–50: 162v; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v;

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his apps listed as Austyn Stratoun, 1414–15: 65v; Wm Carter, 1420–21: 78v; Aust. Stratton, 1426–27: 91v; Thos Rasyn, 1429–30: 101v, 102r.

Clerk, John 2: app. of John Cosham, 1404–05: 41r.

Clerk, Nicholas: app. of Hugh Clerk, 1395–96: 19r.

Clerk, William: app. of Wm Stevenes, 1443–44: 144v; app. of John Frost, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1451]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; f. 1459–60: 196v; tenant, 1460–61: R34r; former tenant, 1461–62: R37v; former tenant in the Crown, 1462–63: R41v; 1463–64: R44v.

Cletherowe *see* Clitheroe

Cleve, Katharine: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.

Cleyne [Klein?], Cornelius: shipper 1455–56: 183v.

Cliderowe *see* Clitheroe

Clifton/Clyfton, John: app. of Wm Lightholders, 1445–46: 149v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; tenant in the Jewry, 1461–62: R38r; his app. listed as Wm Hoxon, 1459–60: 195r.

[Clitheroe]Clyderowe/Cliderowe, Elys: iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1401, former app. of Wm Butte]; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; 1404–05: 40v; w. 1418–19: 73v; 75r; his shop, 1409–10: 50v; his app. listed as Wm Stokley, 1413–14: 63r.

[Clitheroe]Gliderowe, John: app. of Wm But, 1395–96: 19r.

[Clitheroe]Cletherowe, Thomas: app. of Wm Herte, 1447–48: 155r.

Clopton, Hugh: app. of John Roo, 1456–57: 185r; then app. of John Baker, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].

Clopton, (John)/[Robert]: [Draper]; sheriff 1435–36: 123r.

Clou, William: 1449–50: 162v.

Cloys, Edmund: app. of Robt Skeyngham, 1447–48: 155r.

Clyderowe *see* Clitheroe

Clyf, Richard: app. of Robt Baron, 1443–44: 144v.

Clyver *see* Olyver

Cobbe, Thomas: app. of Thos Hawe, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].

Cobham, William: app. of Thos Fyler, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1458].

Cobholt/Cobolt/Cobholte/Cobhold/Cobold/Cobalt, Robert: app. of Thos Fyler, 1449–50: 163r; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; renter warden 1467–68: R42v,

R46r *note*; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1460–61: 198v; 1462–63: 204v; *see also* 1462–63: R42v; 1463–64: R43v, R46r; his app. listed as John Blakerby, 1462–63: 203v.

Cocelle *see* Colshille

Cof, Richard: app. of John Whatlee, 1398–99: 27r.

Cogan/Cogayne, William: app. of Thos Fyler, 1451–52: 172v; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; his app. listed as Wm Heton, 1459–60: 195r.

Cogsale, John: f. 1445–46: 150r; f.? 1461–62: 200v; his app. listed as John Sutton, 1461–62: 200v.

Cogsale/Coggeshale/Cokesale/Coksale, Robert: app. of Thos Osberne, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1436]; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1446–47: 153r; his apps listed as Thos Style & John Hawke, 1443–44: 144v.

Cok/Coke/Cokes, John: app. of Thos Brys, 1446–47: 152v; app. of Thos Brice, iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460]; formerly app. of linendrapers; fee 1459–60: 195v; shopholder 1460–61: 198r; f. 1460–61: 199r; f. 1461–62: 201r; former tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1463–64: R44v.

Cok, Laurence: app. of Wm Hylle, 1459–60: 195r.

Cok, Robert: app. of John Cotford, 1446–47: 152v.

Cok, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Steele, 1456–57: 186r.

Cok *see also* Coke, Cook(e)

Cokayn(e), Reynold: ent. 1414–15: 65r; iss. 1414–15: 65v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67v. [? adm. 1463 by redemption].¹¹

Coke, John: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1438–39: 132r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; his app. listed as John Powelle, 1445–46: 149v.

Coke, John: clerk to the Mercer, his register, 1045.

Coke, Richard: app. of John Estmund, 1426–27: 92r.

Coke, Robert: app. of John Asshe, 1445–46: 150r.

Coke *see also* Cok, Cook(e)

Cokerell(e)/Kokerell, Nicholas: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r, iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; alms 1407–08: 47r; alms 1408–09: 49v; alms 1409–10: 52r; alms 1413–14: 63v; his app. listed as Thos Spellesbury, 1395–96: 19r.

Cokerelle, Robert: tenant in East Cheap, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.

Cokes *see* Cok

Cokesale, Coksale *see* Cogsale

¹¹ This entry in the *Register* probably refers to another man, but it is very odd that there is the similar case of Thomas Corbet (q.v.) and some error of Coke's may well have occurred.

- Cokeyn**, Thomas: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Cokke**, John: app. of Wm Otes & Hen. Frowyk, 1417–18: 72v.
- Cokke**, Ralph: app. of Thos Stele, 1447–48: 155r.
- Cokke/Cok/Cokkes/Cook/Cooke**, Thomas 1: app. of Rich. Aylemer, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1425–26: 89v; [adm. 1428]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1437–38: 129r; alms 1455–62; 1455: R16r; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; his apps listed as Rich. Andrew & Chris. Percomialle(?), 1433–34: 113r.
- Cokke** *see also* Cok, Coke, Cook
- Cokworthy**, Isabelle: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Cokworthy**, Richard: app. of Robt Coventre, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1426].
- Colard**, John: app. of John Stokton, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1467].
- Colard/Cowlard(e)/Collerd**, Thomas: app. of John Fauntleroy, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1429]; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; his apps listed as John Doon, 1437–38: 128v; Thos Fulman, 1440–41: 137r; John Down, 1442–43: 140v, 141r; Geo. Talbot, 1442–43: 141r.
- Colard** *see also* Cowlard
- [Colchester]**Colchestre, William: app. of Robt Shirewynd, 1395–96: 18v.
- Coldwell** *see* Goldewelle
- Coles/Colles**, John: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r.
- Colet**, Henry/Harry: app. of John Colet, his brother, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1460–61: 198v; f. 1461–62: 201r; f. 1463–64: 207v; tenant, 1460–61: R34r; former tenant, 1463–64: R44v; *see also* 1457–58: 191r; [Mayor 1486–87, 1495–96]; his app. listed as Wm Rollesle, 1456–57: 185r.
- Colet**, John 1: app. of Wm Waldern, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Colet/Colete/Colett/Colette**, John 2: 20; brother of Henry Colet; app. of Wm Kirton, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1442]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; his sons named as Robt Colet and John Colet, 1462–63: 203v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1455–56: 183r, 184r; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–59: 193r; troubles, 1452–53: 176r; 1455–56: 183v; 1455–56: 184v; 1456–57: 186r; 1456–57: 188r; his apps listed as Wm Holdare, 1443–44: 144v; Harry Colet, 1446–47: 152v; John Multon, 1446–47: 152v; Harry Colet, 1456–57: 186v; John Multon, 1456–57: 186v; Nich. Fery, John Lambart & Thos Chaterle, 1456–57: 186r; Wm Umfrey, 1460–61: 198r; Thos Chaterle, 1461–62: 200v.
- Colet**, John 3: app. of Wm Kyrkton, iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1450].
- Colet**, John 4: son of John Colet, 1462–63: 203v; app. of Wm Shore, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1473].
- Colet/Collet**, Robert: son of John Colet, 1462–63: 203v; app. of John Wendy, 1462–63: 203v; weigher of silk, 1480, 211v; d. 1495 n.s.: 211v.
- Colle**, William: app. of Rich. Bures, 1404–05: 41r.
- Collerd** *see* Colard
- Colles** *see* Coles
- Collet** *see* Colet
- Collyng** *see* Cullyng, Golenge
- Colman**, William: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r.
- Colred**: 1409–10: 52v; *see also* Culrede
- Colshille/Cocelle/Colsell**, Henry: app. of Wm Myles, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1451].
- Colte**, John: carter, 1453–54: R14v.
- Colwell**, Henry: app. of Seychemarssh, 1449–50: 163v.
- Colwell**, John 1: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Colwell**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Colwelle**, John 2: contribution 1412–13: 58v.¹²
- [Colwelle]**Collewelle/Colwille, John 3: also known as John Chapman: 91v; app. of Robt Colwelle, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1428].
- Colwelle**, John 4: app. of Roger Roos, 1443–44: 144v.
- Colwelle/Colwel/Collewelle/Colwille**, Robert: app. of Robt Trees, 1403–04: 38v; iss. 1410–11: 54r; [adm. 1411]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; beadle: sal. 1423–24: 85v; sal. 1424–25: 87v; sal. 1425–26: 89v; sal. 1426–27: 92v; sal. 1427–28: 96v; rent-collector 1424–25: 88r; sal. 1425–26: 90r; 1426–27: 93r; 1427–28: 97r; his apps listed as Nich. Straungwez, 1415–16: 68r; John Colwille, 1417–18: 72v; John Collewelle/Chapman, 1426–27: 91v.
- Colwelle**, William: app. of Thos Eston, 1427–28: 96r.
- Colwelle** *see also* Goldewelle

12 It is possible that this entry should be for Robert Colwelle, not 'John'.

- Colyn**, Thomas: tenant in the Pye 1436–37: 126r.
- Colyngridge**, John: app. of Wm Pratte, 1455–56: 182r.
- Colyns**, John: app. of John Stokton, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1451]; f. 1452–53: 176v; his app. listed as Wm Seymour, 1459–60: 195v.
- Colyston**, Sir Thomas: chaplain; sal. 1446–47: 153v; ? tenant in Budge Row?, 1447: R*2r.
- Combe/Combes**, Sir Richard: chaplain and priest of the Mercery; sal. 1442–43: 142r; 1443–44: 146r; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; 1447–48: 156v; 1448–49: 159v; 1449–50: 165r; 1449–50: 162v; 1452–53: 177r; 1453–54: R12r; 1454–55: R16r; livery cloth, 1454–55: 181v; chantry priest at St Thomas of Acon, 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; annuity granted on retirement, 1461–62: R37r.
- Combes**, Thomas: app. of John Olney, 1437–38: 128v.
- Combes/Combys**, William: [stockfishmonger]; sheriff 1441–42: 139v; 140r; 1452: 174v.
- Compton/-oun**, John: pd 1416–17: 70r; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r; his app. listed as James Cheyny, 1416–17: 70r.
- [Condon]Condoun/Cowndoun/Counden**, John 1: app. of John Aleyn, 1398–99: 27v; iss. 1407–08: 46v; [adm. 1408].
- Condon**, John 2: app. of Wm Oliver, 1446–47: 152v.
- Constable/Conestable**, Thomas: alms 1410–25: 1410–11: 55r; 1411–12: 57v; 1412–13: 61r; 1413–14: 63v; 1414–15: 66r; 1415–16: 68v; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 87v. [*see also* Thomas Stable]
- Cony**, Richard: app. of John Frost, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1474].
- Cony** *see also* Cove
- Coo**, William: app. of Thos Nyche, 1450–51: 169v.
- Cook(e)/Coke**, John 1: app. of Rich. Ryche, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1436]; f. 1448–49: 157v.
- Cooke**, John 2: app. of John Sturghon, 1437–38: 128v.
- Cook**, Richard 1: app. of John Otle, 1400–01: 32v.
- Cook**, Richard 2: app. of Hugh Wiche, 1456–57: 186r.
- Cooke**, Thomas 3: app. of Rich. Claver, then of Rog. Cople, iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1462 as late app. of R. Claver].
- Cook**, Thomas 4: draper; Mayor 1462–63: 205r, 205v.
- Cook(e)** *see also* Cok, Coke
- Coolynge** *see* Cullyng
- Copland** *see* Cappeland
- [Copley]Cople/Coplee**, Oliver: app. of Wm Denton, 1443–44: 145r; shopholder; ent. 1457–58: 190r, f. 1459–60: 196r.
- Copley**, Richard: app. of Rich. Clavere, 1446–47: 152v.¹³
- Copley/Cople/Coplee**, Roger: app. of Rich. Claver, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1456]; shopholder; ent. 1457–58: 190r, pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1460–61: 199r; his apps listed as John Rawson, 1460–61: 198r; James Dagge, 1461–62: 200v; Thos Cooke, 1461–62: 200v.
- Coppeng/Copyng**, John: app. of Ralph Marche, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1456]; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v.
- Copston**, Sir Thomas: chantry priest at St Thomas of Acon, 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1463–64: R43v.
- Coralie**, Laurence: workman, 1461–62: R38v.
- Corbet**, Thomas: iss. 1416–17: 70r; ent. 1416–17: 70r; pd 1416–17: 70r; *see also* 1417–18: 72r; 1418–19: 74r. [adm. 1463 by redemption].¹⁴
- Corbrond**, Thomas: app. of John Chacombe, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1465].
- Corby**, William: app. of John Coventre, 1423–24: 85r; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1434].
- Corbyn**, Thomas: app. of John Whyte, 1401–02: 34v.
- Cordy**, James: app. of Thos Onhand, 1443–44: 144v.
- Cornelius** *see* Cleyne
- Corner**, Robert: app. of Rich. Everard, 1403–04: 38r.
- Cornerth**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Cornville/Corneville/Corneville/Cornvyle**, William: ent. 1411–12: 56v; fee 1412–13: 58v; debt 1411–12: 57v; debt 1412–13: 61v; fee 1413–14: 62r.
- Cornwaylles/Cornewailles**, William: pd 1347–48: 3r, his app. listed as Rob. Lytport, 1347–48: 4r.
- Corsmaker**, Alice: silkwoman: entry fee 1420–21: 78v *bis*.
- Cosham/Cossam/Cosseham**, John: pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1405–06: 42v; debt 1403–04: 38v; 39r; debt 1404–05: 40v; debt 1404–05: 41v; *see also* 1400–01: 33r; 1412–13: 61r; 1413–14: 63v; his apps listed as John Brutoun & John Coventre, 1391–92: 9v; Wm Bryggenorth, 1395–96: 19r; Thos Skorier & John Stavertoun, 1398–99: 27r; John Coventre

13 This is most probably (but not certainly) the same man as Roger Copley, this first entry giving an erroneous first name.

14 This entry in the *Register* possibly refers to another man, but cf. the similar case of Reynold Cokayne and the note to his name above.

- 1398–99: 27v; John Everard & John Clerk, 1404–05: 41r; John Smarte, 1408–09: 48v; John Suttoun, 1409–10: 51v; Robt Randolph & Wm Overtoun, 1413–14: 63r; Robt Randolph & Wm Overton, 1422–23: 82r.
- Cosham**, Thomas: app. of Rob. Speek, 1391–92: 7r.
- Cosser**, John: debt 1399–1400: 30v. [perhaps = J. Cosham]
- Coste/Cust**, John: app. of Steph. Stychemersshe, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1444].
- Cost/Coste**, Thomas: app. of John Pydmelle, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1429]; tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r.
- Costewyke**, Thomas: app. of John Pellam, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1471].
- Cosyn**, John: tenant in St Mary Aldermary, debt, 1453–54: R11v; former tenant, 1463–64: R43r.
- Cosyn/Cousyn**, Robert: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1444–45: 147v; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1451]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; his shop 1448–49: 160r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1455–56: 183r; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; customs officer of Sandwich, 1460–61: 199v; arrested 1462–63: 204v; his app. listed as Rich. Fawne, 1456–57: 185v.
- Cosyn**, Thomas: tenement in Cordwainer Street, 1447: R*2v; quit-rent unpaid, 1444–45: R6r; and 1445–46: R6r.
- Cosyn**, William: app. of Wm Alburgh, 1463–64: 207r.
- Cotes**, James: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r.
- Cotford/Cotteford/Cotesford/Cottesford**, John: app. of Thos Hawkedene, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1415–16: 67v; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; w. 1430–31: 104r, 105r, 107v; w. 1436–37: 123v, 124r, 126v; w. 1446–47: 152r, 154v; tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; his apps listed as Rol. Roos & John Belle, 1426–27: 92r; Wm Hawkedon, 1435–36: 120r; Thos Nelme, 1439–40: 134v; Wm Philps, 1442–43: 141v; Walt. More, 1443–44: 144r; Henry Poynes, 1445–46: 149v; Robt Cok, 1446–47: 152v; John Yonge, 1454–55: 180r; Rich. Golofer, 1459–60: 195v.
- Cotne/Cotue**, Richard: app. of John Secheford, 1391–92: 7v.
- Cotton/-oun**, John 1: app. of Wm Butte, 1398–99: 27r.
- Cotton/-oun**, John 2: app. of Thos Berwyk, 1417–18: 72v.
- Cotton/-oun**, Walter: app. of John Fresshe, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1395–96: 18r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; w. 1399–1400: 28v, 29v, 31r; w. 1406–07: 43v, 44r, 45v; w. 1414–15: 64r, 64v, 66v; sheriff 1411–12: 57v; f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1409–10: 50v; see also 1404: 39v; his apps listed as Thos Bitterden, 1403–04: 38v; Henry Bircham, 1408–09: 48v.
- Cotyngham**, John: app. of Ralph Verney, 1458–59: 192r.
- Couce**, Robert: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Coufeld**, Robert: app. of John Penne, 1447–48: 154v.
- Counden** *see* Condon
- Couper**, John 1: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Couper**, John 2: pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v.
- Couper/Coupure**, Roger: app. of John Middleton, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; debt 1449–50: 168v.
- Court**, Robert: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Cousyn** *see* Cosyn
- Cove/Covy**, Adam: app. of Rich. Guy, 1391–92: 9r; iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1395]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; his apps listed as John Kendale & John Peryndoun, 1395–96: 19r.
- Cove**, Henry: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Cove**, William: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Cove** *see also* Cony
- [Coventry]**Coventre/Covyntre, Adam: app. of Wm Kirton, 1435–36: 120r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r.
- [Coventry]**Coventre/Coventree/Covyngtre, John: former haberdasher; app. of John Cosham, 1391–92: 9v; 1398–99: 27v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1401]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34r; pd 1402–03: 36r; f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1413–14: 62v; w. 1408–09: 47v, 48r, 49v; w. 1416–17: 68v, 69v, 71r, 71v; w. 1422–23: 81v, 82r, 83v; sheriff 1416–17: 71r; exec. of Rich. Whittington, 1422–23: 82v; [Mayor 1425–26]; bequest 1429–30: 101r; his apps listed as John Rychemonde, 1401–02: 34v; Thos Telleneye, 1404–05: 41r; Wm Gegge, 1408–09: 48v; John Gose, 1410–11: 54r; Thos Pomfreyt & John Wodeward, 1411–12: 57r; Wm Gegche, 1415–16: 68r; Robt Southam, 1416–17: 70r; Nich. Frebern, 1420–21: 78r; Wm Chartesey, 1420–21: 78v; Rich. Blenkinsop, 1421–22: 80v; Wm Corby & John Pikkyng, 1423–24: 85r; Robt Southam, 1424–25: 87r; Henry Gegge, 1425–26: 89v; Rich. Blenkinsop, 1429–30: 101v; John Audeley & John Pykyng, 1430–31: 106r; Wm Newton & Wm Corby, 1434–35: 116r.

- [**Coventry**]Coventre/Coventree/Covyngtre, Richard: ent. 1403–04: 40r; [adm. 1404 as son of Wm Coventry]; ent. 1404–05: 40v; iss. 1404–05: 41r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 42v; pd 1406–07: 44r; w. 1418–19: 73v, 75r; exec. of John Coventre, 1429–30: 101r; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1422–23: 82r; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1430–31: 105v; 107r; f. 1433–34: 113v; f. 1434–35: 116v; fee 1432–33: 111r; see also 1421–22: 81r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r; his apps listed as Laur. Cambo, 1404–05: 41r; Nich. Jameson, 1408–09: 48v; John Halle & Nich. Estmond, 1411–12: 57r; Nich. Frebern & John Gerard, 1413–14: 63r; Nich. Jamesoun, 1417–18: 72v; John Fether, 1419–20: 76r; Wm Haxey, John Brygge & Walt. Huntyngdon, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; John Gerard, 1421–22: 80v; Nich. Estmond, 1422–23: 82r; John Suttoun & Henry Suward, 1424–25: 87v; James Walsyngham & Alex. Eglisfeld, 1427–28: 96r; Walt. Huntyngdon, 1428–29: 99r; Wm Newton, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Haxay, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Brigge, 1430–31: 106r; John Brigge & Wm Kempe, 1431–32: 108v; John Suttoun, 1432–33: 110v; James Walsyngham, 1437–38: 128r.
- [**Coventry**]Coventre/Coventree, Robert: app. 1409–10: 51v;¹⁵ ent. 1409–10: 50v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410 as late app. of Wm Coventry]; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1410–11: 54r; pd 1411–12: 57r; exec. of John Coventre, 1429–30: 101r; his apps listed as John Jutberghe, 1414–15: 65v; Rich. Cokworthy, 1416–17: 70r; Rich. Cokworthy, 1423–24: 85r; Wm Kyrton, 1423–24: 85v; Wm Kirtoun, 1435–36: 119v.
- [**Coventry**]Coventre/Coventree, William, 1 (the elder): formerly a pinner; fee 1404: 39v–40r; see also 1404–05: 41v; ent. 1402–03: 36r; [adm. 1403]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; his apps listed as Robt Pynnoke, 1403–04: 38r; John Tounesende,¹⁶ 1405–06: 43r.
- [**Coventry**]Coventre/Coventree, William, 2 (the younger): iss. 1403–04: 38r; ent. 1403–04: 40r; fee pd 1403–04: 38v; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; his apps listed as Stephen Caustoun & Wm Townsende, 1403–04: 38r.
- [**Covington**]Covyntone/Covyntoun, William: app. of Mart. Kelom, 1415–16: 68r; iss. 1425–26: 89v; [adm. 1428]; f. 1426–27: 91v.
- Cowbek**, Mayor's serjeant 1447–48: 156v.
- Cowlard**, John: app. of Robt Skrayngham, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1465].
- Cowlard** *see also* Colard
- Cowle**, John: app. of John Martyn, 1459–60: 195r.
- Cowndoun** *see* Condon
- Cranage**, Margaret: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Crane**, Robert: app. of Rich. Everard, 1400–01: 32r.
- Crane**, William: weigher of silk, 1526: 211r.
- Crawford**, John: app. of Rich. Syff, 1460–61: 198r.
- [**Crawley**]Crawle, Piers: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r.
- Cray**, Nicholas: app. of Wm Caustoun, 1347–48: 4r.
- Crayngham** *see* Scrayngham
- Creek**, Richard: pd 1347–48: 4r.
- Cressewyk**, William: 1396–97: 21v, 22r, 22v.
- Cressy/Cresse**, Thomas: app. of Wm Parker, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1401–02: 35r; iss. 1403–04: 38r;¹⁷ [adm. 1403]; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; w. 1405–06: 41v, 42v, 43v, 44r; f. 1404–05: 42r; his apps listed as Wm Pikeryng, 1403–04: 38v; Wm Barnabe, John Bartoun & John Sevyll, 1405–06: 43r; Wm Rombold, 1409–10: 51v; Wm Ympyngham & Thos Cromwelle, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; Wm Empyngham, 1421–22: 80v; Thos Cromwelle, 1442–43: 140v.
- Crestesford**, Christopher: app. of Roger Roos, 1451–52: 172v.
- Crisp/Crispe/Crysp/Gryspe**, Richard: app. of Rich. Ryngsted, 1401–02: 34v; ent. 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1409]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v; debt 1417–18: 73r, 73v; his apps listed as John Sparwe & Henry Hanbery, 1409–10: 51v.
- Crispe**, Richard 2: [adm. 1451, late app. of Rich. Ryngstede].¹⁸
- Crispe**, Robert:¹⁹ his app. listed as Wm Borford, 1447–48: 155r.
- Crispe/Cryspe**, Thomas: app. of Wm Hales, iss. 1439–40: 134v; [adm. 1440]; f. 1449–50: 164v; f.

15 Although entered as an apprentice here, the information is given on f. 50v that he had never been such in the mercers' mistery.

16 His master may perhaps have been the younger WC as the entry does not specify which.

17 These two issue payments are odd (see note to f. 38r), and one should also remark the note against his first year's admission payment on f. 34v.

18 This entry in the *Register* may be erroneous and have arisen from some confusion over the entries for RC 1.

19 This is almost certainly an error for Thomas Crisp.

- 1452–53: 176v; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as Thos Dylke, 1456–57: 185r; Wm Bufford, 1456–57: 186v.
- Cristeson**, Margaret: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Cristeson**, William: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r.
- Cristian**, William: app. of John Aleyn, 1408–09: 48v.
- Cristine**, widow of John Newby, 1396–97: 22r.
- Crochon**/-oun, Thomas: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1410–11: 54r.
- Croffton**, William: carpenter 1435–36: 122v.
- Cromwell**(e), James: app. of John Bawde, 1426–27: 92r.
- Cromwell**(e), Thomas: app. of Thos Cressy, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1442–43:²⁰ 140v; [adm. 1442]; f. 1427–28: 94v.
- Crook**, John: app. of Rich. Seteryngton, 1422–23: 82v.
- Croppes**, John: his house, 1452: R9r.
- Crosse**, John: rent-collector 1443–44: 145v, 146r, 146v; 1444–45: 148r, 148v; 1445–46: 150v; 1445–46: 151r.
- Crosse**/Cros, Thomas: app. of Wm Gladman, 1442–43: 141v; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451].
- Crowe**, John: app. of John Everard, 1395–96: 18v.
- Crowe**: waxchandler: 1447–48: 156v; 1459–60: 196v.
- Crowton**, John: ent. 1445–46: 150v; [adm. 1463 by redemption].
- Croxton**, Thomas: lawyer, 1455–56: 184r.
- Crulle**, William: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Cullyng**(e)/Collyng/Coolynge, William: app. of John Halyat 1427–28: 95r, 96r; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1432]; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1435–36: 120v; 1435–36: 123r; his app. listed as Nich. Hudelle, 1433–34: 113r.
- Culpeper**: has land in Kent, 1453–54: R14v.
- Culrede**, John: tenant in Milk Street, 1447: R*1v. [see also Colred]
- Curson**, John: seamster or embroiderer, 1449–50: 165v.
- Curteys**, Gilbert: pd 1347–48: 2v; w. 1348–49: 4v.
- Cust** see Coste
- Dagge**, James: app. of Roger Cople, 1461–62: 200v.
- Dalby**, Thomas: app. of John Langham, 1404–05: 41r.
- Dale**, Sir Thomas: parson of St Sithes; ent. 1429–30: 101r.
- Dale**, Thomas: app. of John Whatlee, 1401–02: 34v.
- Dalgate**, John: app. of Thos Hurst & Ralph Marche, 1441–42: 139r.
- Dallyng**, John: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Dalton**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Dam**, Clement: app. of John Lok, 1463–64: 207r.
- Dam**, William: app. of Thos Barby, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1472].
- Damian**/Damyon/Damyoun/Domyan, Robert: app. of Wm Foucher, 1415–16: 68r; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as Thos Stanford, 1429–30: 102r; Robt Maslyne, 1435–36: 120r; John Hardyng, 1436–37: 124v; Thos Stamford, 1438–39: 131v; John Steyneford, 1439–40: 134v; John Bretyn, 1440–41: 137r; John Stanforthe, 1446–47: 152r.
- Danard**, Robert: app. of John Pydmylle, 1419–20: 76r.
- Dancaster**/Dancastre/Dankaster/Doncastre, Thomas: app. of Wm Harte, 1444–45: 147v; 1449–50: 163r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; f. 1449–50: 163r; f. 1452–53: 176v.
- Dane**, Robert: app. of John More, 1391–92: 9r.
- Dane**, Thomas: iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396, former app. of Thos Aleyn]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; f. 1403–04: 38v; his app. listed as Thos Gosse, 1413–14: 63r, and 1426–27: 91v.
- Dankaster** see Dancaster
- Dantre** see Dawtre
- Danyell**, Thomas 1: app. of James Surendene, 1395–96: 18v.
- Danyel**, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1405–06: 43r.
- Darent** see Durant
- Daubeney**, Henry: app. of Wm Bartelot, 1391–92: 7r.
- Daudley**/Dawdeley/Dawdele/Dawdelee/Daudisle, Simon: app. of John Burton, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 186v; his apps listed as John Burton, 1453–54: 178v; John Beldon, 1456–57: 186r.
- Dauntre**, Dautre see Dawtre
- Davers**, Harry: app. of Ralph Verney, 1452–53: 175v; pd 1463–64: 207v.

20 Twenty-two years as an apprentice seems overlong, and there may be two different men here, but such a long apprenticeship is not unknown.

- Davy**, Ellis/Elias: app. of Wm Hawe, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1407 as late app. of Thos Fauconer]; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; f. 1433–34: 113v; f. 1434–35: 116v; fee 1435–36: 118v; fee 1436–37: 125r; tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; d. and legacy, 1456–57: 188r; see also 1442–43: 142v; 1449–50: 162r; 1455–56: 183v; his app. listed as Nich. Lacy, 1409–10: 51v.
- Davy**, John: app. of Nich. Wolvey, 1437–38: 128v.
- Davy**, Thomas 1: app. of Hugh Clerk, 1395–96: 19r.
- Davy**, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Lee, 1456–57: 185v.
- Dawdele**, Dawdeley *see* Daudley
- Dawne** *see* Donne
- Dawtre**, Guy: app. of Robt Yarom, 1460–61: 198r.
- [**Dawtre**]Dautre, Robert: app. of Wm Dautre, 1429–30: 102r.
- Dawtre**/Dautre/Dauntree, William: app. of John More; fee 1410–11: 53v; iss. 1410–11: 54r; pd 1415–16: 67v; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; w. 1429–30: 100v, 101r, 104r; w. 1435–36: 118r, 118v, 120v, 123v; 1431–32: 108v; his apps listed as John Flete, 1415–16: 68r; Wm Gyffard, 1426–27: 92r; Robt Dautre, 1429–30: 102r; Rich. Beaufitz, 1435–36: 119v.
- Daynel**, Robert: app. of Thos Shirwyn, 1448–49: 158v.
- De la Launde** *see* Launde
- De la Mare**/Delamare, Robert: app. of Wm Audeby, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1400–01: 31v; his app. listed as John Stevene, 1400–01: 32v.
- Debenham**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Parker, 1400–01: 32r.
- Decoun**, William: app. of John Knottynglee, 1408–09: 48v.
- Defford**/Desford, John: vintner, tenant at the Greyhound in East Cheap, 1458–59: R25r; tenant in St Leonard's East Cheap, 1460–61: R34v; loan repaid, 1463–64: R43r.
- Deken**, John: tenant in St Martin Outwich 1458–59: R24r; 1459–60: R27v; ? 1462–63: R40r.
- Dene**, John: app. of Thos Sibnam, 1428–29: 99r.
- Denot**, William: app. of Rob. Buxtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Denton**(e), George:²¹ app. of Wm Thornhille, 1430–31: 105r.
- Denton**(e), John: app. of Wm Thornhille, 1426–27: 92r.
- Denton**/-oun, Maude: silkwoman 1415–16: 68v.
- Denton**(e), Richard: app. of John Whateley, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1429]; fee 1429–30: 102v; f. 1448–49: 158r; shop in the Crown, 1435–36: 122v; tenant in the Crown, 1436–37: 125v.
- Denton**(e)/Dentoun, Thomas: iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1394, former app. of Thos Sonnyngwell]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; f. 1403–04: 38v; f. 1410–11: 53v; his apps listed as Thos Grygory, 1395–96: 19r; John [...], 1398–99: 27r; John Cantelow, 1401–02: 34v; Wm Kyngestoun, 1404–05: 41r; Thos Waldene, 1409–10: 51v; Rich. Hemptoun, 1420–21: 78r bis, and 1426–27: 91v.
- Denton**/Donton, William: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. x 3, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1450–51: 170r; 1449–50: 162r, 162v; debt, 1449–50: R7v, R8r; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor, 1453: R10v; *see also* 1457: 191r *note*;
- his apps listed as Ol. Cople, 1443–44: 145r; John Odyarne & John Thornhill, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; John Thornehyll, 1450–51: 169v; John Odyarn, 1451–52: 172v; Rich. Mapy, 1453–54: 178r.
- Deny**, Richard: app. of Wm Myles, 1456–57: 186r.
- Denys**, Bartholomew: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
- Denys**/Deonys, Piers: app. of Thos Hawe, 1412–13: 58v; iss. 1418–19: 74r; [adm. 1417].
- Depden**(e), Thomas: app. of Wm Sonyngwelle, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 42v; pd 1406–07: 44r; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; his apps listed as Thos Batail, 1401–02: 34v; John Awdole, 1419–20: 76r.
- Depham**, John de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Depham**, Raulyn de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Depham**, William de: pd 1347–48: 3v; w. 1348–49: 4v; his app. listed as John Essex, 1347–48: 4r.
- Deram** *see* Derham
- Derby**, William: app. of Thos Glenhand, 1419–20: 76r.
- Derham**, John 1: app. of Ralph Elsyng, 1391–92: 8r.
- Derham**/Deram/Dereham/Dorham, John 2: app. of Rich. Aylmere, 1422–23: 82v; ent. 1428–29: 99r; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1428]; pd 1429–30: 101v; pd 1430–31: 105r; pd 1431–32: 108r; w. 1433–34: 112r, 112v, 114v; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1444–45: 147v; exec. of Rich. Aylmere, 1428–29: 99r; meter of linencloth, 1461: 211v; his apps listed as John Boche, 1429–30: 102r; Robt Aylemer, 1433–34: 113r;

21 George Denton and John Denton are very probably the same apprentice.

- Wm Marchynton, 1430–31: 106r; Hen. Whityngdon, 1435–36: 119v; John Baker, Robt Horne & Robt Elmeham, 1435–36: 120r; James Gargrave, 1439–40: 134v; Robt Hehnham, 1442–43: 140v; John Chamberleyn, 1442–43: 141v.
- [**Derwent**]Derwynt/Derewyn, John: app. of John Wodecok, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1399–1400: 29v; [adm. 1400]; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; f. 1403–04: 38v.
- Desford** *see* Defford
- Devene**, Thomas: app. of Nich. Hamme, 1395–96: 18v.
- Devenshire**, John: tenant in Coleman Street, 1463–64: R44v.
- Devenysshe**, Sir William: chaplain: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v; 1448–49: 160r.
- Dey**, John: cutler; 1442–43: 141r.
- Dike** *see* Dyke
- Dilcok**, Robert: app. of Robt Trees, 1409–10: 51v.
- Dister** *see* Dyster
- Dobele**, John: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1403–04: 38r.
- Dodenhale**/Dodnale/Dodenale, John: app. of Wm Estfeld, iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1435]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. 1446–47: 152v.
- Doget**, Thomas: app. of John Sturmyn, 1456–57: 185r.
- Doget** *see also* Doket
- Dogmanton**, Dogmerton *see* Duckmanton
- Dokette**, John 1: app. of Thos Muschampe, 1437–38: 128v.
- Doket**/Doget, John 2: app. of Ph. Spyr, 1447–48: 154v; then app. of Rich. Syffe, iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1458].
- Doket**, Stephen: debt 1398–99: 29r.
- Doket** *see also* Doget
- Dolande** *see* Downlond
- Dolvuton**: 1445–46: 151v.
- Domelowe**, Roger: app. of Wm Sewestir, 1459–60: 195r.
- Domelowe**, William: app. of Rich. Wise, 1459–60: 195r.
- Domenyk**/Domynyk, Robert: app. of John Shadworth 1391–92: 6r; w. 1404–05: 39r, 39v, 40r, 41v, 42v; 44r; alderman 1403: 39v; his apps listed as John Hertwelle, 1404–05: 41r; Thos Gylle, Rich. Chymbham & Raulyn Lovelle, 1405–06: 43r; John [...], 1412–13: 60r.
- Domyan** *see* Damian
- Doncastre** *see* Dancaster
- Donne**, Geoffrey: app. of John Lytelton, 1453–54: 178r.
- [**Donne**]Doun, Hugh: app. of John Bostoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Donne**/Don/Dunne/Dawne, John: 22–3; app. of Thos Fyler, 1443–44: 144v; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; warden and renter, 1456–57: R19r, R19v, 179v, 184v, 185r, 189v; w. 1462–63: 202v, 203v, 206v, R42v; former renter, handing over arrears, 1458–59: R23r; former renter, 1458–59: R25v–26v, R28r; 1460–61: R34v; auditor 1457–58: 191v; auditor 1463–64: 208v, R46r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1452–53: 176v; his apps listed as John Catour, 1461–62: 200v; Geoff. Hurst, 1462–63: 203v.
- [**Donne**]Don, Thomas: app. of Ph. Howell, 1451–52: 172v.
- Donnilton**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Gardener, 1458–59: 192r.
- Donstall**, John: app. of John Wellis, 1398–99: 27r.
- Donthorpe** *see* Dunsthorpe
- Donton** *see* Dounton
- Doon**, John: app. of Thos Cowlarde, 1437–38: 128v.
- Doorward**, Dorward *see* Durward
- Dorham** *see* Derham
- Doun** *see* Donne
- Dounton**/-oun/Duntoun/Dunton/Dountone/Downton(e)/Donton, Thomas: app. of Rich. Harry, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; w. 1439–40: 134r, 140r; w. 1450–51: 167r, 169r, 172r, 183v, R9r; w. 1456–57: 179v, 184v, 185r, 189v, R19v; auditor 1457–58: 191v; bequest 1460–61: 199r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1452–53: 176r; debt 1441–42: 140r; debt 1442–43: 143r; debt 1443–44: 147r; *see also* 1439–40: 135v; 1448–49: 161r; 1458–59: 194r; 1459–60: 196v; 1460–61: 200r; his apps listed as John Draper, 1423–24: 85r; John of Stowe & Thos Pyrye, 1426–27: 92r; Edm. Lovelle, 1427–28: 96v; Thos Rasyn, 1429–30: 101v, 102r; Matt. Leeke, 1430–31: 105v; John Newport, 1435–36: 120r; Matt. Leeke, 1437–38: 128r; John Berkeley & Wm Ford, 1439–40: 134v; Thos Perye & Robt Barley, 1441–42: 138v.
- Dounton**/Duntoun, William: app. of Wm Rombold, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1433]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131v; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. 1435–36: 121r.
- Douy**, John: app. of Thos Cheyner, 1347–48: 4r.
- Down(e)**, John: app. of Thos Colard, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1441]; f. 1442–43: 141r.
- Downham**]Dounham, John: serving-man of Wm Melrethe, 1442–43: 142v.

- Downland**/Dolande, John: app. of Wm Flete, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; f. 1443–44: 144r.
- Downton** *see* Dounton
- Drake**, John: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1405–06: 43r; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1408].
- Draper**, Edmund: app. of Thos Tekyl, iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422].
- Draper**, John: app. of Thos Dounton, 1423–24: 85r.
- Draper**, Thomas: app. of Robt Hallom, 1451–52: 172v.
- Drasse**/Drask, John: app. of John Bele, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; f. 1402–03: 36v.
- Drayton**/-oun, Bartholomew: app. of Nich. Draytoun, 1421–22: 80v.
- Drayton**/-oun/Draytone, Nicholas: app. of Wm Foucher, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1420]; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1455–56: 183r; f. 1460–61: 198v; fee 1456–57: 187r; fee 1457–58: 190r, fee 1458–59: 193r, fee 1459–60: 196r; his apps listed as Barth. Draytoun, 1421–22: 80v; Wm White & Wm Freng, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Freng, 1449–50: 164r; And. Todde, 1456–57: 185r.
- Drye**, John: app. of Thos Middiltoun, 1431–32: 108v.
- [Duckmanton]**Dukmanton/Dukmonton/Dogmanton, Henry/Harry: app. of Robt Large, 1435–36: 120r; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 148r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; his apps listed as Thos Lee & Thos Dogmanton, 1449–50: 163v.
- [Duckmanton]**Dukmanton, John: app. of Thos Dukmanton, 1443–44: 144v.
- [Duckmanton]**Dukmanton/Dogmerton, Thomas 1: app. of Wm Estfeld, iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434 under surname of Unkmanton]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; w. 1445–46: 149v; 152r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; his apps listed as John Rowle, Thos Grene & John Dukmanton, 1443–44: 144v.
- [Duckmanton]**Dogmanton, Thomas 2: app. of Hen. Dogmanton, 1449–50: 163v.
- [Duckmanton]**Dukmanton, Thomas 3: app. of John Lambart, 1453–54: 178v.
- Dudley**, John Sutton de (Baron Dudley): 1458–59: 194r.
- Dullay**/Dollay, Thomas: iss. 1411–12: 57r; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; f. 1426–27: 91v; his apps listed as Robt Blakeney, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; Walter Mower, 1426–27: 92r.
- Dunne** *see* Donne
- Dunsthorpe**/Donthorpe/[Dunthorne], Master William: Common Clerk of the City of London; ent. 1462–63: 205v; gifts 1463–64: 208r.
- Duntoun**, Duntoun *see* Dounton
- Durant**/Darent, John: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Durward**/Doorward/Dorward, Walter/Watkyn: app. of Thos Shirwynd, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1441]; f. 1442–43: 141r; 1449–50: 162v.
- Durwyn**, John: app. of Matt. Foucher, iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1440].
- Dutton**/-oun, Geoffrey: app. of John Chirche, 1422–23: 82v.
- Dyer**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Everle, 1463–64: 207r.
- Dyke**/Dike/Dyk, Hugh: ent. 1427–28: 94v; w. 1434–35: 114v, 115v, 118r; sheriff 1438–39: 131r, 133v.
- Dyker**, Piers: 1415–16: 68v.
- Dylke**, Thomas: app. of Thos Crispe, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1476].
- Dylke**, William: app. of Rich. Heynes, 1459–60: 195r.
- Dymmok**, Henry: app. of Rich. Guy, 1391–92: 9r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400].
- Dys**, John: app. of Ever. Flete, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1429].
- Dyster(e)**/Dystar/Dister, Thomas: app. of Rob. Warbultoun, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; w. 1398–99: 26r, 26v, 28v; his apps listed as John Abbot, 1395–96: 19r; John Broun, 1400–01: 32v.
- [East]**Est, John: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- [East]**Est, Thomas: app. of Wm Hawe, 1395–96: 18r; exec. of John Pidmylle, 1434–35: 116v; his app. listed as John Bostoun, 1400–01: 32r.
- [Eastfield]**Estfeld, Herbert: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1391–92: 6v.
- [Eastfield]**Estfeld(e)/Estefeld(e), Sir William: 2; app. of Robt Trees, 1401–02: 34v; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; w. 1417–18: 71r, 72r, 73v; w. 1424–25: 86v, 87r, 88r; w. 1428–29: 98r, 98v, 100v; w. 1433–34: 112r, 112v, 114v; knight; w. 1440–41: 136v; Mayor, 1429–30: 101r, 102v, 103v, 104r; mayor 1437–38: 127r, 130r; knight, 1440–41: 136v; exec. of John Bostoun, 1433–34: 113v; f. 1414–15: 65r; debt 1435–36: 123r; debt 1436–37: 124r; see also 1421–22: 81r; 1433–34: 114r;

- bequest, 1446–47: 153r; property from his legacy listed, 1447: R*2v; rents from his estate: 1449–50: R7r, R7v; 1450–51: R8r, R8v; 1452: R9r; 1453: R10r; 1453–54: R11r; 1453–54: R13r, R13v, R14r; 1454–55: R15v, R16v; 1455–56: R17v, R18r, R18v; 1456–57: R19r, R19v, R20r; 1457–58: R21r, R21v, R22r, R22v; 1458–59: R23r, R23v, R24r, R24v; 1459–60: R27v–R31v; 1460–61: R32r–35v; 1461–62: R36r–R39r; 1462–63: R39v–R42v; 1463–64: R43v–R46r;
- his obit, held at Aldermanbury Church on 9 May: 1449–64: R7v; R8v; R9r; R10r; R13r; R16v; R18r; R19v; R21v; R23v; R33v; R37v; R41r; R44r;
- his apps listed as John Fales, 1412–13: 60r; John Godson, 1417–18: 72v; Wm Prestoun, Thos Tykelle, Robt Holm & Thos Osbern, 1420–21: 78r bis; John Falwes & Wm Preston, 1426–27: 91v; John Goodson & Thos Osborn the younger, 1427–28: 96v; Thos Filer, Rich. Box & Thos Dukmanton, 1435–36: 119v; John Dodnale & John Middilton, 1436–37: 124v; John Grene, 1442–43: 140v.
- [Eastgate]**Estgate, Richard: app. of John Lokke, 1454–55: 180r; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1463].
- [Eastmond]**Estmond/Estmund/Estmound, John: app. of John Burre, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; w. 1417–18: 71r, 72r, 73v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1427–28: 96r;
- his apps listed as Wm Hore, 1409–10: 51v; John Blackehalle, 1415–16: 68r; Thos Estmond, 1420–21: 78r bis; Rich. Roger, 1423–24: 85v; Rich. Coke & Wm Strete, 1426–27: 92r; Robt Sutton, 1429–30: 102r.
- [Eastmond]**Estmond, Nicholas: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1411–12: 57r; iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1421].
- [Eastmond]**Estmond, Thomas: app. of John Estmond, 1420–21: 78r bis.
- [Easton]**Estoun, John 1:²² his app. listed as John Burgh, 1409–10: 51v.
- [Easton]**Estoun, John 2: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1410–11: 54r.
- [Easton]**Eston, John 3: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- [Easton]**Eston, John 4: app. of Thos Walker, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1472].
- [Easton]**Eston/-oun, Thomas 1: app. of Rob. Speek, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; f. 1427–28: 96r; f. 1435–36: 121r; his apps listed as Thos Talworth, 1409–10: 51v; Wm Colwelle, 1427–28: 96r.
- [Easton]**Estoun, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Fauconer; iss. 1401–02: 35r; [adm. 1403]; pd 1409–10: 52r.²³
- [Easton]**Estoun, Thomas 3: app. of Rob. Buxtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- [Easton]**Estoun, Thomas 4: app. of Robt Betelee, 1395–96: 18v.
- [Easton]**Estoun, Thomas 5: of Milk Street; iss. 1405–06: 43r.
- [Easton]**Eston, William: app. of John Smyth, 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1465].
- Ebmeye/Ebmeye/Edmete**, Nicholas: app. of Thos Osborne, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; his apps listed as Rich. Farleton, 1456–57: 185v.
- Ebralle/Ebrall/Eboralle/Abralle/[Eyburhall]**, Master Thomas: master of Whittington College, 1444–64; 1449–50: 165r; 1452–53: 177r; 1453–54: R12v; 1454–55: R16r, R18v; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: 188v, R19v; 1457–58: R21v; 1458–59: 194r, R23v; 1461–62: 202v, R37r; 1462–63: R41r; 1463–64: 208r.
- Eburton**, Robert: app. of Wm Irwilliam, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1447 as late app. of John Asshe].
- Ebyrton/-oun**, John: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1409–10: 51v.
- Ede**, Richard: app. of Thos Vyvent, 1391–92: 6v.
- Ede**, William: app. of John Alburgh, 1463–64: 206v.
- Edgore/Edgare**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Gardener, 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1465].
- Edmete** *see* Ebmede
- Edmond**: 1447–48: 156v.
- Edmond**, John 1: app. of John Middeltoun, 1391–92: 9v. [*see also* J. Admond?]
- Edmond/Emonde**, John 2: app. of Reynold Strete, 1420–21: 78v; f. 1427–28: 94v.
- Edmond**, Robert: app. of Rich. Bures, 1420–21: 78v.
- Edmond**, Thomas: app. of Wm Stephens, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1445].
- Edward III**: 4v.
- Edward IV**: (as earl of March, 1460: 197v); 1459–60: 197r; 1460–61: 200r; 1461–62: 202v; 1462–63: 205r, 205v; 1463–64: 208v.

22 This is almost certainly an error for Thomas Easton 2, as the name has a ‘ii’ attached to it.

23 See John Easton 2 and note above.

- Edward**, son of Margaret of Anjou: his birth 1453: 179r.
- Edward**, John: app. of John Lok, 1447–48: 154v; iss. 1457–58: 190r; [adm. 1458]; f. 1463–64: 207v.
- Edward**: app. of Thos Provendre, 1398–99: 27v.
- Edward** (of the King's Wardrobe: 'de Vesteria Regis'): tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Edyngdoun** *see* Hedyngton
- Eglisfeld**, Alexander: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1427–28: 96r.
- Eglistone**, John: app. of Wm Hardwyk, 1427–28: 96r.
- Egyngworth**, Jenet: tenant in Coleman Street, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Eilard**/Eylard, Alayn: app. of John Stable, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Eleanor** of Castile: late wife of Edward I: 1291: 210v.
- Elizabeth** *see* Arundel
- Elmeham**/Elmam, Robert: app. of John Dorham, 1435–36: 120r; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1460–61: 198v; his app. listed as Robt Pynchamore, 1456–57: 186r.
- Elnoth**, Richard: app. of John Grene, 1408–09: 48v.
- Elswyk**, Richard: app. of Rich. Evesley, 1440–41: 137r.
- Elsy**, Richard: app. of John Broun, 1456–57: 185r.
- Elsyng**, John: beadle 1347–48: 4v.
- Elsyng**, Jordan de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Elsyng**, Nicholas: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Elsyng**, Ralph: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r; alms 1415–20: 1415–16: 68v; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; his apps listed as John Derham & Rich. Erys, 1391–92: 8r.
- Elsyng**, Richard: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Elsyng**, Robert de: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed as John Whitewell, 1347–48: 4r.
- Elsynham**, Peter: his apps listed as Simon Castelyn, John Plat, Thos Hawkeden & John Holbeche, 1391–92: 8v.
- Elyot**, William: app. of John Middelton, 1443–44: 145r; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; f. 1456–57: 187v; customs official 1461–62: 202v; his app. listed as John Swandon, 1456–57: 185v.
- Elys**/Elyse, John 1: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1397]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; w. 1405–06: 41v, 42v, 43v, 44r; alms 1419–30: 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; d. 1429–30: 102v, 103r.
- his apps listed as Wm Langham, 1403–04: 38v; Robt Bencham, 1408–09: 48v.
- Elys**, John 2: app. of Wm Henege, 1447–48: 155r; then app. of John Sturgeon, iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457].
- Elys**, John 3: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; 1452–53: 175v; debt 1449–50: 168v.
- Elys**, John 4: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1476].
- Elys**, John 5: tenant in the Royal, 1460–61: R32r.
- Elys**, Richard: app. of Aust. Stratton, 1442–43: 141r.
- Elys**, Robert: tenant in the Royal, 1459–60: R30r.
- Emonde** *see* Edmond
- Empyngham**, John: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1395–96: 18r.
- Empyngham**/Ympyngham, William: app. of Thos Cressy, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1420]; f. 1426–27: 91v; his app. listed as Robt Stroder, 1426–27: 92r.
- Enfield**]Enefeld, John: app. of Thos Provendre, 1395–96: 19r.
- Enmede**, John 1: alms 1393–94: 13r.
- Enmede**, John 2: app. of John Burre, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1410–11: 54r; [adm. 1411].
- Erl**, Thomas: his apps listed as Walt. Keteshawe, John Benet & Wm Keteshawe, 1391–92: 8v.
- Erme**, Robert: app. of John Frost, 1446–47: 152v.
- Erntoun**/Eryngtoun/Eryngton, William 1: w. 1405–06: 41v, 42v, 43v, 44r; renter-warden 1405–06: 44r; w. 1414–15: 64r, 64v, 66v; 1406–07: 44r; his apps listed as John Falyate, Rob. Wilkyn & Wm Brayl, 1391–92: 8r; John Took & Rich. Bilby, 1395–96: 18v; John Prynce, 1400–01: 32v; John Dobebe, 1403–04: 38r; John Weylom, 1409–10: 51v; Thos Crochoun, 1410–11: 54r; John Sturgeoun, 1415–16: 67v; Thos Armoner, 1416–17: 70r; John Wylom, 1417–18: 72v; John Raynold, 1422–23: 82v; Bernard Fissher, 1424–25: 87v; John Sturgeon, 1425–26: 89v; Thos Armurer, 1426–27: 91v.
- Erntoun**, William 2: app. of John Butlee, 1395–96: 19r.
- Erstoun** *see* Herston
- Erys**, Richard: app. of Ralph Elsyng, 1391–92: 8r.
- Essex**, earl of *see* Bouchier
- Essex**, John: app. of Wm de Depham, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Essex**, Welmar de: witness, 1291: 210v.
- Est** *see* East
- Estanes** *see* Staines
- Estfeld** *see* Eastfield; Estgate *see* Eastgate; Estmond *see* Eastmond
- Eswy** *see* Aswy

- [**Eton**]Eytoun, John 1: app. of Wm Parker, 1391–92: 7r.
- Eton**/Etoun/Etone/Eytoun, John 2: app. of Henry Trenche, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1403–04: 38r; [adm. 1405]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; w. 1407–08: 45v, 46r, 47v, A4v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1413–14: 62v; exec. (?) of Wm Parker, 1413–14: 62r;
- his apps listed as John Wodeward, 1403–04: 38v; John Parkier, 1405–06: 43r; John Parker, 1407–08: 46v; Rich. Broke, 1410–11: 54r; John Wodward & Nich. Holmage, 1412–13: 60r; Rich. Brooke, 1426–27: 91v.
- Eton**, John 3: app. of Thos Ylom, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1471].
- Eton**, Richard: lawyer 1455–56: 184r.
- Eton** *see also* Hatton, Heton
- Etuelle**, John: app. of John Lambart, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1469].
- [**Eustace**]Ewstace, William: sergeant at arms 1462–63: 205r.
- Evenyngham**, William: app. of Wm Fleete, 1438–39: 131v.
- Everard**, Alan: w. 1396–97: 19v, 20v, 21v, 23r, 23v; w. 1403–04: 37r, 37v, 39r, 49r, A2r; w. 1411–12: 55v; 56v, 58r; sheriff 1415–16: 68v; f. 1394–95: 15r; f. 1409–10: 51r;
- his apps listed as John Manfeld & Wm Pencriche, 1391–92: 8r; Walt. Lyndeseye & Wm Brygge, 1395–96: 18v; Wm Overtoun, 1396–97: 21r; Edw. Piers & Wm Rody, 1400–01: 32v; James Cotes, 1401–02: 34v; Hugh Boys, 1405–06: 43r; John Ebyrtoun & John Asby, 1409–10: 51v; Wm Ruddy 1410–11: 53v; John Everard, 1410–11: 54r; John Rigmere, 1411–12: 57r; Rich. Gerard & Hen. Sydeney, 1417–18: 72v; John Everard & John Rydmere, 1420–21: 78r; John Swan, 1420–21: 78r bis; Rich. Tendale, 1421–22: 80v; Rich. Gerard, 1423–24: 85r.
- Everard**, Henry: app. of John Seymour, 1429–30: 102r.
- Everard**, John 1: ent. 1394–95: 15r; f. 1394–95: 15r; his app. listed as John Crowe, 1395–96: 18v.
- Everard**, John 2: app. of John Cosham, 1404–05: 41r.
- Everard**, John 3: app. of Aleyne Everard, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1419]; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; f. 1427–28: 95v.
- Everard**, Richard: app. of John Leenge, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; w. 1400–01: 31r, 31v, 33r, 34r; his apps listed as John Randolph, 1397–98: 25r; Robt Crane, 1400–01: 32r; Robt Corner, 1403–04: 38r.
- Everard**, Thomas: app. of John Wasshbourne, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1419]; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*.
- Everley**/Everle/Evyrle/Evyrley/Evirle/Eversle/Evesley/Everesley/Everslee, Richard: app. of Wm Olyver, iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1430]; pd 1443–44: 144r; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1462–63: 204r;
- his apps listed as Rich. Elswyk, 1440–41: 137r; John Thorpe, 1441–42: 138v; John Borman, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Adam, 1446–47: 152v; John Stampe, 1447–48: 155r; Robt Gyles & Harry Wygle, 1453–54: 178r; Wm Adam, 1454–55: 180r; Wm Burton, 1456–57: 185v; Robt Gyles, 1459–60: 195v; Harry Wygle, 1461–62: 200v; Wm Burton, 1462–63: 204r; Thos Dyer, 1463–64: 207r.
- Eversley**/Everslee/Evesley *see* Everley
- Everton**/oun, Reynold: app. of Baldewyn Tetisbury, 1407–08: 46v; iss. 1414–15: 65v.
- Evirle**, Evyrley *see* Everley
- Evot**, John: tenant in Coleman Street, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Ewstace** *see* Eustace
- Exale**, William: tenant 1453–54: R14r.
- Exham**, Thomas: app. of Thos Hawe, 1403–04: 38r.
- Eyburhall** *see* Ebralle
- Eylard** *see* Eilard
- Eylmere** *see* Aylmere
- Eytoun** *see* Eton
- Fabyan**, Thomas: app. of John Adams, 1450–51: 169v; then app. of John Baker, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].
- Faconer**, Facowner *see* Fauconer
- Fairefax**, Guy: lawyer 1455–56: 184r; 1457–58: 191r.
- Fairehed(e)**/Fayrehede, John: app. of Wm Stevenes, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1450–51: 170r; [adm. 1450]; f. 1452–53: 176v; shopholder 1458–59: 192v.
- Faireheed**, Thomas: tenant in the Pye 1436–37: 126r.
- Fairsted**, John: app. of John Welles, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417].
- Fakenham**, John de: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Fakenham**, Robert: app. of Thos Moretoun, 1395–96: 19r.
- Falows**/Falwes/Fales, John: app. of Wm Estfeld, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1427–28: 95v.
- Falows**, Robert: ent. 1445–46: 150v; [adm. 1442 by redemption].

- Falows**, Thomas: app. of John Sturgeon, then of Wm Hylle, iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1462]; fee 1461–62: 200v.
- Falwefeld**, Robert: app. of Adam Forster, 1414–15: 65v.
- Falwes** *see* Falows
- Falyate**, John: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1391–92: 8r.
- Farleton**, Richard: app. of Nich. Edmete, 1456–57: 185v.
- Farnndon**, William de: 1291: 210v.
- Farnham**, John: app. of Wm Bartelot, 1391–92: 7r.
- Fasby**, John: seamster: husband of Anneys Bonde; 1413–14: 64r.
- Fattyng**, William: app. of Everard Flete, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1418–19: 74r; [adm. 1417].
- Fauconberg** *see* Neville
- Fauconer**, John: app. of Wm Skidmore, 1460–61: 198r.
- Fauconer/Faukoner/Fawconer/Faconer(e)/Facowner/Fawconor**, Thomas: pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v; w. 1398–99: 26r, 26v, 28v; w. 1405–06: 41v, 42v, 43v, 44r; w. 1411–12: 55v, 56v, 58r; w. 1417–18: 71r, 72r, 73v; w. 1423–24: 83v, 84r, 86v; Mayor 1414–15: 65v; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1430–31: 105v; 107r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r; his apps listed as Rich. Hathewyk & Thos Welcome, 1391–92: 9v; Thos Davy & John Rokewode, 1395–96: 19r; Wm Maldoun, 1396–97: 21r; Robt Strode, 1397–98: 25r; Thos Prentys & John Bernham, 1398–99: 27r; Thos Estoun 1401–02: 35r; John Juntyng, 1403–04: 38v; Wm Pole, Rich. Beek, John Drake & Thos Danyel, 1405–06: 43r; Rich Boure & John Estoun, 1410–11: 54r; John Chyntyng, 1419–20: 76r; John Strangwyshe, 1423–24: 85r; John Berby, 1429–30: 101v, 104v; Rich. Thorpe, 1434–35: 116r, 116v; Ralph Verney & Robt Strangways, 1435–36: 119v, 120r.
- Fauntleroy**, John 1: app. of Thos Secheford, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34r; pd 1402–03: 36r; w. 1409–10: 49v, 50v, 52v; w. 1415–16: 66v, 67r, 68v; w. 1422–23: 81v, 82r, 83v; w. 1428–29: 98r, 98v, 100v; see also 1423–24: 84v; his apps listed as Wm Lovell, 1400–01: 32r; Wm Tyhille, 1409–10: 51v; John Baret, 1413–14: 63r; Wm Machon, 1416–17: 70r; Thos Colard, 1419–20: 76r; Wm Machon, 1426–27: 91v; Thos Cowlard, 1428–29: 99r.
- Fauntleroy**, John 2: app. of Robt Reynham, 1429–30: 102r.
- Fauseby**, Anneis [Agnes]: her shop in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v.
- Favelle**, Thomas: tenant in Walbrook, 1460–61: R32v.
- Fawconer** *see* Fauconer
- Fawne**, Richard: app. of Robt Cosyn, 1456–57: 185v.
- Fayrehed(e)** *see* Fairehede
- Feld** *see* Field; Feldyng *see* Fielding
- Felipe** *see* Philip
- Feraunt**, Adam: app. of Nich. Hamme, 1395–96: 18v.
- Feraunt**, John 1: w. 1376–77: A2r; his apps listed as Wm Sonyngwell, Rich. Guy, John Feraunt & John Pomeray, 1391–92: 8r.
- Feraunt**, John 2: app. of John Feraunt, 1391–92: 8r.
- Ferby**, John: app. of John Atherstoun, 1412–13: 60r.
- Ferroure**, William: tenement called the Cony on the Hoop, 1447: R*2v; the ‘Cony’ in St Michael, Cornhill, 1453–54: R11r.
- Fery/Ferry**, Nicholas: app. of John Colet, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1467].
- Ferys/Feryes**, William: app. of John Lambard, 1445–46: 150r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1453]; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v.
- Fether**, John: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1419–20: 76r.
- [Field]**Felde, John: [stockfishmonger]; sheriff 1454–55: 183v.
- [Field]**Feld, William: app. of John Roo, 1445–46: 149v.
- [Fielding]**Feldyng/Fildyng/Fyldyng, Geoffrey: app. of John Admond, 1411–12: 56v; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1421]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r, w. 1432–33: 110r, 110v, 112r; w. 1442–43: 140v, 143v, R5r; w. 1447–48: 154v, 157v, 175r, R7r; w. 1452–53: R9v, R10r, R10v, R11v, R13r, R14v, 174v, 175r, 175v, 178r, 179v, 181r, 182r; Mayor 1452–53: 176v, 177r, 191r; his bottler 1448–49: 161r; f. 1438–39: 132r; debt 1450–51: 171v; debt 1463–64: 209r; see also 1435–36: 120v; 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r; 1445–46: 150v; 1449–50: 166v; 1449–50: 167r; 1452: 174v; his apps listed as Rich. Claver, 1429–30: 102r; Edm. Blakeney, 1435–36: 120r; Rich. Clavire, 1437–38: 128r; John Wm Bygyns, 1437–38: 128v; John Blakhalle & John Screveyne, 1442–43: 141r; Rich. Large, 1442–43: 141v; Thos Worlee, 1443–44: 144v; Edm. Redeknape, 1444–45: 147v; Wm Capman & Thos Grafton, 1447–48:

- 154v; John Blakhal, 1448–49: 158v; John Screvyn, 1449–50: 164r; Nich. Albert, 1452–53: 175v; Wm Skrevayner, 1453–54: 178r; John Rowshawe & John Howardyn, 1455–56: 182r; Thos Worle, 1455–56: 182v; Harry Glasson & John Elys, 1463–64: 206v.
- [Fifehead]**Fyfithede, John: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- [Fifehead]**Fyfyd, Philip: app. of John Middeltoun, 1401–02: 34v.
- Filche**, John: app. of John Langham, 1411–12: 57r.
- Fildyng** *see* Fielding
- Filer** *see* Fyler
- Filtz Richard** *see* FitzRichard
- [Fisher]**Fissher, Bernard: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1424–25: 87v.
- [Fisher]**Fyssher, John 1: app. of Wm Sonyngwell, 1398–99: 27r.
- [Fisher]**Fissher/Fischer, John 2: app. of John Adam, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1453–54: 178v; [adm. 1454]; former serving-man of John Baker, 1456–57: 187v; f. 1456–57: 187v; pd 1463–64: 207v; his app. listed as Wm Piers, 1463–64: 206v.
- [Fisher]**Fissher, John 3 (*alias* John Walle): app. of Rich. Syff, 1463–64: 206v.
- [Fisher]**Fissher, Master Richard: 1459–60: 197r.
- [Fisher]**Fischer/Fyscher, Thomas: weigher of silk: 212r; d. 1518: 212r.
- [Fitzherbert]**Fitzherbed, Nicholas: app. of John Midelton, then of Rich. Gardener, 1456–57: 185r.
- [Fitzjohn]**FitzJohan, John 1: app. of Rich. Skiete, 1409–10: 51v.
- [Fitzjohn]**FitzJohan, John 2: app. of John Michel, 1415–16: 67v.
- Fitzrichard/filtz** Richard, John: app. of John Kesteven, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; f. 1402–03: 36v.
- Fitzrichard**, William: f. 1427–28: 95v.
- Flame**, William: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1442–43: 141r.
- Fleccher**, William: app. of Nich. Agor, 1461–62: 200v.
- Fleet/Fleete/Flete**, Everard: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1406–07: 44v; [adm. 1407]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; w. 1417–18: 71r, 72r, 73v; w. 1424–25: 86v, 87r, 88r; w. 1430–31: 104r, 105r, 107v; w. 1436–37: 123v, 124r, 126v; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1438–39: 132r; *see also* 1423–24: 84v; 1436–37: 126v; 1442–43: 143r; his apps listed as Wm Fattyng, 1408–09: 48v; Rich. Fortescuz, 1409–10: 51v; Robt Squyer, 1417–18: 72v; Rich. Fortesku & Wm Fattyng, 1418–19: 74r; John Bothumselle & John Dys, 1420–21: 78r bis; John Bardolf, 1424–25: 87v; John Bothumselle & John Dys, 1429–30: 101v; Lambard Brigge & John Martyn, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Henage, 1431–32: 108v; Marm. Marshalle, 1434–35: 116r; Lamb. Brigge, 1436–37: 124v; John Martyn, 1437–38: 128r; John Sponseby, 1438–39: 131v; Robt Mytton & John Kirton, 1439–40: 134v; Wm Henege, 1440–41: 136v; Robt Multon, 1446–47: 152r; John Kirton, 1448–49: 158r; Hen. Massingham, 1449–50: 164r.
- [Fleet]**Flete, Isabelle/Elizabeth: silkwoman; [wife of Wm Fleet 2]; 21; debt 1424–25: 88r; tenant in Crown Seld; debt 1425–26: 89v; her shop 1425–26: 90r; her shop, 1443–44: 146v; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; tenant 1448–49: 160v; d. and bequest, 1456: 212r.
- [Fleet]**Flete, John: app. of Wm Dantre, 1415–16: 68r.
- [Fleet]**Flete, Simon: app. of John Wodcok, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1411]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; his app. listed as Wm Richardson, 1411–12: 57r.
- [Fleet]**Flete, William 1: ent. 1410–11: 53v; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; woolman; debt 1435–36: 123v; 1436–37: 124r.
- Fleet/Fleete/Flete**, William 2: app. of Wm Cavendish, iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; his shop 1436–37: 126r; his wife's shop, 1443–44: 146v; w. 1438–39: 130v, 131r, bequest, 1445–46: 150v; his apps listed as John Dolande, 1427–28: 96r; Rich. Lesyngham & Wm Evenyngham, 1438–39: 131v; Nich. Hatton, 1442–43: 140v; John Downlond, 1443–44: 144r; John Pykton, 1443–44: 145r; Rich. Lesyngham, 1449–50: 164r.
- Flemyng**, Richard: ironmonger; sheriff 1460–61: 199v.
- Fletcher**, John: app. of Thos Rykes, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v.
- Flete** *see* Fleet
- Flore**, John: app. of Hen. Frowyke, 1438–39: 132r.
- Flysp(e)**, Robert: app. of John Butler, jun., 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417].
- Foliot/Folyot/Foliat(e)/Folyate/Folleyat/Foliatte**, Richard: app. of Rich. Herry, 1412–13: 60r; app. of Robt Large, iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1417]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1434–35: 116v; his house in Bassishaw, 1449–50: 163r; his apps listed as Reyn. Haybat, 1433–34: 113r; John Benge, 1438–39: 131v.

- Forde**, John 1: app. of Rich. Aylemere, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1413].
- Forde**, John 2: app. of John Boston, 1426–27: 92r.
- Ford**, William: app. of Thos Dounton, 1439–40: 134v.
- Fordham**, John: app. of Rich. Somery, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1427].
- Forester**/Forster, Richard: iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1396 as late app. of John Cosham]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; debt 1394–95: 16v, 17v; debt 1395–96: 20r; 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r.
- Forester** *see also* Forster
- Fornham**/Fornam, Thomas: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1416–17: 70r; [adm. 1416].
- Forster**/Forester/Foster/Fostier, Adam: app. of John Typpup, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1413–14: 62v; [adm. 1413]; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; f. 1423–24: 85r; his apps listed as Hen. Wodeward & Robt Falwefeld, 1414–15: 65v; Thos Suttoun, 1419–20: 76r; Robt Wolselay, 1420–21: 78r; Thos Founteney & Thos Lee, 1423–24: 85v; Thos Lee, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Fownteyns, 1433–34: 113v.
- Forster**, Leverich: under-clerk then clerk to the Mercers: 9.
- Forster**/Foster, Robert: app. of John Saymour, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1441].
- Forster**, William: app. of John Philipot, 1403–04: 38v.
- Forster** *see also* Forester
- Fortescue**/Fortescu, John: Chief Justice 1455–56: 184r.
- Fortescue**/Fortescuz/Fortesku, Richard: app. of Everard Flete, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1418–19: 74r; [adm. 1417].
- Forth**, John: f. 1437–38: 129r; legal case, 1438–39: 133v.
- Foster**, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debts paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Foster** *see also* Forster, Forester
- Foucher**/Foucheer/Fowcher(e)/Fowchier/Fouche, Matthew: app. of Wm Foucher, 1420–21: 78v; fee 1425–26: 89r; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1434]; iss. 1435–36: 119v; w. 1437–38: 126v, 127r, 130v; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1429–30: 102v; f. x 2, 1435–36: 121r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. x 2, 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. x 3, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 157v;
- his apps listed as Robt Qweneburgh & Rog. Blenkinsop, 1426–27: 92r; Rog. Blenkynsoppe, 1433–34: 113v; John Harward & Thos Fynchampe, 1435–36: 119v; Robt Quenburgh, 1435–36: 119v; Robt Ledes & Wm Wayte, 1439–40: 134v; John Durwyn, 1441–42: 138v; Robt Ledis, 1442–43: 140v; John Aleyn, 1442–43: 141r; Wm Fyneham, 1443–44: 145r; Wm Launsom, 1448–49: 158v; John Aleyn, 1449–50: 163v; Wm Fyneham, 1456–57: 186v.
- Foucher**, Thomas: app. of Wm Foucher, 1412–13: 60r.
- Foucher**/Foucer/Fowcer, William: app. of John More, 1391–92: 9r; w. 1408–09: 47v, 48r, 49v; debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1407–08: 47r; his apps listed as Wm Melrith & John Plomere, 1395–96: 18v; John Frankys, 1400–01: 32v; Wm Mildren, 1403–04: 38v; John Lovelace, 1409–10: 51v; Nich. Draytoun, 1410–11: 54r; Thos Foucher, 1412–13: 60r; Edm. Nortoun, 1414–15: 65v; Robt Damyouun, 1415–16: 68r; Nich. Draytoun, 1420–21: 78r; Matt. Foucher, 1420–21: 78v; Robt Raymond, 1424–25: 87r; Matt. Foucher, 1435–36: 119v.
- Foundour**, Bette (Bartholomew): tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Foundour**/Foundur, Raulyn: pd 1347–48: 3r; his app. listed as Laur. Spence, 1347–48: 4r.
- Foundour**, William: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Founteney** *see* Fownteyns
- Fownteyns**/Founteney, Thomas: app. of Adam Foster, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1433].
- Fox**, Richard: app. of John Sturgeon, 1443–44: 144v.
- Franceys** *see* Fraunceys
- Frankton**, Richard: app. of John Middleton, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1452].
- Frankysshe**/Frankys, John: app. of Wm Foucher, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410].
- Frankysshe**/Frankisshe/Frankish/Frankes, Robert: app. of Wm Thornhille, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1443–44: 144r, [adm. 1441]; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; former tenant, 1448–49: 160r; his apps listed as Thos Asperle, 1445–46: 149v; John Barbur, 1447–48: 155r.
- Fraunceys**, Adam: pd 1347–48: 3r; w. 1347–48: 2v, 4r, 4v.
- Fraunceys**, Elys: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Fraunceys**, Simon: pd 1347–48: 2v.

- Fraunceys**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3r.
[Fraunceys]Franceys, John: goldsmith; Mayor 1400–01: 32v.
[Fraunceys]Francois, Raulyn: [adm. 1347 as app. of Laurence Spence].
Fray, John 1: iss. 1409–10: 51r; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1410–11: 54r; pd 1411–12: 57r.²⁴
Fray(e)/Frye, Sir John 2: counsel 1410–11: 54v; counsel 1412–13: 61r; legal work, 1413–14: 64r; counsel 1413–14: 64r; baron of the Exchequer, 1427–28: 97v; 1429–30: 103v; 1449–50: 165r; his will, 1449–50: 166v; chief baron of the Exchequer, bequest, 1450–51: 169r; 1458–59: 194r.
Fraye, Thomas: 1450–51: 170v.
Frebarn, John: app. of Wm Rumbald, iss. 1444–45: 147v; [adm. 1442].
Frebarn/Frebern, Nicholas: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1413–14: 63r; app. of John Coventre, iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1417]; f. 1427–28: 94r.
Frechet/Frigett, John: app. of John Langham, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1421].
Freman, Alan: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
Freman, Henry: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
Freman, John: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
Freman, Stephen: app. of Robt Barley, 1449–50: 163r; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].
Freman, Thomas: app. of John Somery, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; his app. listed as Alex. Baker, 1430–31: 105v.
Frende, Robert: app. of Harry Asshewelle, 1456–57: 185v.
Freng(e), William: app. of Nich. Drayton, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1446].
Fresshe/Frosshe, John: his apps listed as Wm Walderne, Walter Cottoun, Thos Grene & Thos Welle, 1391–92: 6r; John Benynyngton, 1395–96: 18r.
[Friday]Fryday, John: app. of Wm Otes, 1419–20: 76r.
Friday, Richard: app. of John Stokton, 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1472].
Frigett *see* Frechet
Frisney, John: app. of John Burton, 1432–33: 110v; iss. 1442–43: 140v.
Frisnay, Walter: tenant in Bishopsgate without, 1447: R*2v.
Frisney, William: [adm. 1440 as late app. of John Burton].²⁵
Frisyngfeld, Richard: app. of John Organ, 1391–92: 6v.
Frost(e), John: app. of Wm Hardwyk, 1419–20: 76r; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1456–57: 186v; his apps listed as John Strete, 1437–38: 128v; Wm Semper, 1443–44: 144v; Robt Erme, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Clerk, 1451–52: 172r; Wm Catelyn, 1452–53: 175v; Robt Yarom, 1455–56: 182v; Robt Yarom 1456–57: 187v; Rich. Cony & Wm Hilston, 1463–64: 207r.
Frowyk(e)/Frowik(e), Henry 1: app. of John Otlee, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1411]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v; w. 1421–22: 79v, 80r, 81v; w. 1425–26: 88r, 89r, 90v, 92v; w. 1429–30: 100v, 101r, 104r; w. 1434–35: 114v, 115v, 118r; w. 1441–42: 138v; w. 1448–49: 157v, 161v, 162r, 179v; sheriff 1427–28: 95r, 96r, 97r; Mayor 1435–36: 121r, 121v, 122v; alderman; 1441–42: 138v; Mayor 1444–45: 149r; f. 1430–31: 105v; 107r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r; debt 1435–36: 123r; debt 1436–37: 124r; exec. of John Coventre, 1429–30: 101r; his serving-man a tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; bequest 1460–61: 199r; *see also* 1421–22: 81r; 1447–48: 157r; his apps listed as John Sylesdene & John Cokke, 1417–18: 72v; Wm Adames, Thos Wittilbury & John Skot, 1421–22: 80v; John Penystone, Wm Lyghchollers & John Allard, 1426–27: 92r; John Shipton, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Wittilbury, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Frowyke & John Flore, 1438–39: 132r; Wm Islame, Wm Lightholde, John Ward & John Shipton, 1442–43: 140v; Wm Flame, 1442–43: 141r; Thos Boston, 1443–44: 144r; Wm Denton, 1443–44: 144r, 144v, John Smyth, 1454–55: 180r; John Teylowe, Robt Grene, John Bysle, Ham. Sutton, John John (John Smythe) & Thos Robertson, 1447–48: 155r; Rich. Ansam, 1456–57: 186v; Reynold Asshe, 1460–61: 199r.
Frowyk, Henry 2: app. of John Otley, iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417].
Frowyk(e), Thomas: app. of Hen. Frowyke, 1438–39: 132r; ent. 1447–48: 156r; [adm. 1446 by redemption].
Frye *see* Fray

24 It seems likely that all these payments are for the same man as the next, but no specific mention is made of his not being a mercer by trade.

25 This entry in the *Register* almost certainly refers to the man listed as John Frisney in the Wardens' Accounts.

- Fulham**, Adam de: 1291: 210v.
- Fuller**, John: app. of John Lokke, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1446].
- Fulman**, Thomas: app. of Thos Cowlard, 1440–41: 137r.
- Fulsham**, Robert: app. of John Lok, 1456–57: 185v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460].
- Furnevale**, Jenyn: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Fyfithede**, Fyfyd *see* Fifehead
- Fyldyng** *see* Fielding
- Fyler**/Filer/Fylour, Thomas: app. of Wm Estfeld, iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r, f. 1459–60: 196r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; his apps listed as Harry Asshewelle & John Donne, 1443–44: 144v; Rich. Taillour, 1446–47: 152v; Robt Cobold, 1449–50: 163r; Wm Cogan & Thos Rewsson, 1451–52: 172v; Rich. Tailour, 1455–56: 182v; Thos Bowchier, 1456–57: 186r; John Shelle, 1456–57: 187v; Wm Skidmore, 1456–57: 187v; Wm Cobham, 1458–59: 192v; Thos Rawson, 1459–60: 195v.
- Fyncham**/Fyneham, William: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1443–44: 145r; also app. of John Harowe, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; shopholder; ent. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1459–60: 196r; pd 1463–64: 207v.
- Fynchampe**, Thomas: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1435–36: 119v.
- Fyneham** *see* Fyncham
- Fyscher**, Fyssher *see* Fisher
- Gaas(e)** *see* Gase
- Gadde**/Gad, John: shearman; tenant at the Pye in St Martin Outwich, 1458, 1459–60: R27v; 1460–61: R32r; 1460–61: R34v; money paid for repairs, 1459–60: R28r; dinner at his house, 1459–60: R31r; 1462–63: R40r.
- Galganet**/Galganat [Galganetti], David/Davyn: Lombard; merchant of Lucca; broker; ent. 1425–26: 89r; d. 1427–28: 95r; his app. listed as John Galganet, 1434–35: 116r.
- Galganet**, John: app. of David Galganet, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1433].
- Galgate**, Robert: app. of Robt Holme, 1429–30: 102r.
- Gambon**, William: app. of John Sturgeon, 1446–47: 152v.
- Gamyll**, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Gardiner**, John: app. of Steph. Causton, 1423–24: 85v.
- Gardener**, Richard: app. of Wm Stevenes, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; w. 1461–62: 200r, 200v, 201v, 203v; warden and renter, 1461–62: R36r–R39r; former renter, 1462–63: R39v; former renter, 1462–63: R42v; former renter, 1463–64: R46r; auditor 1462–63: 205v, R42v; [Mayor 1478–79]; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1458–59: 192r; f. 1463–64: 207v; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1460–61: R35v; 1461–62: 201v; 1461–62: R36v; his apps listed as Nich. Fitzherbed, 1456–57: 185r; Thos Edgore, 1457–58: 189v; Thos Donnilton, 1458–59: 192r; Wm Vowell, 1462–63: 203v; John Whittok, 1463–64: 206v.
- Gargrave**, James: app. of John Derham, 1439–40: 134v.
- Garnoun**, Thomas: app. of John Goldewell, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1461].
- Garton**/oun, John/Janynd de: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed as Thomas Sagor, 1347–48: 4r.
- Garton**/oun, Philip: app. of Wm Cavendysshe, 1403–04: 38r.
- Garton**/oun, Simon de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Garton**/oun, Thomas: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1397–98, 25r; [adm. 1399].
- Garton**/oun, William de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Gascoigne**/Gascoyn, Aldebrand: ent. 1402–03: 36r; f. 1403–04: 38v.
- [Gase]**Gaas/Gas, Adam: debt 1398–99: 28v; debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v.
- Gase**/Gaase/Gas, John/Thomas:²⁶ 21–2; tenant in Pye; debt 1424–25: 88r; in prison, debt 1425–26: 89v; debt 1425–26: 90r, 90v; debt 1426–27: 91r, 93r, 93v; debt 1427–28: 94r, 97v; debt 1428–29: 98v; debt 1428–29: 100r, 100v; debt 1429–30: 101r; debt 1429–30: 104r, 104v; debt 1430–31: 105r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r.
- Gaynour**, John: app. of John More, 1391–92: 9r.
- Gayton**, Thomas: app. of Hen. Messyngham, 1435–36: 120v.
- Gayton**, William: app. of John Penne, 1435–36: 120r.

26 It is just possible that two men are referred to, that one has taken on responsibility for the other's debt, but it is more likely either that he used both 'John' and 'Thomas' or that some of the entries have a wrong first name.

- Gaywode**, John: app. of Geoff. Blower, 1458–59: 192r; [adm. 1469].
- Gedney**, John: [Draper]; Mayor 1427–28: 95r.
- Gedeney**, John: app. of Thos Gedeney, 1395–96: 19r.
- Gedeney(e)/Gedenay**, Thomas: app. of Sol. Salman, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1392–93: 12r; [adm. 1394]; pd 1392–93: 12r; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; f. 1400–01: 33r; his apps listed as John Gedeney, 1395–96: 19r; James Tedde, 1398–99: 27v; Wm Saustoun, 1400–01: 32v.
- Gedge**: silkwoman: d. and bequest 1464: 212r.
- Gedge/Gegge**, Henry/Harry: app. of John Coventre, iss. 1425–26: 89v; [adm. 1424]; f. 1427–28: 94v; *see also* 1451–52: 174r; 1452–53: 177r; 1455–56: 184r.
- [Gedge]Gegge**, John: f. 1415–16: 67v.
- [Gedge]Gegge/Gegche/Gege**, William: app. of John Coventre, 1408–09: 48v; 1415–16: 68r; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; his app. listed as Robt Trusbut, 1425–26: 89v.
- Gedney** *see* Gedeney
- Gentil/Jentil**, Thomas: app. of Wm Audeby, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400]; pd 1400–01: 31v.
- Gerard**, John: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1420]; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; his app. listed as John Kempe, 1426–27: 92r.
- Gerard**, Richard: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422].
- Gerarde**: tenant 1448–49: 160v.
- Gerebray/Gerbray**, Roger: app. of Robt Trees, 1415–16: 67v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 96r; f. 1435–36: 121r; his apps listed as Nich. Wolwey, 1423–24: 85v; Wm Luffe, 1426–27: 92r; Guy Roos, 1430–31: 106r; Nich. Wolvey, 1435–36: 119v.
- Gerveys**, George: grocer; legacy, 1447: R*1v.
- Gerveys**, John: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410 as late app. of Nich. Belej].
- Gerveys/Gerveis**, Master [Gervase Le Vulre]: 1450–51: 170v; 1452–53: 177r; 1455–56: 183v; 1455–56: 184r; 1457–58: 191r.
- Geveyn/Gyveyn/[Gebeyn]**, Sir Piers: iss. 1401–02: 35r; pd 1401–02: 34v; gift 1421–22: 80v.
- Gibbes/-ys/Gybbys/-es**, Thomas: app. of Wm Tounlond, 1447–48: 154v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; fee 1454–55: 180r; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as Rich. Lakon & John Browne, 1456–57: 186r.
- Gibson**, Stephen: app. of Thos Baxster, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1466].
- Giles**, Emmot: tenant in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v; 1436–37: 126r.
- Giles** *see also* Gyles
- Gilesson**, Fop [Foppen]: shipper, 1454–55: 180v.
- Gille**, John 1: carpenter 1425–26: 90r.
- Gille**, John 2: tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Gille/Gylle**, Thomas: app. of Robt Domenyk, 1405–06: 43r; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; f. 1423–24: 85r; f. 1426–27: 91r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1429–30: 102v; his apps listed as Thos Hotoun, 1425–26: 89v; Thos Bertelot, 1429–30: 102r, 102v.
- Gilmyn**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Girlere**, Richard: app. of Wm Oliver, 1423–24: 85r.
- Givayn** *see* Geveyn
- Glade**, Roger: app. of Thos Niche, 1456–57: 186r.
- Gladman**, Robert: app. of Robt Randolf, 1429–30: 102r; app. of Edm. Hide, iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1435].
- Gladman**, Thomas 1: app. of John Vyne, 1395–96: 18v; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1410–11: 54r; bequest, 1443–44: 144r, 146v.
- Gladman**, Thomas 2: app. of Wm Gladman, 1452–53: 175v.
- Gladman**, William: app. of Wm Melreth, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1426]; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 116r; pd 1435–36: 119r; tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v; tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r; his apps listed as Wm Skidmore, 1435–36: 120r, and 1442–43: 140v; Thos Crosse, 1442–43: 141v, and 1450–51: 169v; Thos Gladman, 1452–53: 175v.
- Glasson**, Harry: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1472].
- Glenant/Glenhand**, Thomas: app. of Wm Walderne, 1404–05: 41r; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67v; pd 1416–17: 69v; his apps listed as Wm Valens & Wm Derby, 1419–20: 76r.
- Gliderowe** *see* Clitheroe
- Glover**, John 1: app. of Rich. Ryngsted, 1403–04: 38r.
- Glover**, John 2: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Glover**, Nicholas: app. of John Brodde, 1452–53: 175v.
- Glyderowe** *see* Clitheroe
- Gobet**, John: fishmonger; tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.

- Godsalff**/Goddeshalf, William a: app. of John Midelton, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1474].
- Godston**/oun/Goddestoun/Godestoun/Gostoun, John 1: app. of Thos Newentoun, 1391–92: 7r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; pd 1399–1400: 29v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1400]; his app. listed as Thos Heyne 1408–09: 48v.
- Godstone**, John 2: app. of Thos Prudence, 1391–92: 8v.
- Godyng**/Goodyng, Thomas: app. of Thos Onhand, 1440–41: 137r; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1450]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1459–60: 196r; his apps listed as Nich. Wilkes, 1455–56: 182r; Thos Wenteworth, 1456–57: 185r.
- Gogh**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Yoo, 1456–57: 185r.
- Goldbeter**, Robert: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Golde**, William: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1463–64: 206v.
- Goldewelle**/Goldwell(e)/Coldwell, John: app. of Thos Onhand, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1462–63: 204r; his apps listed as Thos Garnoun & Wm Lovelas, 1452–53: 175v; Thos Goldewelle & John Palmer, 1456–57: 185v; John Highfeld & Thos Ilom, 1456–57: 186v; his former app. named as Thos Ilom, 1456–57: 187v; Thos Garnoun, 1459–60: 195v.
- Goldewelle**, Thomas: app. of John Goldewelle, 1456–57: 185v.
- Goldewelle** *see also* Colwelle
- Goldsmythe**, Robert: app. of John Lok, 1447–48: 154v.
- Goldyng** (and his wife): tenants, 1442–43: 142v.
- Goldyng**, Joan: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Goldyngton**, Edmund: shop in the Crown, 1435–36: 122v; 1436–37: 125v.
- Golenge**, John: tenant (with 2 shops and a tenement) in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Golenge**/Collyng, Nicholas: app. of Robt Arnwey, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450].²⁷
- Golenge** *see also* Cullyng
- Golofer**, Richard: app. of John Broddisworth, then of John Cotford, iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1461]; f. 1459–60: 195v; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; his app. listed as John Rose, 1463–64: 206v.
- Goo** *see* Gowe
- Goodman**, William: iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1393 as late app. of Thos Fauconer]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; his app. listed as Wm Amour, 1411–12: 57r, and 1419–20: 76r.
- Goodrede**/Godred, William: serjeant at law, 1409–10: 52v, *note*.
- Goodson**/Goodsoun/Godson/Goodesson, John: app. of Wm Estfeld, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1426]; pd 1429–30: 101v; pd 1430–31: 105r; pd 1431–32: 108r; w. 1440–41: 136v; bequest, 1446–47: 153r; his daughter 1447–48: 155v, 156r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1442–43: 141v; *see also* 1440–41: 137v; 1443–44: 144r; 1446–47: 153r; his apps listed as Nich. Ward, 1436–37: 124v, and 1445–46: 149v.
- Goodyere**, John: app. of Thos Beaufo, 1441–42: 139r.
- Goodyng** *see* Godyng
- Goos**, William: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Goow** *see* Gowe
- Gosse**/Gose, John: app. of John Coventree, 1410–11: 54r; f. 1427–28: 96r.
- Gosse**, Richard: son of Thos Gosse 1462–63: 203v; app. of Wm Umfrey, 1462–63: 203v.
- Gosse**, Thomas: app. of Thos Dane, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1426]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1452–53: 174v, 175r, 175v, 178r, 179v, 181r, 182r, R10r, R10v, R11v, R13r, R14v; father of Rich. Gosse, 1462–63: 203v; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1449–50: 164v; *see also* 1448–49: 161r; his apps listed as Thos Norman, 1427–28: 96r, and 1434–35: 116v; Robt Nevile, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Henswyk, 1443–44: 144v; Robt Newelle, 1446–47: 152r; John Yppyng, 1451–52: 172v; Wm Umfray, 1452–53: 175v; John Ippeng, 1457–58: 190r; Wm Umfrey, 1460–61: 198r.
- Gostoun** *see* Godston
- Gowe**/Goow/Goo/Gowghe, Henry/Harry: wax-chandler: 1426–27: 93r; 1430–31: 107r; 1434–35: 117v; 1437–38: 130r; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 143r.
- Gowle**, Richard: app. of Thos Shelley, 1454–55: 180r.

27 There may be two different men here, but it seems likely they are the same.

- Gowselle**, John: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r.
- Grace**, John: app. of Rand. Strete, 1447–48: 155r.
- Grafton**, Thomas: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1447–48: 154v.
- Graunger**, John: app. of John Organ, 1391–92: 6v.
- Graunger/Grangier**, Sir Richard: parson of St Pancras; ent. 1429–30: 101r; [adm. 1433 by redemption].
- Graunsden**, William: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Graunt**, Richard: tenant in St Laurence Pountney, 1447: R*2r.
- Graunte**, Thomas: app. of Ralph Marche, 1453–54: 178r; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*; then app. of Geoff. Randolf, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- [Greenwich]Grenewych**, Nicholas de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Gregory/Grygory(e)**, Robert: app. of Wm Yrwilliam, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r; w. 1462–63: 202v, 203v, 206v, R42v; auditor 1463–64: 208v, R46r; *see also* 1457: 191r *note*;
f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1455–56: 182v; *see also* 1461–62: 201v;
his apps listed as John Chaterle, 1454–55: 180r; Rich. Anable, 1455–56: 182v; Robt Pavy, 1456–57: 185v; John Sturgeon, 1463–64: 207r.
- [Gregory]Grygory**, Thomas: app. of Thos Dentoun, 1395–96: 19r.
- Gregory**, William: sheriff 1436–37: 126r.
- Grene**, Guy: app. of Thos Lee, 1463–64: 207r.
- Grene**, John 1: iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1393, late app. of John Fresshe]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; f. 1395–96: 20r; debt 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; f. 1402–03: 36v; his apps listed as Thos Sparke, 1395–96: 19r; Rich. Elnoth, 1408–09: 48v.
- Grene**, John 2: [adm. 1438, as late app. of Wm Foucher].
- Grene**, John 3: app. of Sir Wm Estfeld, iss. 1442–43: 140v; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1447–48: 155r; f. 1447–48: 155v; his app. listed as Robt Sutbere, 1445–46: 150r.
- Grene**, Nicholas: app. of John Strattoun, 1416–17: 70r.
- Grene**, Ralph: of Poplar; gentleman; ent. 1429–30: 101r; [adm. 1433].
- Grene**, Robert: app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r.
- Grene**, Thomas 1: app. of John Fresshe, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396]; ent. 1394–95: 15r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1396–97: 20v.
- Grene**, Thomas 2: app. of Thos Dukmanton, 1443–44: 144v.
- Grene**, Thomas 3: chapman 1447–48: 156r.
- Grene**, Walter: ent. 1431–32: 109r; debt 1435–36: 123v; debt 1436–37: 124r.
- Grenefeld**, John: rent-collector of the Prior of Southwark, 1463–64: 208v.
- Grenewych** *see* Greenwich
- Gresham**, William: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1443–44: 145r.
- Greston**, John: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Grey**, Jenet: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r.
- Grey**, Thomas: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, 1447: R*2v.
- Grigge/Grygge**, James: app. of Sim. Bertelot, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1412–13: 60r; his app. listed as Wm Launsely, 1412–13: 60r.
- Grigge**, John: app. of John Whatlee, 1409–10: 51v; [adm. 1411].
- Griston**, John: tenant in St Laurence Lane, 1453–54: R14v.
- Grofman** *see* Groveman
- Grond(e)**, William: ent. 1441–42: 139r; app. of John Notbron, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; w. 1450–51: 167r, 169r; 172r, 183v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1449–50: 164v; *see also* 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 162r, 162v, 167r; 1450–51: 169r, 171r; his apps listed as Rich. Stutvyle, 1442–43: 141v; Robt Twigge & Robt Sampson, 1443–44: 144v; William [], 1450–51: 169v; Robt Twygge, 1451–52: 172r; Wm Purdy, 1451–52: 172v; Robt Sampson, 1452–53: 176r; Wm Purdy, 1456–57: 186r.
- Grove**, John: exec. of Rich. Whittington, 1422–23: 82v.
- Grovehirst**, John: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1453–54: R11r.
- Groveman/Grofman/[Growman]**, William: app. of Robt Baron, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1447–48: 154v; [adm. 1446]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; *see also* 1457: 191r *note*;
his apps listed as John Box, 1452–53: 175v; Rich. Heed, 1453–54: 178r; Thos Wrangle, 1457–58: 189v; Thos Clement, 1459–60: 195r.
- Growte**, Robert: scribe/scrivener, 1434–35: 117v.
- Gryffyn**, John: 1416–17: 70v.
- Grygory** *see* Gregory
- Gryme**, Andrew: app. of John Philipot, 1398–99: 27r.
- Gryndelle**, Harry: app. of Rich. Nedeham, 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1466].
- Gryspe** *see* Crisp

- Gunter/Gunton**, Robert: app. of John Shelley, 1458–59: 192r; [adm. 1469].
- Guppey/Goppeye/Guphey/Guphay**, Robert: f. 1401–02: 34v; f. 1402–03: 36v; bequest 1412–13: 61r; 1413–14: 64r; *see also* 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74r; 1418–19: 74v; his apps listed as John Wolpyt & Wm Jolyf, 1391–92: 6v.
For Guppey's priests *see* Blendon, Pardoun, Repyngale, Water, Wayneman.
- Guy**, Richard: app. of John Feraunt, 1391–92: 8r; rent-collector, 1406–07: 44r; 1407–08: 46r; 1408–09: 48r; sal. 1408–09: 49v; sal. 1409–10: 52v; 1410–11: 55r; 1411–12: 56v; sal. 1412–13: 58v; ?sal. 1413–14: 62r; his apps listed as Adam Cove & Henry Dymmok, 1391–92: 9r.
- Guybon**, John: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Gybbs** *see* Gibbys
- Gyen**, William: app. of Robt Trees, 1409–10: 51v.
- Gyffard**, William: app. of Wm Dawtre, 1426–27: 92r.
- Gyles**, Robert: app. of Rich. Everle, 1453–54: 178r; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1461].
- Gyles** *see also* Giles
- Gyveyne** *see* Geveyne
- Haddele** *see* Hadley
- Haddon/Haddoun**, William: app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1404–05: 41r.
- [Hadley]**Haddele, John: Mayor 1393–94: 13v.
- Hadstoke**, Thomas: iss. 1394–95: 14v; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v.
- Hagar**, Hager, Hagur *see* Agor
- Haham** *see* Hallom, Hehnham
- Haisande** *see* Heysand
- Hake**, John: app. of Thos Prudence, 1391–92: 8v; ent. 1394–95: 15r; serving-man, iss. 1400–1401: 32r.
- Hake/Hoke**, Richard: app. of Wm Olyver, 1435–36: 119v; iss. 1445–46: 149v; [adm. 1444].
- Hale**, John: judge; ent. 1427–28: 94r.
- Hales/Halys/Halle**, William 2: app. of James Bynde, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1418–19: 74r; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; w. 1422–23: 81v, 82r, 83v; w. 1429–30: 100v, 101r, 104r; w. 1435–36: 118r, 118v, 120v, 123v; sheriff 1437–38: 127r, 130r; f. 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Wm Tykelle & John Stubbes, 1420–21: 78r bis; Thos Benet, 1422–23: 82v; Wm Tikkyll, 1427–28: 96v; John Stubbys, 1431–32: 108v; Thos Benet, 1432–33: 110v; Thos Crispe, 1439–40: 134v.
- Hales** *see also* Halle
- Halgate**, Haliat(e), Haliot, Halyate *see* Algate
- Haliwell(e)/Halywelle**, William: app. of Thos Turnour, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1433].
- Halle**, John: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1411–12: 57r.
- Halle**, Robert: app. of Robt Large, 1427–28: 96v.
- Halle**, Thomas: f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1414–15: 65r; his apps listed as John Brekemast, 1395–96: 19r; Wm Parker, 1400–01: 32r; Edw. Chambre, 1401–02: 34v; Wm Mose, 1413–14: 63r; Hen. Moos, 1420–21: 78v.
- Halle/Haalle/Hale**, William 1: app. of Rich. Bures, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1410–11: 54r; [adm. 1411]; pd 1437–38: 128r; f. 1427–28: 95r; alms 1447–48: 156v; alms 1448–49: 159v; his app. listed as Robt Skrengham, 1437–38: 128v.
- Halle**, William 2: *see* Hales
- Halle**, William 3: app. of John Pydmylle, 1430–31: 105v.
- Halleyate** *see* Algate
- Hallom**, John: son of Robert Hallom, 1463–64: 207r; app. of Thos Ylom, 1463–64: 207r.
- Hallom/Hallum/Halom(e)/Hallum/Haham?**, Robert: app. of John Pidmylle, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; w. 1449–50: 161v, 162r, 167r, 169r, 174v, R*1v; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145r;²⁸ f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 157v; father of John Hallom, 1463–64: 207r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1450–51: 170v; his serving-man named as Robt Castell, 1449–50: 162v; his apps listed as Robt Castel, 1448–49: 158v; Thos Draper, 1451–52: 172v; John Sheffield, 1456–57: 186v.
- Halyat(e)** *see* Algate
- Hamersam**, Hamersham *see* Amersham
- Hamme**, Nicholas: app. of Wm Shiryngnam, 1395–96: 19r; w. 1397–98: 23v, 24r, 26r; debt 1406–07: 45v; f. 1410–11: 53v; alms 1428–29: 99v; alms 1429–30: 103r; d. 1429–30: 103r; *see also* 1404: 39v; his apps listed as Wm Bridleep, Adam Feraunt & Thos Devene, 1395–96: 18v.
- Hammer/Hamner**, John: app. of John Penne, 1449–50: 163v; then app. of John Lok, iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460].
- Hampdene**, William: app. of John Tate, 1452–53: 175v.
- Hampton/-oun/Hamtoun**, Laurence: app. of Thos Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm.

28 This entry might alternatively refer to Robert Hehnham.

- 1396]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; w. 1404–05: 39r, 40r, 41v, 42v, 44r; renter warden, 1404–05: 42v, 44r;
 alms 1427–35: 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r; 1433–34: 114r; 1434–35: 117r; see also 1405–06: 42v; 1406–07: 44r;
 his apps listed as Wm Aleyn, 1400–01: 32r; Edm. Stok, 1408–09: 48v; Wm Berford, 1420–21: 78r bis.
- Hampton**, Richard: app. of John Sturgeon, 1441–42: 139r.
- Hampton**, William: fishmonger; sheriff 1462–63: 205r.
- Hanbery**, Henry: app. of John Langacre & Rich. Crispe, 1409–10: 51v.
- Hanbery**, Richard: app. of John Whyte, 1404–05: 41r.
- Hapsford/Happisford/Happesford/Hapesford/Hapeforde**, John: app. of Sim. Bartelot, 1418–19: 74r; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429]; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v.
- Harby**, William: app. of Rich. Bures, 1414–15: 65v.
- Hardebon**, Robert: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1456–57: 185v.
- Hardeman**, Katharine: tenant in the Royal, 1453–54: R14v; tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [Hardwick]**Herdewyk, John: app. of Hugh Clerk, 1391–92: 9v.
- [Hardwick]**Herdewyk, Richard: app. of Thos Turnour, 1403–04: 38r.
- [Hardwick]**Hardwyk/Hardewyk/Hardewike/Herdwyk(e), William: app. of Robt Middeltoun, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r;
 alms 1440–49: 1440–41: 137v; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146r; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; 1447–48: 156v; 1448–49: 159v;
 his apps listed as John Frost, 1419–20: 76r; John Eglistone, 1427–28: 96r; Wm Baker, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Barker, 1437–38: 128r.
- Hardynge**, John: app. of Robt Damyon, 1436–37: 124v.
- [Haringey]**Haryngeye/Hareneye, Robert: his apps listed as Thos Appelby, John Cholsey, John Freman, Thos Lydyard, John Melchebourne, Thos Berwyk, Barth. Denys, Rich. Twyford & Thos Gartoun, 1391–92: 6v; Thos Gartoun 1397–98: 25r.
- [Harkstead]**Herksted/Herkested, Thomas 1: iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1395, as late app. of Hugh Clarke]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; his app. listed as John Midenhale, 1396–97: 21r.
- [Harkstead]**Herkested, Thomas 2: app. of John Vyne, 1395–96: 18v.
- Haro**, Haroo, Harou, Harowe *see* Harrow
- Harpour**, Richard 1: app. of Laur. Andrewe, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1399–1400: 29v; [adm. 1400]; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; w. 1410–11: 52v, 53v, 55v; search 1410–11: 56r; f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1413–14: 63r; *see also* 1413–14: 64r; his apps listed as John Pekenham & Robt Arneway, 1408–09: 48v.
- Harpour**, Richard 2: app. of Wm Maltby, 1425–26: 89v; iss. 1432–33: 110v.
- Harreys**, John: app. of Rog. Roos, 1447–48: 155r.
- Harreys**, William: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Harrow(e)**/Harowe/Haro/Haroo/Harro/Harou/Harwe, John: app. of Robt Large, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; w. 1443–44: 143v, 147r; w. 1449–50: 161v, 162r, 167r, 169r, 174v, R*1v; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor, 1453: R10v; search in Sandwich, 1444–45: 149r; tenant in Sevenhode Lane, 1447: R*2v;
 f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1455–56: 183r; *see also* 1443–44: 144r, 1449–50: 162v; 1449–50: 167r; 1451–52: 173v;
 his apps listed as Thos Banove & Rich. Caxston, 1442–43: 141r; Rich. Heynes & Robt Petelisden, 1443–44: 144v; Rich. Caxton, 1446–47: 152r; Ph. Brekenelle, 1447–48: 155r; Rich. Heynes, 1452–53: 176r; Thos Bannowe, 1452–53: 176r; Wm Fyneham, 1456–57: 186v; Alex. Prestaton, 1460–61: 198r.
- [Harry]**Herry, John 1: iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392 as late app. of John Loveye]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; ent. 1394–95: 15r.
- Harry**, John 2: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Harry/Herry**, Richard: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; w. 1413–14: 61v, 62r, 64r; f. 1410–11: 53v;
 his apps listed as Robt Large, 1404–05: 41r; John Parker & Thos Chepenham, 1409–10: 51v; Rich. Folyate, 1412–13: 60r; Thos Duntoun, 1414–15: 65v; Thos Dounton, 1423–24: 85r.
- Harry** *see also* Henry

Harrys, John: app. of John Boton, 1447–48: 155r.

Harston *see* Herston

Harte/Hert(e), William: app. of John Michel, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1427]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; f. 1448–49: 158r; his apps listed as Thos Pecke, 1434–35: 116r; Thos Doncastre, 1444–45: 147v; Rich. Parker & Thos Cletherowe, 1447–48: 155r; Thos Dancaster, 1449–50: 163r; Thos Dankaster, 1449–50: 164r.

Harte *see also* Hert

Hartwelle/Hertwelle, John: app. of Robt Domenyk, 1404–05: 41r; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r; f. 1423–24: 85r; his apps listed as John Attewode, 1414–15: 65v; John atte Wode, 1415–16: 68r; Wm Irwilham, 1422–23: 82r.

[**Hartwelle**]Hertwelle, William: app. of Ralph Verney, 1439–40: 134v.

Harward, John: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1435–36: 119v.

Harwe *see* Harowe

Haryngton, Edward: app. of Wm Thornhulle, 1435–36: 120v.

Haseley, Thomas: tenement in Counter Alley, 1447: R*2v.

Hastynges, Robert: app. of Geoff. Boleyne, 1435–36: 120v.

[**Hatfield**]Hatfeld, Thomas 1: app. of Alein Roys, 1411–12: 57r.

[**Hatfield**]Hatfeld, Thomas 2: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1463].

Hathelsay/Hathelessey, Edmund: app. of Robt Horwode, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1415–16: 67v; fee 1415–16: 67v; [adm. 1417].

Hathewyk, Richard: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1391–92: 9v.

Hatter, William: app. of Thos Barard, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 156r; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. 1450–51: 169r; f. x 2, 1450–51: 170r; his app. listed as John Stowe, 1446–47: 152v.

Hatton/Haton/Heton/Eton, Christopher: app. of Robt Large, 1442–43: 141v; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1441]; his app. listed as Rich. Meteley, 1443–44: 144v.

Hatton, Nicholas: app. of Wm Flete, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1441]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1450–51: 170r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; tenant 1448–49: 160v; tenant in the Crown, 1458–59: R23r; 1459–60: R27v; 1460–61: R32r;

debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; his wife's shop, 1460–61: R32v, R34r; weigher of silk, 1471–79: 211v; d. 1479: 211v;

his apps listed as John Sperlyng, 1445–46: 149v; Wm Holden, 1445–46: 149v; John Spirlyng, 1446–47: 152v; John Pikton, 1452–53: 176r; Robt Kervile, 1455–56: 182r; John Heryng, 1455–56: 182v; Robt Baldewyn, 1462–63: 203v.

Hatton *see also* Eton, Heton

Haudekyn *see* Hawkedene

Haukens *see* Hawkens

Hauteyn, Walter: 1291: 210v.

Hawdekyn *see* Hawkedene

Hawe, Thomas: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; w. 1403–04: 37r, 37v, 39r, 49r, A2r;

his apps listed as Laur. Hamptoun, John Langham & Roger Hawkedene, 1391–92: 8r; Rich. Parker, 1395–96: 18v; John Walcot, 1398–99: 27r; Thos Cobbe, 1401–02: 34v; Thos Exham & John Amour, 1403–04: 38r; Rich. Wampage, 1411–12: 56v; Piers Denys, 1412–13: 58v, and 1418–19: 74r; Rich. Vaunpage, 1420–21: 78v.

Hawe, William: f. 1394–95: 15r; his apps listed as Thos Somerford, John Bertoun, Thos Hawe, Rich. Ouchale, John Walsham & Rich. Thurstoun, 1391–92: 8r; Thos Est & Thos Osborn, 1395–96: 18r; Thos Osbern, 1396–97: 21r; Elys Davy, 1398–99: 27r.

Hawke, John: app. of Robt Cogsale, 1443–44: 144v.

Hawkedene/Haukeden, Roger: app. of Thos Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r. ? brother of Thomas Hawkedene and f. 1402–03?: 36v.

Hawkeden(e)/Haukeden(e)/Hawdekyn, Thomas: app. of Peter Elysnyham, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1399–1400: 29v; [adm. 1400]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; f. 1402–03: 36v; his brother (Roger?): f. 1402–03: 36v; his apps listed as John Cotford, 1408–09: 48v; Thos Walkyngtoun, 1415–16: 68r.

Hawkedon, William: app. of John Cotteford, 1435–36: 120r.

Haukens/Haukens, John: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r; tenant, 1461–62: R39r.

Hawley/Holwey, Richard: app. of John Reynkyn, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1447].

Hawys, Richard: app. of Thos Tykhille, 1411–12: 56v.

Haxay/Haxey/Axey/Haxsey, William: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1429–30: 102r; [adm. 1427]; fee 1429–30: 102v; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; 'servant' of the mercery and rent-collector; sal.

- 1435–36: 121v; clerk 1436–37: 126r; rent-collector 1436–37: 126r; rent-collector and clerk; sal. x 2, 1436–37: 125r; 1436–37: 126r; sal. 1437–38: 129v; rent-collector 1437–38: 130r; rent-collector; sal. 1438–39: 133r; rent-collector 1438–39: 133v; f. 1449–50: 163r; f. 1450–51: 169r.
- Haybat**, Reynold: app. of Rich. Foliat, 1433–34: 113r.
- Hayle**, John: app. of Wm Townesende, 1432–33: 110v; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1439].
- Haylere** *see* Aylmere
- Hayles**, Richard: app. of John Chirche, iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1439].
- Hayne**, Matthew: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v; debt 1448–49: 160v.
- Hayne** *see also* Heyne
- Haynes**/Heynes, Richard: app. of John Harowe, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1453]; weigher of silk 1494 o.s.: 211v; d. 1501: 212r; his app. listed as Wm Dylke, 1459–60: 195r.
- Hayton**, William: app. of John Bothumselle, 1435–36: 120r.
- Hayward**, Humfrey: goldsmith, 1449–50: 165r.
- Hayward**, John: tenant in Bassishaw, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Hayward**/Heyward(e)/Heyworth(e), Richard: app. of Robt Reynham, 1430–31: 105v; iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1429]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. x 3, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 157v; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1453–54: 178v; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 183r; fee 1456–57: 187r; his apps listed as Robt Thormouth, 1443–44: 145r; Robt Strode, 1446–47: 152v.
- Hede**, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1463–64: R44v.
- Hedyngton**/oun/Hedyngdon, -oun/Hedyndoun/Edyngdoun, Sir William: Mercers' chaplain; sal. 1391–92: 10v; sal. 1392–93: 12r; sal. 1393–94: 13r; sal. 1394–95: 15v; sal. 1395–96: 19v; sal. 1396–97: 23r; sal. 1397–98: 25v; sal. 1398–99: 28r; sal. 1399–1400: 30v; sal. 1400–01: 33v; sal. 1401–02: 35r; sal. 1402–03: 36v; sal. 1403–04: 39r; sal. 1404–05: 41v; sal. 1405–06: 43v; sal. 1406–07: 45r; sal. 1407–08: 47r; sal. 1408–09: 49v; sal. 1409–10: 52r; sal. 1410–11: 55r; sal. 1411–12: 57v; gifts 1407–08: 47v; gifts 1409–10: 53v; d. 1411–12: 58r; *see also* 1412–13: 58v.
- Heed**, Richard: app. of Wm Groveman, 1453–54: 178r.
- Heende**/Heend/Hende/Hynde, William: ent. 1445–46: 150v; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; w. 1463–64: 205v, 206v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1462–63: 204r; f. 1462–63: 204v; his apps listed as Thos Massyngberd, 1448–49: 159r; Rich. Anlaby & John Massyngberd, 1456–57: 186r; Chris. Billesby & Harry Bryan, 1463–64: 207r.
- Heende** *see also* Hende
- Hehnham**/Haham?, Robert: app. of John Derham, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [as Robt Helmham, late app. of John Derham, adm. 1441]; f. 1443–44: 145r;²⁹ his app. listed as Thos Skayle, 1443–44: 144v.
- Helder**, Robert: app. of Thos Wellis, 1435–36: 120v.
- Heley**, Thomas: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Helperby**, Thomas: app. of John Secheford, 1391–92: 7v.
- Hemenhale**, Edmond de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Hemenhale**, Walter: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Hemmyngburgh**, Richard: carpenter 1413–14: 63v.
- Hempsted**, John: app. of Wm Purdaunce, 1456–57: 186r.
- Hempton**/oun, Richard: app. of Thos Dentoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425].
- Henage**/Henege/Heneghe/Henache/Honage, William: app. of Ever. Flete, 1431–32: 108v; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1439]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; his apps listed as Wm Chambre, 1442–43: 141v; John Elys, 1447–48: 155r; Wm Chamboire, 1450–51: 169v; John Elys, 1456–57: 186r.
- Hende**, John: draper; Mayor 1404–05: 41v, A4r.
- Hende** *see also* Heende
- Henege**, Heneghe *see* Henage
- Hengham**, Robert: alms 1391–92: 10v. [*see also* R. Heyngham?]
- Henmale**, Thomas: app. of Thos Niche, 1443–44: 144v.
- Hennore**, John: grocer and apothecary; ent. 1429–30: 101r, 103v.
- Henry IV**: A4r, 1400–01: 33v; d. 1413 n.s.: 58r.
- Henry V**: coronation 1413: 58r, 58v, 61r; 1420–21: 78v *bis*; funeral: 1422–23: 83r; his obit, each year 1424–60: 88r; 93r; 97r; 100r; 103v; 106v; 111v; 117v; 123r; 126r; 130r; 133v; 136r; 138r; 139v; 146v; 148v; 153v; 156v; 161r; 166v; 170v; 174r; 177r; 179r; 181r; 183v; 188r; 190v; 193v; 196v; 199v.

29 This entry might alternatively refer to Robert Hallom.

- Henry VI:** 1425–26: 89r; 1429–30: 103v; 1435–36: 122r; 1454–55: 181r; 1455–56: 183v; 1455–56: 184r; 1459–60: 197r.
- Henry VIII:** – 1526: 211r.
- Henry, Agnes:** tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Henry** *see also* Harry
- Henswyk, William:** app. of Thos Gosse, 1443–44: 144v.
- Herdwyk, Herdwyk** *see* Hardwick
- Herford, William:** app. of Rob. Betelee, 1391–92: 7v.
- Herfrey, William:** app. of John Somery, 1420–21: 78v.
- Herkested, Herksted** *see* Harkstead
- Herpesfeld/Harpisfeld, Nicholas?:** 1413–14: 64r.
- Herry** *see also* Harry
- Herst** *see* Hurst
- Herston/-oun/Herstone/Erstoun/Harston, John:** app. of John Sikilbryce, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1414]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r; f. 1427–28: 95v; alms 1442–46: 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146r; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; his apps listed as Rich. Howchyn, 1416–17: 70r; John Stokyn & Wm Butler, 1420–21: 78v; Rich. Houchons, 1424–25: 87r; Nich. Wobynbury, 1429–30: 102r; John Stokton, 1430–31: 106r.
- Hert, John:** ent. 1447–48: 156r.
- Hert** *see also* Harte
- Hertwelle** *see* Hartwelle
- Herward, Richard:** app. of Ralph Marche, 1447–48: 155r.
- Herward, Simon:** app. of John Otlee, 1398–99: 27r; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r; his app. listed as Rich. Provendre, 1417–18: 72v.
- Herwardstok, John:** pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Heryng, John:** app. of Nich. Hatton, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1456].
- Heshaunt** *see* Heysand
- Hethe, Thomas 1:** app. of John Admond, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1435].
- Hethe, Thomas 2:** app. of Rog. Bonefaunt, 1463–64: 207r.
- Heton(e), James:** app. of Robt Large, 1430–31: 106r.
- Heton, William:** app. of W. Cogayne, 1459–60: 195r.
- Heton** *see also* Eton, Hatton, Hoton
- Heuster** *see* Hewster
- Heuworth, Robert:** app. of John Sturgeon, 1446–47: 152v.
- Hewster, John:** weigher of silk, 1521: 212r.
- Hewster/Heuster, Roger:** app. of Martyn Kelom, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1421]; his app. listed as John Staverton, 1423–24: 85v.
- Heydde** *see* Hyde
- Heydon, Henry:** gentleman; [adm. by redemption 1463].
- Heyne, Thomas:** app. of John Goddestoun; ent. 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1408–09: 49r.
- Heyne** *see also* Hayne; Heynes *see* Haynes
- Heyngham, Robert de:** pd 1347–48: 3v. [*see also* R. Hengham?]
- Heysand/Haisande/Heshaunt, Thomas:** app. of Rich. Claver, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- Heyward** *see* Hayward, Heyworth
- Heyworth** *see also* Hayward
- Heyworthe/Hayworthe/Heworthe/Heyward, John:** lawyer, 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146v.
- Hide** *see* Hyde
- [Highfield]Highfeld, John:** app. of Thos Boston, 1447–48: 155r; app. of Thos Boston & John Goldewelle, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- [Hill]Hull, Edmund atte:** app. of Geoffrey Chateleshunt, 1347–48: 4r.
- Hille, Henry:** app. of John Secheford, 1391–92: 7v.
- Hille, John 1:** app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1442–43: 141r.
- [Hille]Hulle, John 2:** tenant in East Cheap, 1447: R*2r.
- Hille/Hylle, Richard 1:** iss. 1401–02: 35r; [adm. 1402, late app. of Thos Secheford]; pd 1401–02: 34v; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; debt 1406–07: 45v; debt 1407–08: 46v; his app. listed as Wm Olyver, 1408–09: 48v.
- [Hille]Hulle, Richard 2:** app. of Rich. Rych, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–59: 193r; his app. listed as John Huberd, 1456–57: 185v.
- Hill, Thomas 1:** tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- [Hille]Hylle, Thomas 2:** mason 1453–54: R14v.
- Hille/Hylle, William 1:** app. of Thos Steele, 1441–42: 139r; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; 1456–57: 187v; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 195r; f. 1461–62: 201v; f. 1462–63: 204v; his apps listed as Laur. Cok, 1459–60: 195r; Thos Falows, 1461–62: 200v.
- Hill, William 2:** clerk, tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Hilston, William:** app. of John Frost, 1463–64: 207r.
- Hinde** *see* Heende
- Hirst** *see* Hurst
- Hithyngham, John:** app. of Peter Morice, 1391–92: 9r.
- Hody, William:** tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Hoghton/-oun, John 1:** app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.

- Hoghton**, John 2: [or perhaps = JH 1] tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v; tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Hoke** *see* Hake
- [Holbeach]**Holbeche, John: app. of Peter Elsynham, 1391–92: 8v.
- Holdare**, William: app. of John Colette, 1443–44: 144v.
- Holden**, William: app. of Nich. Hatton, 1445–46: 149v.
- [Holderness]**Holdirnes, Thomas: app. of Wm Widuson, 1455–56: 182r; f. 1455–56: 182r.
- Holenden**, William: app. of Thebaud de Caustoun, 1347–48: 4r.
- Holland/Holand/Holond**, John: app. of Rob. Betelee, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1415–16: 67v; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; alms 1427–33: 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r.
- [Holland]**Holand, Richard: app. of Wm But, 1400–01: 32v.
- [Holland]**Holand, William: app. of Wm Rody, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [probably = Thos Holand, late app. of Wm Rody, adm. 1425].
- Holmage**, Nicholas: app. of John Etoun, 1412–13: 60r.
- Holme**, John 1: app. of Rich. Rych, 1449–50: 163v.
- Holme**, John 2: servant of John Marchalle, 1456–57: 187v. [probably = JH1]
- Holm/Holme**, Robert: app. of Wm Estfeld, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; app. of Wm Milreth, iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422]; f. 1427–28: 94v; his app. listed as Robt Galgate, 1429–30: 102r.
- Holte**, John: wax-chandler, 1450–51: 170v; 1453–54: 179v; 1454–55: 181r.
- Holt/Holte**, William: app. of Thos Symond, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1419]; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v; 1449–50: 162r; his apps listed as John Tate, 1436–37: 124v; N. Bowelle, 1436–37: 124v; Geo. Morton, 1459–60: 195v.
- Holwey** *see* Hawley
- Honage** *see* Henage
- Hoore** *see* Hore
- Hopkens**, John: his house, 1452: R9r.
- Hore/Hoore**, Sir John: canon of Christchurch, 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 97r.
- Hore**, Thomas: app. of John Arthour, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; f. 1463–64: 207v; his app. listed as Rog. Bowcer, 1463–64: 207r.
- Hore**, William: app. of John Estmond, 1409–10: 51v.
- Horewell** *see* Orwell
- Horne**, John: former tenant in Bassishaw, 1463–64: R44v.
- Horne**, Robert: app. of John Dorham, 1435–36: 120r.
- Horn**, William: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r.
- Horsey**, John: app. of John Langham, 1421–22: 80v.
- Horward**, Edmund: iss. 1408–09: 49r.
- [Horwood]**Horwod(e), Richard: f. 1395–96: 20r; debt 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; f. 1402–03: 36v; beadle; sal. 1406–07: 45r; sal. 1407–08: 47r; sal. 1408–09: 49v; alms 1409–22: 1409–10: 52r; 1410–11: 55r; 1411–12: 57v; 1412–13: 61r; 1413–14: 63v; 1414–15: 66r; 1415–16: 68r; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r.
- [Horwood]**Horwode, Robert 1: iss. 1400–1401: 32r.
- [Horwood]**Horwode, Robert 2: iss. 1406–07: 44v; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; his apps listed as Edm. Hathelsay, 1408–09: 48v; John Reyner, 1411–12: 56v; Wm Chestre, 1420–21: 78v.
- Hosyer**, John 1: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Hosier**, John 2: app. of John Warde, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1468].
- Hoton/-oun/Heton**, Thomas: app. of John Boteler, senior, 1415–16: 68r; app. of John Butler, sen. and later of Thos Gille, iss. 1425–26: 89v; [adm. 1424, as late app. of John Butteler].
- Hott**, William: app. of Sim. Bertelot; fee 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1417–18: 72v; [adm. 1418].
- Houchons/Howchyn**, Richard: app. of John Herstoun, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1424–25: 87r; [adm. 1422].
- Housband**, William: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Howardyn**, John: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1455–56: 182r.
- Howchyn** *see* Houchons
- Howelle**, David: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v; tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Howelle/Howell/Howel**, Philip: app. of Thos Onehand, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1441]; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1456–57: 187r; his shop 1443–44: 146v; 1449–50: 162v; his apps listed as John Teghe, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Siggiswyk, 1448–49: 159r; Thos Don, 1451–52: 172v; John Tege, 1453–54: 178v; John Malpas, 1456–57: 185v; John Pynder, 1458–59: 192v.
- Howlak**, Nicholas: app. of John Renkyn, 1446–47: 152v.
- Hoxon**, William: app. of John Clyfton, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1469 as Hoxton]

- Huberd**, Adam: app. of Rich. Bures, 1420–21: 78v.
- Huberd**, John: app. of Rich. Hulle, 1456–57: 185v.
- Hudelle**, Nicholas: app. of Wm Collyng, 1433–34: 113r.
- Huet**, John: app. of John More, 1400–01: 32v.
- Hugate**, Richard: app. of Thos Bryce, 1458–59: 192r.
- Hulcot**, John: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Hulet**, Alison: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Hull(e)** *see* Hill, Hille
- Hulyn**, [William]: Mayor 1459–60: 196v.
- [Humberstone]**Homberstone, John: app. of Robt Strode, 1411–12: 57r.
- Humberstone/Humbrestoun/Homberston/Humbirston**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Somerey, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1422]; his apps listed as Rich. Wyse, 1428–29: 99r, and 1435–36: 119v; Wm Reve, 1437–38: 128v.
- Humfrey/Umfrey/Umfrey**, William: app. of Thos Gosse, 1452–53: 175v; app. of Thos Gosse, then of John Colet, iss. 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1460, as late app. of Thos Gosse] his app. listed as Rich. Gosse, 1462–63: 203v.
- Hunte**, John: app. of John Salman, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- [Huntingdon]**Huntyngdoun, Walter: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1427]; his app. listed as Robt Smyth, 1430–31: 105v.
- Huntman**, John: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Hurley**, John: f. 1447–48: 155v; iss. 1448–49: 158v; [adm. 1447 as late app. of Thos Symond].
- Hurst**, Geoffrey: son of Thos Hurst 1462–63: 203v; app. of John Donne, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1476].
- Hurst**, Thomas 1: app. of John Typpup, 1409–10: 51v.
- Hurst/Hurste/Hirst/Herst**, Thomas 2: app. of John Brodisworth, ent. and iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1435]; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; father of Geoff. Hurst 1462–63: 203v; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as John Rayner & John Pigot, 1439–40: 134v; John Reyner & John Pycot, 1440–41: 137r; John Brynyng & John Dalgate, 1441–42: 139r; John Mercer & Rich. Cheshand, 1446–47: 152v; John Rayner, 1451–52: 172r; John Mercer, 1454–55: 180r.
- Huselle**, Peter: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, 1447: R*2v.
- Huxter/Huxster**, Alice: debt 1398–99: 28v; debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v.
- Huyk**, Thomas: shopholder 1459–60: 195v.
- Hyde/Hide/Heydde**, Edmund: app. of Rich. Bures, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1421]; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Robt Gladman, 1436–37: 124v; Hen. Savage, 1438–39: 131v.
- Hyde/Hide**, Roger: app. of John Olney, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; serving-man of Th. Ryke, 1450–51: 170v; 1457–58: 191r; f. 1458–59: 193r.
- Hykeles**, Thomas: app. of John Midelton, 1453–54: 178r.
- Hynde** *see* Heende
- Igaldesby**, Thomas: app. of John Bostoun, 1417–18: 72v.
- Ilyngworth**, John: [Lord Chief Baron, adm. 1466].
- Ilom/Ylom**, Thomas: app. of Thos Boston & John Goldewelle, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1455]; former app. of John Goldewelle, 1456–57: 187v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v; f. 1456–57: 187v; warden 1473: R46r (*footnote*); his apps listed as John Eton, 1462–63: 203v; John Hallom, 1463–64: 207r.
- Inglysshe**, Michael: alderman; Master of the Mercers' Company, 1520: 212r.
- [Ingoldsby]** Ingolsby, [John]: under treasurer of the Exchequer, 1462–63: 205r.
- Ippying/Yppying/Ippeng**, John: app. of Thos Gosse, 1451–52: 172v; app. of Thos Gosse, then of Robt Neville, iss. 1457–58: 190r; [adm. 1458]; fee 1457–58: 190r; his app. listed as Robt Sareheed, 1457–58: 189v.
- Ireland**, George: grocer; sheriff 1461–62: 202r.
- Irland**, James: priest; sal. 1447–48: 156v.
- Ireland**, William: supplies old timber, 1462–63: R40r.
- Irlam** *see* Irwilliam
- Irwilliam/Irewilliam/Irewillyam/Irwilam/Irwilham/Yrwilliam/Irlam**, William: app. of John Hartwelle, iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1420]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1439–40: 134r, 140r; exec. of John Pidmylle, 1434–35: 116v; f. 1438–39: 132v; debt 1441–42: 140r; debt 1442–43: 143r; debt 1443–44: 147r; alms 1453–73: 1453–54: R12r; 1454–55: R16r; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; 1463–64: R44r; his apps listed as Robt Gregory, 1437–38: 128v; Robt Wynter, 1438–39: 131v; Thos Baret,

- 1439–40: 134v; Robt Eburton, 1442–43: 141r; Thos Barett, 1447–48: 154v; Robt Gregory, 1449–50: 164r.
- Irysshe**/Irissh, Sir John: chaplain; sal. 1440–41: 137v; sal. 1441–42: 139v; sal. 1442–43: 142r; sal. 1443–44: 146r; sal. 1444–45: 148v.
- Isabella**, queen of Richard II: arrival ceremonies, 1397: 21r, 23v.
- Isabelle** de Baviere, queen of France: d. 1435–36: 123r.
- Isabella** of Portugal, Duchess of Burgundy, 1450–51: 170v; 1452–53: 177r; 1455–56: 183v; 1455–56: 184r.
- Islame**, William: app. of Hen. Frowyk, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440].
- Ivry**, Robert: app. of Ger. Rede, 1447–48: 155r.
- Ivy**, Nicholas: app. of John Somery, 1405–06: 43r; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1411].
- Jacobina** la Lumbard: citizen of London, appointed keeper of the small beam, June 1291, but this overruled: 210v.
- Jacome**, Jacombe *see* Chacombe
- James**, Bartholomew: draper; sheriff 1462–63: 205r.
- Jamys**: serjeant, 1442–43: 142v.
- Jameson**/-oun, Nicholas: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1417–18: 72v; [adm. 1417].
- Jentil** *see* Gentil
- Jepe**, Sir Richard: parson of All Hallows, Honey Lane: ent. 1414–15: 65r; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1414]; funeral 1429–30: 102v.
- Jerard** *see* Gerard
- Joan(na)**, queen of England, wife of Henry IV: 1403: 36v.
- Jod** *see* Judde
- Joes** *see* Joosse
- Johannes**, John: app. of John Martyn, 1446–47: 152v.
- Johanson** *see* Johnson
- John**, duke of Bedford: d. 1435–36: 123r.
- John**, clerk of St Martin Outwich: indicted for murder and in debt for rent: 1414–15: 66v.
- John**: painter, 1449–50: 166r.
- John** []: app. of Thos Dentoun, 1398–99: 27r.
- John** []: app. of [Robt] Domynyk, 1412–13: 60r.
- John**, John, *see* Smythe
- John**/Johan, John/Jankyn: app. of John Prynce, 1412–13: 60r; f. x 3, 1427–28: 95v, 96r; his app. listed as Thos Neil, 1422–23: 82v.
- Johnson**, John: app. of Wm Oliver, 1442–43: 141r.
- Johnson**, Lambe: 1448–49: 161r.
- Joly**, Thomas: app. of Thos Osbarne, 1435–36: 120r.
- Jolyf**, William 1: app. of Rob. Guphey, 1391–92: 6v.
- Jolyf**/Joly, William 2: app. of Thos Prodance, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402].
- Jonetas**/Jonettis, Bennet: tenant in Bassishaw, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; tenant in Bassishaw, 1461–62: R38r; 1463–64: R45r.
- Joos**, John: lawyer, 1442–43: 142v.
- Joosse**/Joes, Edmund: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].
- Joye**, Hugh: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1452–53: 175v.
- Judde**/Jod, Thomas: app. of Thos Pery, 1449–50: 163r; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459].
- Julian**/Julyan, Henry: iss. 1412–13: 60r; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v.
- Juntyng**, John: app. of Thos Faukoner, 1403–04: 38v.
- Jutberghe**, John: app. of Robt Coventre, 1414–15: 65v.
- Jutebergh**, Walter: ent. 1411–12: 56v.
- Jyon**, George: app. of Thos Steele, 1456–57: 186r.
- Katharine** de Valois: queen of Henry V: 1420–21: 78v *bis*; funeral 1436–37: 125v, 126v.
- Kays**, Nicholas: app. of Alex. Prestaton, 1463–64: 206v.
- Kelham** *see* Kelom
- Kellynghale**, William: yeoman of the Guildhall Chamber, 1442–43: 143r.
- [Kelom]**Kilham/Kylom, James: son of Martin Kilham; ent. 1435–36: 118v; [adm. 1448].
- Kelom**/Kelome/Kelhome/Kilham/Kylham/Kylhome, Martin: 10; app. of Rich. Northbury, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; named as scribe 1403–04: 39r; w. 1413–14: 61v, 62r, 64r; w. 1425–26: 88r, 89r, 90v, 92v; father of James Kilham, 1435–36: 118v; his apps listed as Rog. Heuster, 1412–13: 60r; Wm Covyntoun, 1415–16: 68r; Rog. Heuster, 1422–23: 82r; Wm Burgh, 1422–23: 82v; Rich. Kelome, 1423–24: 85v; Wm Covyntoun, 1425–26: 89v.
- Kelome**, Richard: app. of Mart. Kelom, 1423–24: 85v.
- Kelsam**/Kelsham, Roger(or Richard?): app. of John Alburgh, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1474].
- Kelshull**, Richard de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Kemp**, John: cardinal-bishop; Chancellor, 1450–51: 171r; 1451–52: 174r.
- Kempe**, John: app. of John Gerard, 1426–27: 92r.
- Kemp**/Kempe, Piers: app. of John Baud, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1428]; fee 1427–28: 94v; debt 1427–28: 97v; debt 1428–29: 98v, 100r, 100v; debt 1429–30: 101r, 104r, 104v; debt 1430–31: 105r, 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r.

- Kemp/Kempe**, Ralph: app. of John Burton, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; w. 1462–63: 202v, 203v, 206v, R42v; warden and renter, 1462–63: R39v–R42v; former renter, 1463–64: R43v; former renter, 1463–64: R46r; auditor 1463–64: 208v, R46r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1461–62: 201r; *see also* 1460–61: R35v; 1461–62: R39r; his apps listed as Wm Bompsted, 1453–54: 178v; Rich. Miller, 1458–59: 192r, Wm Bompsted, 1462–63: 204r.
- Kemp/Kempe**, Robert 1: iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396, late app. of Thos Denton]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; alms 1413–30: 1413–14: 63v; 1414–15: 66r; 1415–16: 68r; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r.
- Kempe**, Robert 2: app. of John Martyn, 1440–41: 137r.
- Kempe**, William: app. of Rich. Coventre, iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1431 as late app. of Wm Coventre].
- Kendale**, John: app. of Adam Cove, 1395–96: 19r.
- Kent**, duchess of, *see* Visconti; earl of: *see* Neville
- Kent**, Richard: tenant in the Pye 1436–37: 126r.
- Kent/Kente**, Master Thomas: lawyer; 1446–47: 153v; 1456–57: 188v; 1457–58: 191r, 191v; doctor of law; clerk of the King's Council; ent. 1458–59: 192v; 1458–59: 194r; 1463–64: 208r; his clerk 1455–56: 183v.
- Kervell**, John: app. of Robt Baron, 1451–52: 172v.
- Kerver(e)/Kyrver/Keyver**, William: iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1433 as late app. of Rich. Lovelas]; ent., 1433–34: 113v; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1439–40: 135r.
- Kervile**, Robert: app. of Nich. Hatton, 1455–56: 182r; [adm. 1465].
- Kesteven(e)**, John: f. 1395–96: 20r; debt 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; his apps listed as John Middelton & Wm Wayke, 1391–92: 7v; John filtz Richard, 1395–96: 18v.
- Ketelyn** *see* Catelyn
- Keteshawe/Ketehawe/Ketsawe**, Walter: app. of Thos Erl, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1392–93: 12r; pd 1392–93: 12r; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v.
- Keteshawe**, William: app. of Thos Erl, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1401].
- Keynelle**, William: app. of John Stokton, 1453–54: 178r.
- Keyver** *see* Kerver
- Kilham** *see* Kelom
- King** *see* Kyng
- [Kingston]**Kyngestoun, John: iss. 1415–16: 67v.³⁰
- [Kingston]**Kyngestoun, Richard: app. of John Wodecok, 1403–04: 38v; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1414].
- [Kingston]**Kyngestoun, William: app. of Thos Dentoun, 1404–05: 41r; [adm. 1414].
- Kirkeby**, John 1: app. of Thos Aleyne, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1412].
- Kirkeby/Kyrkeby**, John 2: app. of Thos Tykhille, 1411–12: 56v; ent. 1414–15: 65r; iss. 1414–15: 65v.
- Kirkeby/Kyrkeby/Kyrcby/Kyrkby**, John 3: app. of Thos Bataille, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1426]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1448–49: 157v, 161v, 162r, 179v; 1449–50: 162v; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1455–56: 182v; tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; his apps listed as Thos Resoun, 1433–34: 113r; Wm Kirkeby, 1445–46: 149v; Thos Rayson, 1449–50: 164r; John Rufford, 1451–52: 172v; Robt Burgeis, 1456–57: 185v; Thos Smyth, 1460–61: 198r.
- Kirkeby/Kyrkeby**, Thomas: app. of John Burton, iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1435]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1444–45: 148r; his apps listed as Rich. Rugewyn, 1437–38: 128v; Rich. Bowden, 1442–43: 141v.
- Kirkeby**, William: app. of John Kirkeby, 1445–46: 149v.
- Kirketon** *see* Kirton
- Kirton**, John: app. of Ever. Flete, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1448].
- Kirton/Kyrton/Kirketon/Kyrkton**, William: app. of Robt Coventre, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1436]; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; f. 1439–40: 135r; his apps listed as John Colet & Adam Coventre, 1435–36: 120r; John Colette, 1442–43: 140v; John Colet, 1449–50: 163v.
- Kisshawe**, Richard: tenant in Bishopsgate without, 1461–62: R38r.
- Kitwilde**, Thomas: app. of John Penne, 1446–47: 152v; [adm. 1448]; app. of John Penne, then of John Asche, iss. 1455–56: 182v.

30 This is very possibly the same person as Wm Kingston.

- Knebon**, John: workman, 1462–63: R42r.
- Knottynghley/Knottynghlee**, John: app. of Sol. Salman, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1400]; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v; w. 1410–11: 52v, 53v, 55v; search 1410–11: 56r; w. 1416–17: 68v, 69v, 71r, 71v; f. 1398–99: 27v; f. 1400–01: 32v; f. 1411–12: 56v; his apps listed as John Overton, 1400–01: 32v; John Randolf, 1404–05: 41r; Wm Decoun, 1408–09: 48v; Rich. Stuard, 1410–11: 54r; Mart. Myddeltoun, 1411–12: 56v; Rich. Sloman, 1412–13: 60r; Robt Warde, 1414–15: 65v; Alex. Orable, 1416–17: 70r; Alex. Arable, 1426–27: 91v.
- Koce**, Thomas: app. of John Otteley, 1391–92: 6v.
- Kokerell** *see* Cokerell
- Kokman**, William: app. of John Arthour, 1447–48: 155r.
- Kyghley**, Thomas: app. of Wm Cavendisshe, 1429–30: 102r.
- Kylengmershe** *see* Kynwolmersh
- Kylet**, Alexander: app. of Rich. Rawson, 1462–63: 203v.
- Kylham**, Kylhome *see* Kelom
- Kyng/King**, Elizabeth/Isabelle: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Kyng**, John 1: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1446–47: 153v; 1447: R*2v; 1449–50: R7v, 8r.
- Kyng**, John 2 [perhaps = JK4]: 1448–49: 160v.
- Kyng**, John 3: tailor: 1453–54: 179v.
- Kyng**, John 4: grocer 1462–63: 205v.
- Kyngestoun** *see* Kingston
- Kynwolmersh(e)/Kylengmershe**, Sir William: late dean of St Martin's, his obit (15 December) at St Martin le Grand, each year 1453–64: R13r; R16v; R18r; R19v; R21v; R23v; R29r; R33v; R37v; R41r; R44r.
- Kyrkton**, Kyrton *see* Kirton
- Kyrver** *see* Kerver
- Kyssing/Kyseng**, Thomas: app. of Thos Barby, 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1473].
- Lacer**, Richard: pd 1347–48: 2v.
- Lacon**, John: lawyer, 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146v.
- Lacon**/[Laken], William: sergeant at law; 1443–44: 146v;³¹ 1448–49: 161r; ent. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. by redemption 1459].
- Lacy**, Nicholas: app. of Elys Davy, 1409–10: 51v.
- Lakon**, Richard: app. of Thos Gibbys, 1456–57: 186r.
- Lam**: shipper, 1453–54: 179v; 1454–55: 180v.
- Lam**, John 1: tenant in Coleman Street, 1462–63: R40r.
- Lam**, John 2: app. of John Sturmyrn, 1463–64: 206v.
- Lam**: tiler, 1462–63: R42r.
- Lambard/Lambart/Lambert/Lamberd**, John: app. of Thos Onehand, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440]; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; w. 1452–53: 174v, 175r, 175v, 178r, 179v, 181r; 182r, R10r, R10v, R11v, R13r, R14v; w. 1459–60: 194v, 195r, 196v, 198r, 200r, R29r; auditor 1460–61: 200r, R35r, R35v; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r; sheriff 1460–61: 199r, 199v; his shop 1443–44: 146v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–59: 193r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1452: 174v; his apps listed as Wm Feryes & Wm Barly, 1445–46: 150r; Wm Ferys, 1452–53: 176r; Thos Dukmanton, 1453–54: 178v; John Barle, 1454–55: 180r; John Osborne, 1456–57: 185v; Walt Stokes, 1459–60: 195v; John Etwelle, 1463–64: 206v.
- Lambart**, John 2: app. of John Colet, 1456–57: 186r.
- Lambert**, Nicholas: app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1412–13: 60r.
- Lambard**, Thomas: app. of John Olney, 1421–22: 80v.
- Lambard**: plumber, 1461–62: R38v; 1462–63: R42r.
- Lambe**, John: app. of John Chirche, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442].
- Lambourne/Lamborne**, John: attorney, 1442–43: 142v; secondary of the Counter, [adm. by redemption 1466].
- Lamshawe**, Robert: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1455–56: 182r.
- Lane**, Hugh: carter, 1453–54: R15r.
- Lane**, John 1: w. 1401–02: 34r, 35v, 39v; w. 1412–13: 58r, 58v, 61v; w. 1419–20: 75r, 75v, 77v; fee pd 1403–04: 38v; f. 1403–04: 40r; f. 1408–09: 49r; d. 1427–28: 95r; bequest, 1428–29: 98v; his apps listed as John Chaudy & John Charletoun, 1391–92: 7r; John Bale, 1395–96: 18v; Wm Prentice, 1398–99: 27r; John Clerk, 1403–04: 38v; Reynold Strete, 1405–06: 43r; Rich. Riche, 1410–11: 54r; John Sedale, 1411–12: 57r; Rich. Riche, 1419–20: 76r; John Sewale, 1421–22: 80v; serving-man Thos Shirewynd 1424–25: 87r.
- Lane**, John 2: tenant in Mitre Alley, 1459–60: R27v.

31 This entry probably refers to John Lacon, but as the surname only is given, it might be William. It is also not impossible that 'John' is an error for 'William' and that all references are to this man, for whom *see* Foss, *Biographical Dictionary*, pp. 391–2.

- Lane**, John 3: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1460–61: R32r.
- Langacre/Langeacre/Langeaker/Langhaker**, John: app. of Rich. Ryngsted, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; ent. 1408–09: 48v; [adm. 1410]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v; f. 1410–11: 54r; his apps listed as John Sparwe & Henry Hanbery, 1409–10: 51v.
- Langford/Wangford**, Richard: app. of Rich. Syff, 1455–56: 182r; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464].
- Langforth/Langforth**, Robert: lawyer; 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 162v; 1449–50: 165r; 1449–50: 166v; 1452–53: 177r; 1453–54: R12v; 1454–55: 181r, 181v; 1455–56: R18r; 1456–57: 188v; 1457–58: R22v; 1458–59: 194r; 1459–60: R29r; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: 202v; 1462–63: R42v; 1463–64: 208r.
- Langhaker** see Langacre
- Langham**, John: app. of Thos Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; f. 1403–04: 38v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1411–12: 56v; f. 1414–15: 65r; f. 1415–16: 67v; f. 1416–17: 70r; f. 1417–18: 72v; f. 1419–20: 75v; f. 1420–21: 78r; f. 1421–22: 80r; f. 1422–23: 82r; f. 1423–24: 84v; his apps listed as Thos Philip, 1398–99: 27v; Robt Nichol, 1401–02: 34v; Thos Pudman & Thos Dalby, 1404–05: 41r; John Frigett, 1410–11: 54r; John Filche, 1411–12: 57r; Wm Bullok & John Lyntow, 1420–21: 78r bis; John Frechet, 1421–22: 80v; John Lintowe, 1426–27: 91v; Wm Bullok, 1433–34: 113r.
- Langham**, William: app. of John Elys, 1403–04: 38v.
- Langley/Langeley/Langle**, John: app. of Thos Osberne, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd 1438–39: 131v; pd 1439–40: 134r; alms 1455–60: 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R28v; his apps listed as Wm Rumbold, 1438–39: 131v; Rich. Bowrne, 1442–43: 141v.
- Langley**, Robert: pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v.
- Langton/-oun/Langetoun**, Robert: alms 1395–1407: 1395–96: 19v; 1396–97: 23r; 1397–98: 25v; 1398–99: 28r; 1399–1400: 30v; 1400–01: 33v; 1401–02: 35r; 1402–03: 37r; 1403–04: 39r; 1404–05: 41v; 1405–06: 43v; 1406–07: 45r.
- [Langton]**Langetoun, Thomas de: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Langtre**, Robert: app. of John Typpup, 1419–20: 76r.
- Langtre** see also Longtre
- Lardyner/Lardener**, John: app. of Thos Newentoun, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; his app. listed as Rich. Somery, 1397–98: 25r.
- Large**, John: app. of Robt Large, 1437–38: 128v.
- Large**, Richard: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1442–43: 141v.
- Large**, Robert: app. of Rich. Herry, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1415–16: 67v; [adm. 1415]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r; w. 1420–21: 77v, 78r, 79v; w. 1427–28: 93v, 94r, 98r; w. 1430–31: 104r, 105r, 107v; w. 1435–36: 118r, 118v, 120v, 123v; sheriff: 1430–31: 105v; Mayor 1439–40: 134r, 135r, 136r; brother of Thos Stauntoun; overseas 1431–32: 108v; 1435–36: 120v; bequest, 1440–41: 136v; his apps listed as Rich. Folleyat, 1420–21: 78r; Thos Steele & Thos Stantoun, 1420–21: 78v; John Harwe, 1422–23: 82v; Robt Halle & Rand. Streete, 1427–28: 96v; Thos Nyche, 1430–31: 105v; Rich. Bomfaunt & James Heton, 1430–31: 106r; Thos Stauntoun, 1435–36: 119v; Hen. Dukmanton, 1435–36: 120r; Rand. Streete, 1437–38: 128r; John Large & Wm Caxston, 1437–38: 128v; Thos Neche, 1440–41: 136v; Rich. Bonefant, 1441–42: 138v; Chris. Heton, 1442–43: 140v; 141v; John Harowe, 1443–44: 144r; Thos Style, 1449–50: 163v.
- Large**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Riche, 1442–43: 141r.
- Larke**, William: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1411–12: 57r; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1420].
- Launde/Laund/Lawnde**, Simon (de la)/Simkin: app. of Thos Roos, 1411–12: 56v; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1419]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1427–28: 96r; his app. listed as Robt Barley, 1435–36: 120r.
- Launselynn**, William: app. of James Grygge, 1412–13: 60r.
- Launsom**, William: app. of Matt. Fowcher, 1448–49: 158v.
- Laurence/Laurens/Lawrence**, John 1: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Laurence**, John 2: ironmonger, 1461–62: R38v.
- Lawleys**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Lawnde** see Launde
- Leche**, William: app. of Wm Maltby, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434].
- Ledes**, Ledis, Ledys see Leeds
- Lee**, Richard: grocer; Mayor 1460–61: 199v.
- Lee/Legh**, Thomas 1: app. of Adam Foster, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1429–30: 102r; [adm. 1428].
- Lee**, Thomas 2: app. of John Reyner, 1442–43: 141v.

- Lee**, Thomas 3:³² app. of Hen. Dogmanton, 1449–50: 163v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1458–59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1459–60: 196v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; his apps listed as Wm Spryngold, 1455–56: 182r; Thos Davy, 1456–57: 185v; Guy Grene, 1463–64: 207r.
- Lee**, William: former tenant in Coleman Street, 1463–64: R44v.
- [Leeds]**Ledys, Robert 1: app. of Wm Malteby, 1435–36: 120r.
- [Leeds]**Ledes/Ledis, Robert 2: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440].
- Leeff**, John: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Leek(e)/Leke**, Matthew: app. of Thos Dounton, 1430–31: 105v; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1436]; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as Wm Sonne, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Ludworthe & John Stanle, 1447–48: 155r.
- Leengge/Leenge/Liengge**, John 1: w. 1390–91: 5r, 5v; w. 1398–99: 26r, 26v, 28v; his apps listed as Rich. Everard, Thos Turnour & Rob. Middeltoun, 1391–92: 8v; John Wasshbourne & Robt Westoun, 1395–96: 18v.
- Leengge**, John 2: app. of Robt Middeltoun, 1400–01: 32r.
- Leenge**, William: app. of Thos Roos, 1413–14: 63r.
- Leget**, Sir John: chantry priest for Sir Wm Eastfield, in St Mary Aldermanbury, 1453–54: R13r; 1454–55: R16v; 1455–56: R18r; 1456–57: R19v; 1457–58: R21v; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R29r; 1460–61: R33v; 1461–62: R37v.
- Leggy**, Thomas: mayor 1347–48: 1r.
- Legh** *see* Lee
- [Leicester]**Leycestre, William: app. of Hugh Wyche, 1430–31: 105v.
- Lemyng**, Nicholas: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402].
- Lenam**, John: app. of Wm Rose, 1400–01: 32v.
- Lenson** (or Leuson?), John: app. of Aust. Stratton, 1443–44: 144v.
- Lenyng**, Lucia: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.
- Lermouth**, Alexander: app. of John Tippup, 1421–22: 80v.
- Lessy**, William: app. of John Saunderson, 1456–57: 185v.
- Lesyngham**, Richard: app. of Wm Fleete, 1438–39: 131v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; his app. listed as John Bostok, 1456–57: 185v.
- Levelord** *see* Lovelord
- Levres**, Thomas: app. of John Sybille, 1391–92: 7r.
- Le Vulre**, Gervase *see* Gerveys
- Lewys**, John 1: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1442–43: 141r.
- Lewys**, John 2: app. of Robt Baron, 1447–48: 155r.
- Lideyerde** *see* Lydyard
- Lightholders/Lightholdes/Lighthalders/Lightholder/Lyghchollers**, William: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1448–49: 158r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v; 1459–60: R30r; his apps listed as Thos Wheteley, 1439–40: 134v; John Clyfton, 1445–46: 149v; Harry Wodelove, 1453–54: 178r; John Clifton, 1456–57: 186v; Robt Walrom, 1459–60: 195r; Harry Wadelove, 1461–62: 200v.
- Lightwode**: scrivener 1455–56: 184r.
- [Lincoln]**Lyncolne, John: Tutor of Whittington College, 1453–54: R12v; 1454–55: R16r; 1456–57: R19v; 1457–58: R21v. [*see also* Subject Index]
- [Lincoln]**Lincoln, Robert: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1391–92: 6v.
- [Lincoln]**Lincoln, Thomas 1: scrivener; 1407–08: 47v; 1410–11: 54v.
- [Lincoln]**Lyngcolne, Thomas 2: app. of James Bynd, 1422–23: 82v.
- Lintowe/Lyntow**, John: app. of John Langham, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1424].
- [Linwood]**Lyndwode/Lyndewode, John: app. of John More, 1400–01: 32v; 1401–02: 34v.³³
- [Littleton]**Lytelton/Lytilton, Henry: app. of John Lytilton, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1448]; fee 1452–53: 176r; pd 1452–53: 176v.
- [Littleton]**Litletoun/Litilton/Lytelton/Lyttelton/Lytilton/Littelton/Litelton, John: ent. 1439–40: 134r; [adm. 1436 by redemption]; iss. 1442–43: 140v; renter 1453–54: R11r, R12v; w. 1453–54: 177v, 178r, 179v, 185r, 188v, R12v, R13r, R16v; auditor 1454–55: 181v; bequest from wife 1458–59: 193v; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. x 2, 1443–44: 145r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1448–49: 157v; f. x 2, 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as Hen. Lytilton, 1449–50: 164r; John Taseler & Geoff. Donne, 1453–54: 178r.

32 It seems impossible to be sure whether the entries from 1455 to 1464 belong to this Thos Lee or one of the others.

33 There may be two apprentices here, but a scribal error entering the same payment twice is perhaps more probable.

- Litton**, John: f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r.
[probably = John Littleton]
- Locke/Lokke/Loke/Lok**, John: app. of John Michelle, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; w. 1448–49: 157v, 161v, 162r, 179v; w. 1456–57: 179v, 184v, 185r, 189v, R19v; auditor 1457–58: 191v; sheriff 1461–62: 201v, 202r; bequest 1463–64: 208r;
see also 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 162r; 1449–50: 162v; 1449–50: 167r; 1450–51: 169r; 1458–59: 194r, 1459–60: 197r; 1461–62: 201v;
f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; fee 1451–52: 173v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1458–59: 193r;
his apps listed as John Alborowe & Hen. Newman, 1442–43: 141r; Edm. Bette & John Fuller, 1443–44: 144v; Robt Goldsmythe & John Edward, 1447–48: 154v; John Fuller, 1449–50: 164r; Robt Nicolas, 1449–50: 163v; Harry Mewman, 1450–51: 169v; Thos Basyngham, 1452–53: 175v; Rich. Estgate, 1454–55: 180r; Robt Fulsham, 1456–57: 185v; John Alborgh, 1456–57: 186v; John Edward, 1457–58: 190r; Robt Nicolle, 1457–58: 189v; Wm Lok, 1459–60: 195r; Robt Fulsham & John Hammer, 1459–60: 195v; Clem. Dam, 1463–64: 207r; Rich. Estgate, 1463–64: 207r.
- [Locke]**Loqk, Robert: app. of Wm Shelton, 1443–44: 144v.
- [Locke]**Lok, William: app. of John Lok, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1465].
- Lodge**, John: app. of Robt Skrayngham, 1452–53: 175v.
- Lok**, Lokke *see* Locke
- Lomner** *see* Lonmore
- Lomneye**, John: app. of Alein Roys, 1411–12: 57r.
- London/-oun**, Henry: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v.
- London/-oun**, John: tenant 1419–20: 77r.
- London**, Richard: app. of John Reyner, 1452–53: 175v.
- Longe**, John: app. of John Butler, senior, 1413–14: 63r.
- Longtre**, Raulyn: app. of John Tippet, 1400–01: 32r.
- Longtre** *see also* Langtre
- Lonmore**/[Lomner], Thomas: 1457–58: 191r; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1459–60: 196r; tenant of a 'litelle chambre', 1460–61: R32v; tenant in the Crown, 1461–62: R36r; his app. listed as Harry Brikhille, 1456–57: 186r. [see also Lymnour]
- Lopham**, Denis (*Master*): lawyer: 1396–97: 21v, 22r, 22v; iss. 1406–07: 44v; [adm. 1408 as late app. of John Stratton]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; bequest 1413–14: 62r.
- Loqk** *see* Locke
- Lordyng**, John: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Lore** *see* Sherman
- Love**, Richard: app. of John Haliat & John at Wode, iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434].
- Love**, Stephen: app. of John Shellee, 1455–56: 182r.
- Lovelace**, John: app. of Wm Foucher, 1409–10: 51v.³⁴
- Lovelace/Lovelas/Lovelas**, Richard: iss. 1415–16: 67v; [adm. 1415 as late app. of Wm Foucher]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r; w. 1436–37: 123v, 124r, 126v; f. 1423–24: 85r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1427–28: 96r; f. 1435–36: 121r;
his apps listed as John Whithed, 1419–20: 76r and 1424–25: 87r; Robt Baroun & John Petit, 1433–34: 113r; Robt Baroun, 1433–34: 113v; Rich. Olyver & John Pykesmer, 1435–36: 119v; John Petyt, 1440–41: 136v; Rich. Clyver, 1443–44: 144r.
- [Lovelace]**Lovelas, William: app. of John Goldewell, 1452–53: 175v.
- Lovell(e)**, Edmund 1: app. of Raff Lovell, 1426–27: 92r.
- Lovelle**, Edmund 2: app. of Thos Dounton, 1427–28: 96v. [perhaps the same as EL 1]
- Lovelle/Lovel**, Ralph/Raulyn: app. of Robt Domenyk, 1405–06: 43r; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; f. 1424–25: 87r; his apps listed as Edm. Lovelle, 1426–27: 92r; Wm Ludlowe, 1433–34: 113r, 113v.
- Lovell**, William: app. of John Fauntleroy, 1400–01: 32r.
- Lovelord/Levelord**, Adam: 'renter' of St Mary Overy: 1426–27: 93r; 1427–28: 97r.
- Lovet**, John: app. of John Michel, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1426].
- Loveye/Lovey**, Geoffrey: app. of Thos Brangewayn, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400].

34 This is almost certainly the same person as Richard Lovelace.

- Loveye**, John: w. 1390–91: 5r, 5v; his apps listed as Henry Bramptoun, John Elys, Nich. Cokerelle, Rich. Herry, John Gowselle & John Rowghheed, 1391–92: 6r.
- Loveye**, Richard: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Loyaulton**, James: app. of John Pykton, 1462–63: 203v.
- Lucas**, Thomas: pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v.
- Ludlowe**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, 1453–54: R14v; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Ludlowe**, William: app. of Ralph Lovelle, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1433–34: 113v; [adm. 1432].
- Ludworthe**, William: app. of Matt. Leek, 1447–48: 155r.
- Luffe**, William: app. of Rog. Gerebray, 1426–27: 92r.
- Lufken**, Robert: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1459–60: R30r.
- Lyaulton**, John: app. of Roger Bonefaunt, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1466].
- Lyde**, Thomas: app. of Rog. Bonefaunt, 1459–60: 195r.
- Lydyard/Lideyerde**, Thomas: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v; 1396–97: 23r.
- Lyghchollers**, Lyghtholders *see* Lightholders
- Lykewelle**, Anthony: tenant in Bassishaw, 1453–54: R11r.
- Lymnour**, Thomas: weigher of silk, 1479: 211v; d. 1480: 211v. [*see also* Lonmore]
- Lynd**, Robert: app. of Hugh Wych, 1449–50: 163v.
- Lynder**, Richard: joiner, 1442–43: 143r.
- Lyndesey**, John de: app. of Nicholas de Bedyngtoun, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Lyndesey/Lyndsey/Lyndesay**, Richard: scrivener; 1421–22: 81r; 1429–30: 103v; 1430–31: 106v; 1433–34: 114r; 1434–35: 117v; 1435–36: 123r; exec. of John Bostoun, 1433–34: 113v; exec. of John Admonde, 1435–36: 119r.
- Lyndeseye**, Walter: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1395–96: 18v.
- Lyndewik**: 1433–34: 113r.
- Lyndwode**, Lyndewode *see* Linwood
- Lynes/Lynys/Lyne**, John: app. of John Andrewe, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; his app. listed as Robt Blakmeur, 1449–50: 163v.
- Lynne/Lyne**, Laurence: alms 1424–30: 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; d. 1429–30: 103r.
- Lyntow** *see* Lintowe
- Lyons**, John: tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v.
- Lyre**, William de: [pepperer]; sheriff, 1290–91: 210v.
- Lytilton** *see* Littleton
- Lytpport**, Robert: app. of Wm Cornewailleys, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Lyttelton** *see* Littleton
- [Machiavelli]**Makaville, Tot [Toto]: 1431–32: 109v.
- Machon**, Lewis: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Machon(e)**, William: app. of John Fauntleroy, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1428].
- Madour**, Roger de: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed as Wm Beteley, 1347–48: 4r.
- Makaville** *see* Machiavelli
- Makerelle**, Piers: app. of Rich. Bures, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1432].
- Maldon/-oun**, William: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1396–97: 21r.
- Malere** *see* Marler
- Maleyard**, Thomas: 1462–63: R40r.
- Malpas**, John: app. of Ph. Howelle, 1456–57: 185v.
- Malpas**, [Philip]: draper, sheriff 1439–40: 136r.
- Maltby/Malteby**, William: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; f. 1423–24: 85r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Hen. Boyville, 1415–16: 68r; Nich. Busch, 1416–17: 70r; Wm Prentiz, 1419–20: 76r; Hen. Salman, 1420–21: 78r bis; Rich. Harpour, 1425–26: 89v; Wm Leche, 1426–27: 92r; Rich. Harpour, 1432–33: 110v; Wm Leche, 1435–36: 119v; Robt Ledys, 1435–36: 120r.
- Malte**, Richard: app. of Harry Newman, 1462–63: 203v.
- Mamoyne**, Thomas: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Man**, Edmund: iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396, late app. of Robt Haryngey]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1409–10: 50v.
- Man**, Thomas: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Manby**, John: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- [Mandeville]**Mandevyle, Roger: app. of John Norlong, 1463–64: 206v.
- [Mandeville]**Maundevile, William: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- [Manfield]**Manfeld, John: app. of Alan Everard, 1391–92: 8r.
- [Manfield]**Maunfeld, Thomas: app. of Rich. Ryngsted, 1403–04: 38r.
- Manuel II**, Emperor of Constantinople: visit 1400–01: 33v.
- Mapy**, Richard: app. of Wm Denton, 1453–54: 178r; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.

Marcaunt *see* Markaunt

March, earl of *see* Edward IV

March(e), Ralph: app. of John Brod, ent. and iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1443]; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; w. 1453–54: 177v, 178r, 179v, 185r, 188v, R12v, R13r, R16v; auditor, 1453: R10v; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor 1454–55: 181v; his serving-man, 1450–51: 169r; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; f. x 2, 1445–46: 150r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1455–56: 183r; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1458–59: 193r; *see also* 1446–47: 153r; 1452–53: 176v; 1453–54: 179v; 1456–57: 185r; 1457: 191r note.

his apps listed as John Reyner & John Pycot, 1440–41: 137r; John Brynyng & John Dalgate, 1441–42: 139r; Rich. Alabre & Geoff. Randolph, 1445–46: 150r; John Copyng, 1446–47: 152v; Rich. Herward, 1447–48: 155r; Thos Graunte & Thos Thurston, 1453–54: 178r; John Mercer & Geoff. Randolph, 1454–55: 180r; Thos Beke, 1455–56: 182r; John Coppeng, 1455–56: 182v; John Steryndale, 1456–57: 185r; Thos Graunte, 1462–63: 204r.

Marchall(e), John: 22–3; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; renter warden 1458–59: 191v, 192r, 194v, 195r; sum paid from monies of 1455–56: R18v; sum paid from monies of 1456–57: R20v; warden and renter, 1458–59: R23r–R25v; former renter: R25v–27r, R31r; auditor 1459–60: 197r, R31v; *see also* 1457: 191r note; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; *see also* 1456–57: 188v; 1459–60: R30r; 1460–61: R34v;

his apps listed as Edw. Skelton, John Payne, John Waryn & Wm Bettes the younger, 1456–57: 185r; Thos Waryne, 1456–57: 186v; John Holme, 1456–57: 187v; Rich. Bole, 1462–63: 204r; John Blower, 1463–64: 207r.

Marchaunt, John: clerk: *also* 1396–97: 22r.

Marcheford, Thomas: app. of Wm Audeby, 1395–96: 18v.

Marcheford, William: app. of John Maymond, 1391–92: 7v; w. 1394–95: 13v, 14r, 16v; w. 1400–01: 31r, 31v, 33r, 34r; w. 1406–07: 43v, 44r, 45v; w. 1412–13: 58r, 58v, 61v; alderman 1403: 39v; f. 1404–05: 42r; f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1409–10: 50v; 1404: 39v; bequest 1413–14: 62r;

his apps listed as John Chipynhale & Thos Raftoun, 1391–92: 7r; Everard Flete, 1395–96: 18r; Wm Thymelby, 1398–99: 27r; Wm Maltby, 1400–01: 32v; John Butler, 1401–

02: 34v; Rich. Ayleward & Thos Fornham, 1408–09: 48v; Thos Bernard, 1409–10: 51v; Hen. Massyngham, 1412–13: 60r.

Marchynton(e), William: app. of John Derham, 1430–31: 106r.

Mareschall, William: pd 1347–48: 3v.

Marguerite of Anjou: wife of Henry VI; 1444–45: 149r; 1453–54: 179r.

Marham, William: f. 1439–40: 135r.

Markaunt/Markant/Marcaunt, John: tenant 1451–52: 173v, 174r; debt 1451–52: 175r; debt, 1453: R10r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.

Marler/Malere, Thomas: app. of Robt Neville, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1465].

Marowe, William: [grocer]; Mayor 1455–56: 183r, 183v, 184r.

[**Marsh**]Mersh, Henry atte 1: his apps listed as Thos Cantebreg, 1347–48: 4r.

[**Marsh**]Mersshe, Harry 2: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.

[**Marsh**]Marssh/Mershe/Mersche, Sir Roger: parson of St Mary Magdalene, Milk St.; ent. 1449–50: 163r; [parson of All Hallows, Honey Lane, adm. by redemption 1452]; pd 1450–51: 169v; 1454–55: 180v; debt 1450–51: 171v; his house 1449–50: R7r.

[**Marsh**]Mershe, Thomas: tenant, 1453–54: R11v.

Marshalle, Marmaduke: app. of Ever. Fleete, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1436].

Marshalle, Robert: sheriff 1439–40: 136r.

Marshall, William: app. of Wm Sonyngwell, 1395–96: 18r.

Martyn, Alan: app. of Rich. Riche, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1437]; f. 1439–40: 135r; former tenant in Bassishaw, 1463–64: R44v.

Martyn, John 1: tailor; debt 1399–1400: 31r.

Martyn/Marteyn, John 2: app. of Ever. Fleete, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1439]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 179r; pd 1454–55: 180v; his son named as John Martyn, 1459–60: 195r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1448–49: 157v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1458–59: 193v;

his apps listed as Robt Kempe, 1440–41: 137r; John Johannes, 1446–47: 152v; John Porchet, 1449–50: 163v; John Selver, 1451–52: 172v; Wm Campion, 1455–56: 182r; John Alfey, 1458–59: 193v; John Cowle, 1459–60: 195r; John Martyn, 1459–60: 195r.

Martyn, John 3: son and app. of John Martyn, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1469].

Martyn, Richard: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.

- Martyn**, William: 1462–63: 205r.
- Maslyne**, Robert: app. of Robt Damyon, 1435–36: 120r.
- Mason**, Denis: 1453–54: 179v.
- Mason/-oun**, Robert: app. of Thos Philipp, 1405–06: 43r.
- Mason**, Thomas: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r.
- [Massingham]**Massyngham/Messyngham, Henry 1: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1412–13: 60r; tenant in Milk Street, 1447: R*1v; his app. listed as Thos Gayton, 1435–36: 120v.
- Massingham**/Messyngham, Henry 2: app. of Ever. Flete, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1451]; f. 1449–50: 164v; his app. listed as Robt Serve, 1451–52: 172r.
- Massynghberd**, John: app. of Wm Heende, 1456–57: 186r.
- Massynghberd**, Thomas 1: app. of Admond, 1429–30: 102r.
- Massynghberd**, Thomas 2: app. of Wm Hynde, 1448–49: 159r.
- Materdale**, John: tenant in Bassishaw, 1461–62: R38r.
- Maundeby**, Simon: tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v.
- Maundevile** *see* Mandeville
- Maunfeld** *see* Manfield
- Mayhew**/Mayhu, Nicholas: app. of Bald. Tetesbury, 1400–01: 32r; iss. 1407–08: 46v; [adm. 1408].
- Maymond**, John: his apps listed as Wm Marcheford, John Bele, Nich. Walsyngham & Thos Whyte, 1391–92: 7v.
- Maymond**, Thomas: app. of Wm But, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; his app. listed as Wm Walderne, 1411–12: 57r.
- Maynard**, Richard: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Mayner**, John: app. of Thos Berard, 1445–46: 149v.
- Mays**, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1461–62: R38r.
- Medley**, George: w. 1518: 212r.
- Medrose**/Metheros, Richard: app. of John Woodcok, 1400–01: 32r; iss. 1410–11: 54r; [adm. 1411]; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1410–11: 54r; his app. listed as John Suttoun, 1416–17: 70r.
- Medylmor** *see* Middlemore
- Meel**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Melchebourne**, John: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
- [Meldreth]**Melreth(e)/Melrith/Melred/Milred(e)/Myldrede/Milreth, William: app. of Wm Foucher, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410];³⁵ pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v; w. 1419–20: 75r, 75v, 77v; w. 1426–27: 90v, 91r, 93v; w. 1431–32: 107v, 108r, 109r; w. 1438–39: 130v, 131r, alderman and w. 1443–44: 143v, 147r, sheriff 1425–26: 90r; bequest 175r, 176r, 179r, 183r, 193v; f. 1421–22: 80v; f. 1430–31: 105v; 107r; debt 1430–31: 107r, 107v; debt 1431–32: 110r; debt 1432–33: 112r; debt 1433–34: 115r; see also 1421–22: 81r; 1423–24: 84v; 1450–51: 171v; his apps listed as Wm Gladman, 1417–18: 72v; Robt Holme, 1423–24: 85r; Wm Gladman, 1426–27: 91v; Const. Wilugby, Rich. Penystone & Wm Aylemere, 1426–27: 92r; Barth. Stratton, 1429–30: 102r; Wm Whitwelle, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Beaufo, 1431–32: 108v; Thos Beaufu, 1439–40: 134v; Robt Wastnesse & Wm Pekeryng, 1442–43: 140v; Robt Moyn & Rich. 300, 1442–43: 141v; Robt Whitewey, 1443–44: 145r; Robt Moyne, 1447–48: 154v; his serving-man named as John Dounham 1442–43: 142v.
- Meleman**, Geoffrey: app. of Adam Booke, hatter, and later of Geoff. Boleyn: 1453–54: 179v; ent. 1453–54: 179r, 179v; debt 1453–54: 179v.
- Melle** *see* Mille
- Melred**, Melreth, Melrith *see* Meldreth
- Mepesshale**, John: app. of John Picchard, 1395–96: 19r.
- Merbury**, John: king's squire, exec. of Thos Gladman, 1443–44: 144r, 146v.
- Mercer**, John: app. of Thos Hurst, 1446–47: 152v; app. of Thos Hurst, then of Ralph Marche, iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455].
- Mercer**, Robert: app. of Thos Steele, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1458].
- Merlowe**/Merlawe, Richard: [Ironmonger]; Mayor 1409–10: 52v.
- Merourer**, Gilbert de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Mersh(e)**, Mersche, Mersshe *see* Marsh
- Messyngham** *see* Massingham
- Meteley**, Richard: app. of Chris. Haton, 1443–44: 144v.
- Metheros** *see* Medrose
- Mewman** *see* Newman

35 This entry in Coke's *Register* is in the name of 'Meldren' and might therefore apply to the apprentice William Mildren listed below here. However, firstly it is more likely to apply to this man, and secondly, it is possible that Wm Mildren/Mildreu the apprentice is this Wm Meldreth, some ambiguity arising in the entries for his admission as an apprentice.

Michel, John 1: app. of Wm Rose, 1391–92: 9v; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v.

Michel/Michell(e), John 2: app. of Wm Rose; iss. 1407–08: 46v; [adm. 1408]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; fee 1415–16: 67v; tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1447: R*2v; his apps listed as Wm Roos, 1412–13: 60r; John FitzJohn, Robt Bradschawe & Wm Pirle, 1415–16: 67v; John Lovet & Wm Hert, 1419–20: 76r; John Lokke, 1426–27: 92r; James Woleton, 1427–28: 96r; John Lovet, 1427–28: 96v; Wm Hert, 1428–29: 99r; Thos Parker, 1430–31: 105v; John Loke, 1435–36: 119v; Rich. Wythyngnam, 1435–36: 120r; Rich. Wichyngnam, 1440–41: 136v.

[Middlemore]Middelmore, Nicholas: son and app. of Rog. Middelmore, 1459–60: 195r.

[Middlemore]Middelmore/Middilmor(e)/Mydelmore/Midelmor(e)/Myddylmor/Myddelmore, Roger: app. of John Pydmylle, 1424–25: 87r; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v;

w. 1460–61: 197v, 198r, 200v; warden and renter 1460–61: R32r–R35v; auditor 1461–62: 202v; former renter, 1461–62: R36r, R39r, R39v; former renter, 1462–63: R42v, R43r; former renter, 1463–64: R46r; his son named as Nich. Middelmore, 1459–60: 195r; see also 1461–62: 201v;

f. x 2, 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 147v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1447–48: 155r; f. 1448–49: 158v; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. 1450–51: 169r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1453–54: 178v; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 183r; fee 1456–57: 187r; fee 1457–58: 190r; fee 1458–59: 193r; fee 1459–60: 196r;

his apps listed as John Chelfeld, 1443–44: 144v; John Sandes, 1446–47: 152v, and 1457–58: 189v; Nich. Middelmore, 1459–60: 195r.

[Middlemore]Middelmoor, Thomas 1: his app. listed as John Somery, 1391–92: 7v.

[Middlemore]Middelmor(e)/Middilmor(e)/Medylmor, Thomas 2: app. of John Somerey, 1416–17: 70r; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. x 2, 1427–28: 96r; f. 1423–24: 85r;

his apps listed as Edm. Wynter, 1422–23: 82v; Wm Cayle, 1423–24: 85v, and 1431–32: 108v; Edm. Wynster, 1434–35: 116r.

[Middleton]Middeltoun/Middiltoun, John 1: (also called Jankyn and Johanet); app. of John Kestevene, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; w. 1399–1400: 28v, 29v, 31r; w. 1407–08: 45v, 46r, 47v, A4v; w. 1413–14: 61v, 62r, 64r;

f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1408–09: 48v; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1409–10: 51r; fee 1410–11: 53v; fee 1411–12: 56v; fee 1412–13: 58v; fee 1413–14: 63r; fee 1414–15: 65r; fee 1415–16: 67v; fee 1416–17: 70r; debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v;

his apps listed as John Edmond, 1391–92: 9v; John Waryn, 1396–97: 21r; Ph. Fyfyd, 1401–02: 34v; Wm Pirie & Henry Wareyn, 1408–09: 48v.

[Middleton]Middeltoun, John 2: app. of Rich. Bures, 1411–12: 56v. [possibly = JM 3]

[Middleton]Middeltoun/Middilton/-toun, John 3: app. of Thos Aleyn, iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1422]; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 116r; pd 1435–36: 119r; f. 1429–30: 102v; debt 1435–36: 123r; debt 1436–37: 126v.

[Middleton]Middelton/Midelton, John 4:³⁶ of Middelburgh, 1450–51: 170v; 1455–56: 184r; alms 1454–57: 1454–55: R16r; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r.

[Middleton]Middelton/Middilton/Myddelton/Midelton/Mydilton, John 5: app. of Wm Estfeld, iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1438]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; w. 1444–45: 147r, 149v; w. 1451–52: 171r, 172r, 174v, 175r, 179v, 189v; w. 1457–58: 189r, 189v, 191r, 192r, 211v, R21v; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor, 1454–55: 181r, auditor 1458–59: 194v;

sheriff 1450–51: 169r; at Reading Parliament 1452–53: 177r; collector of customs, 1463–64: 208v; father of John Midelton, 1462–63: 203v; tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r; f. 1443–44: 145r; debt 1450–51: 171v; see also 1443–44: 144r; 1446–47: 153r; 1449–50: 165r; 1453–54: R13r; 1454–55: R16v;

his apps listed as Wm Elyot, Wm Saundreson & Rog. Banastre, 1443–44: 145r; John Thomas & Rog. Couper, 1449–50: 163v; John Thomas & Rog. Coupure, 1449–50:

36 This is most probably the same man as JM 3. Since he receives alms, he will almost certainly have paid his admission fees at an earlier date.

- 168v; Rich. Frankton, 1451–52: 172r; John Thomas, 1451–52: 172v; Thos Hykeles, 1453–54: 178r; Rich. Seelle, 1455–56: 182r; Nich. Fitzherbed, 1456–57: 185r; Wm Saunderson & Wm Elyot, 1456–57: 186v, 187v; his son John Midelton, 1462–63: 203v; Wm a Godsallf, 1462–63: 203v; John Thomas, 1462–63: 204r.
- [Middleton]** Midelton, John 6: son and app. of John Midelton, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1474].
- [Middleton]** Myddeltoun, Martin: app. of John Knottyngele, 1411–12: 56v.
- [Middleton]** Middeltoun, Ralph/Raulyn: app. of Thos Secheford, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1396 and also listed as adm. 1402];³⁷ pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; w. 1404–05: 39r, 39v, 40r, 41v, 42v; 44r; his app. listed as John Pidmell, 1395–96: 19r.
- [Middleton]** Middeltoun, Robert: app. of John Leenge, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; pd 1401–02: 34v; his apps listed as John Leengege, 1400–01: 32r; Wm Hardwyk, 1401–02: 34v.
- [Middleton]** Middeltoun/Midelton/Middilton/-toun, Thomas: app. of Thos Tykhille, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1415–16: 67v; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; f. 1422–23: 82r; f. 1423–24: 84v; f. 1424–25: 87r; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95r; his apps listed as Thos Brangweyn, 1416–17: 70r; John Bette, 1420–21: 78r bis; Thos Brangwayn, 1426–27: 91v; John Drye, 1431–32: 108v.
- [Middleton]** Middilton/Midelton, William: app. of Wm Stevenes, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457].
- Midenhale**, John: app. of Thos Herksted, 1396–97: 21r.
- Milbrook(e)**/Milbroke/Milbrough(e)/Milborghe/Milburgh(e), Sir Thomas: chaplain and priest of the Mercery; sal. 1430–31: 106r; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r; 1433–34: 114r; 1434–35: 117r; 1435–36: 121v; 1436–37: 125r; 1437–38: 129v; 1438–39: 133r; 1439–40: 135v; 1440–41: 137r; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142r.
- Milbrough**, Milborgh, Milburgh *see* Milbrook
- Mildenale**, John: app. of John Reyneken, 1462–63: 203v.
- Mildren**/Mildreu, William: app. of Wm Foucher, 1403–04: 38v.³⁸
- Miles**/Myls/Milles, John: app. of Wm Miles, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1451]; f. 1445–46: 150r;³⁹ f. 1451–52: 173r.
- Miles**/Mylis/Myls/Myles/Milles, William: app. of Thos Osborn, 1430–31: 105v; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1442]; provides a crucifix, 1449–50: 165v; his wife a tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1452–53: 176v; his apps listed as John Milles & Thos Basset, 1443–44: 144v; Hen. Cocelle & Wm Morton, 1446–47: 152v; John Mylys, 1449–50: 164r; Harry Colshille, 1454–55: 180r; Ralph Bery & Rich. Deny, 1456–57: 186r; Wm Moreton, 1459–60: 195v.
- Mille**/Mylle/Melle, John atte: iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; fee 1391–92: 10v; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v.
- Miller**, Richard: app. of Ralph Kempe, 1458–59: 192r.
- Millerson**, Harry: app. of Rich. Bonefant, 1453–54: 178v.
- Milred**, Milreth *see* Meldreth
- Milyas**, Sir Richard: priest, 1463–64: R43v.
- Mirffyn**, Robert: app. of Wm Thornhulle, 1438–39: 131v.
- Misterchamber**, William: app. of Bonyfaunt, 1448–49: 159r.
- Mitton**/oun, John: iss. 1411–12: 57r.
- Mogleston**, Richard: app. of Rand. Strete, 1443–44: 145r.
- Mone**, John: shipper 1455–56: 184r.
- Moore**, James: app. of John Salman, 1441–42: 139r.
- Moos**, Henry: app. of Thos Halle, iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1422].
- Moraunt**, William: app. of Thos Osborne, 1421–22: 80v.
- Mordon**/oun/Moredon, John: app. of Wm Prentyce, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1425]; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; f. 1427–28: 96r.
- Mordon**/oun/Moretoun, Thomas: his apps listed as Rich. Wonere & John Rothewelle, 1391–92: 9r; Robt Fakenham, 1395–96: 19r.
- More**, John 1: (also called Jankyn in 1376–77); w. 1376–77: A2r; w. 1394–95: 13v, 14r, 16v; w. 1400–01: 31r, 31v, 33r, 34r; w. 1406–07: 43v; 44r, 45v; f. x 2, 1404–05: 41r; d. and bequest 1410–11: 54v; his apps listed as Rob. Dane, James Surendene, Wm Foucher, John Gaynour & John Botoner, 1391–92: 9r; Sim. Chevyn, 1395–96: 19r; Thos Whittow & John Lyndewode, 1401–02: 34v; Thos Whittowe & John Huet, 1400–01: 32v; Wm Dantree 1410–11: 53v.

37 The second entry in the *Register* is probably an error. It is possible but unlikely that it refers to another man.

38 It is possible that this is Wm Meldreth, q.v.

39 This fine for John Miles might be an error for William Miles.

- More**, John 2: app. of Wm Butte, 1403–04: 38r.
- More/Mower**, Walter: app. of Thos Dullay, 1426–27: 92r; app. of John Cotford, iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1445].
- Moreby**, John: app. of Thos Provendre, 1395–96: 19r.
- Moredon** *see* Mordon
- [Morestead]** Morsteede, Thomas: sheriff 1436–37: 126r.
- Moreton**, -oun *see* Morton, Mordon
- [Morice]** Moryce, John: app. of Peter Morice, 1391–92: 9r.
- Morice**, Peter: his apps listed as John Hithyngham & John Moryce, 1391–92: 9r.
- Morielle/Moryell/Moriel/Morrelle/Muryelle**, John 1: app. of Laur. Andrewe, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; debt 1404–05: 41v; debt 1405–06: 43v; debt 1406–07: 45r.
- Morielle/Moryelle/Morell**, John 2: app. of Barth. Stratton, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1450–51: 169r; f. 1450–51: 169r.
- Morsteede** *see* Morestead
- Mortham**, John: 17, 40; rent-collector, 1441–42: R5r, R5v; 1444–45: R6r.
- Mortimer**, William: app. of Wm Pomfret, 1433–34: 113r.
- Morton**, George: app. of Wm Holte, then of Wm Stevens, 1459–60: 195v.
- Morton/Moreton**, William: app. of Wm Myles, 1446–47: 152v; then app. of Thos Muschamp, iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460].
- Moryce** *see* Morice, *and also* Morys
- Morys**, William: brewer; tenant in St Laurence Pountney, 1447: R*2r; debt paid 1450–51: R8r.
- Morys** *see also* Morice
- Mose**, William: app. of Thos Halle, 1413–14: 63r.
- Mounteneye**, John: app. of Edm. Alderford, 1410–11: 54r.
- Mower** *see* More
- Moyle**, John: app. of John Alburgh, 1459–60: 195r.
- Moyle**, [Walter]: common serjeant-at-law, 1442–43: 142v.
- Moyn/Moyn**, Robert: app. of Wm Melrethe, 1442–43: 141v; iss. 1447–48: 154v; [adm. 1449].
- Muklowe**, John: app. of Aust. Stratton, 1448–49: 159r.
- Mullesworth**, William: app. of Robt Strode, 1419–20: 76r.
- Multon**, John: app. of John Colet, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; f. 1462–63: 204v.
- Multon/Mytton**, Robert: app. of Ever. Flete, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1448].
- Multon** *see also* Mytton
- Muryelle** *see* Morielle
- Muschampe**, John: son of Thos Muschamp, app. of John Warde, 1459–60: 195r.
- Muschamp(e)**, Thomas: 17, 41; app. of John Somerey, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1451]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; w. 1449–50: 161v, 162r; 167r, 169r, 174v; 1449–50: 165r; 1449: R*1v; renter warden 1449–50: R7r; renter 1450–51: R8r; renter 1452: R8v, R9v; former renter, 1453: R10v, R11v, R13r; w. 1459–60: 194v; 195r, 196v, 198r, 200r, R29r; auditor 1460–61: 200r, R35r, R35v; gift, 1449–50: 168r, 168v; in Kent, 1454–55: R17r; sheriff 1463–64: 207v, 208r; his son named as John Muschamp, 1459–60: 195r; house in Sevenhode Lane 1438–39: 133v; tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r; tenant in St Bartholomew, 1460–61: R34r, R34v; his gate, St Bartholomew's, 1463–64: R44v; *see also* 1442–43: 141v; 1446–47: 153r; 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 167r; 1450–51: 171r; 1450–51: 171v; 1452: 174v; 1452–53: 177v; 1453–54: 179v; 1453–54: R14v; 1455–56: 182r; 1455–56: 183v; f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1442–43: 142r; fee 1447–48: 155v; f. 1455–56: 182v; debt 1450–51: 171v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1463–64: 209r; his apps listed as John Dokette, 1437–38: 128v; John Coke & John Stormyn, 1438–39: 132r; Rich. Bold, 1440–41: 137r; John Blesby, 1442–43: 141r; Robt Southwode & John Castelle, 1446–47: 152v; John Stormyn, 1449–50: 163v; Rich. Boolde & John Bleseby, 1454–55: 180r; Harry Benet, 1456–57: 185v; John Wellyngton, 1456–57: 186r; Robt Suthewode, 1456–57: 186v; John Castelle, 1457–58: 189v; Wm Moreton, 1459–60: 195v; John Sutton, 1461–62: 200v.
- Muschampe/Muschampp**, Sir Walter: chaplain; sal. 1437–38: 129v; sal. 1438–39: 133r; sal. 1439–40: 135v; sal. 1440–41: 137r.
- Musley**, Richard: app. of Thos Bataile, 1434–35: 116r.
- Myddeltoun**, Mydilton *see* Middleton
- Myddylmor**, Mydelmore *see* Middlemore
- Mynes**, John: app. of John Roo, 1445–46: 149v; iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457]; f. 1456–57: 187v.
- Mytton**, William: app. of Rich. Stutvile, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1467 as late app. of Robt Gregory].

Mytton *see also* Multon

Neché *see* Nyche

Nedam/Nedeham, Richard: ent. 1444–45: 148r; [adm. by redemption, 1464]; w. 1451–52: 171r, 172r, 174v, 175r, 179v, 189v; w. 1457–58: 189r, 189v, 191r, 192r, 211v, R21v; w. 1460–61: 197v, 198r, 200v, R33r; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor 1458–59: 194v; auditor 1461–62: 202v; his shop, 1452: R9r; sheriff 1458–59: 193v, 194r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1450–51: 171v; 1452: 174v; f. x 2, 1450–51: 170r; f. 1455–56: 182v; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r; his apps listed as Robt Cosyn, 1444–45: 147v; Wm Whyght, 1449–50: 163r; Robt Cosyn, 1451–52: 172r; Wm Rawson, 1453–54: 178r; Wm Strete, 1453–54: 179r, 179v; Harry Gryndelle, 1454–55: 180r; Wm Waryn, 1455–56: 182r; Thos Partriche & Thos Chiksand, 1456–57: 185v; Wm Strete, 1459–60: 195v; Wm Rawson, 1460–61: 198r; Wm Golde, 1463–64: 206v.

Neel/Neelle, Sir John: Master of St Thomas of Acon [1428–63], 1427–28: 97v; 1429–30: 103v.

Neil, Thomas: app. of Jankyn Johan, 1422–23: 82v.

Nelisson/-oun, Robert: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1412–13: 58v.

Nelle, John: app. of Thos Boston, 1445–46: 149v.

Nelme, Thomas: app. of John Cotford, 1439–40: 134v.

Neuelyn, Thomas: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.

Neuent *see* Newent; Neuentoun *see* Newton

Neundon/-oun, Thomas: app. of Wm Waldern, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.

Neuton *see* Newton

Neve, John: app. of John Nutbroun, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1447, late app. of Thos Rikes]; former serving-man of Rich. Bonefaunt, 1456–57: 187v; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; *see also* 1458–59: 193r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1461–62: 201v; f. 1463–64: 207v; his apps listed as Thos Neve, 1455–56: 182r, and 1463–64: 207r; Wm Squyer, 1459–60: 195v.

Neve, Thomas: app. of John Neve, 1455–56: 182r; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464].

Neville, George: Bishop of Exeter, 1460–61: 199v.

Neville, Richard, Earl of Warwick: 1457–58: 191r; 1460: 197v; 1460–61: 199v; 1462–63: 205v.

Neville/Nevile/Nevyll/Newelle, Robert: app. of Thos Gosse, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1446–47: 152r;

[adm. 1445]; f. 1453–54: 178v; f. 1456–57: 187r; his apps listed as Thos Marler, 1456–57: 185v; John Ippeng, 1457–58: 190r.

Neville, William, Baron Fauconberg and afterwards Earl of Kent: ent. 1453–54: 179r; [adm. 1454]; 1456–57: 188v, 189r; his serving-man named as John Peyntour, 1461–62: 201v, 203r, 206r.

[Newark]Newerk, John: tenant in Bishopsgate without, 1447: R*2v.

Newby, John: smith: 1396–97: 22r; his widow, 1396–97: 22r.

Neweden *see* Van Uden

Newelle *see* Neville

[Newent]Neuent, Watkyn: squire from Gloucestershire; ent. 1427–28: 94v; [adm. 1481?⁴⁰].

Newenton/-oun/Neuentoun, Thomas: w. 1390–91: 5r, 5v; his apps listed as John Lardynner, Wm Chashulle & John Godstoun, 1391–92: 7r; Robt Aylesbury, 1395–96: 19r.

Newman, Alan: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1459–60: R27v; and 1460–61: R32r; tenant in Mitre Alley, 1462–63: R40r.

Newman, Elizabeth: tenant in the Pye 1436–37: 126r.

Newman/Mewman, Henry/Harry: app. of John Lokke, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1452]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1463–64: 207v; his apps listed as John Reynolde, 1461–62: 200v; Rich. Malte, 1462–63: 203v.

Newman, William: app. of John Sturgion, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1444–45: 147v; [adm. 1443].

Newport, John: app. of Thos Dounton, 1435–36: 120r.

Newton/-oun, Gilbert: app. of John Pikyng, 1433–34: 113r.

Newton, Harry: debt 1451–52: 175r.

Newton, John: app. of John Riche, 1452–53: 175v; debt 1451–52: 175r.

Newton, Thomas: chaplain: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.

Newton(e)/Neuton, William: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1429–30: 102r; app. of John Coventre, iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1433]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; shop in the Crown, 1435–36: 122v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1462–63: 204v; his apps listed as Thos Selby & Robt Ode, 1442–43: 141r.

Niche *see* Nyche

Nichol, Robert: app. of John Langham, 1401–02: 34v.

⁴⁰ This is no doubt an error in the *Register*.

Nichol *see also* Nicolle

Nicholas: enters Whittington College, 1448–49: 161r.

Nicolle(s)/Nicolas, Robert: app. of John Locke, 1449–50: 163v; iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1454].

Nicolle *see also* Nichol

Noke, John: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.

Nones/Nonys, John: debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v.

Norbury/Norbery/Norberye, Adam: ent. 1414–15: 65r; fee 1415–16: 67v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; debt 1414–15: 66v; debt 1415–16: 69r; debt 1416–17: 71r; debt 1417–18: 73v; debt 1419–20: 77v; his app. listed as Robt Wynchekomb, 1418–19: 74r.

Norbury *see also* Northbury

Noreys, Alan: pd. 1397–98: 24v, pd. 1398–99: 26v; pd 1399–1400: 29v.

Norfolk, John: tenant; debt 1397–98: 25v.

Norlong(e), John: app. of John Bothumselle, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 179r; pd 1454–55: 180v; his app. listed as Roger Mandevyle, 1463–64: 206v.

Norman, John: draper; sheriff 1443–44: 146v; mayor 1453–54: 179r.

Norman, Thomas: app. of Thos Gosse, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1433].

Normansfeld/Normanfeld, John: former tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1462–63: R41v; 1463–64: R44v.

Norom *see* Orum

Northbury/Northebury, Richard: w. 1396–97: 19v, 20v, 21v, 22v, 23r, 23v; w. 1402–03: 35v, 37r, 39v; fee pd 1403–04: 38v; f. 1403–04: 40r; his apps listed as Mart. Kelom & John Roland, 1395–96: 19r; Robt Wynchecombe, 1410–11: 54r.

Northbury *see also* Norbury

Northcroft, Thomas: 1448–49: 160v.

Norton/-oun, Edmund: app. of Wm Foucher, 1414–15: 65v.

Norton/-oun, John: ent. 1411–12: 56v; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62r.

Norton, John: squire; bequest, 1442–43: 141v.

Norton/-oun, Thomas: app. of Wm Bertelot, 1404–05: 41r.

Norwich, John: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r.

Notbron, Notbroun(e) *see* Nutbroun

[**Nottingham**]Notyngnam, Nicholas de: pd 1347–48: 3v.

[**Nottingham**]Notyngnam, Richard: pd 1347–48: 3v; alms 1406–07: 45r; alms 1407–08: 47r.

Nowell, Philip: f. 1449–50: 164v.

Nutbroun/Notebroun/Notbroune/Notbron, John: ent. 1437–38: 127r; [adm. by redemption, 1480];⁴¹ f. 1441–42: 139r; capper; his apps listed as John Swan, 1423–24: 84v; John Neve & John Urlay, 1439–40: 134v; John Arthur, 1441–42: 138v; Wm Worsted, 1441–42: 139r; Wm Grond, 1449–50: 164r.

Nyche/Niche/Neche, Thomas: 19n. 63, 26; app. of Robt Large, 1430–31: 105v; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1439]; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; w. 1461–62: 200r, 200v, 201v, 203v, R39r; auditor, 1462–63: 205v, R42v; 1463–64: 208v;

f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1447–48: 155v; fee 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1460–61: 198v; f. 1461–62: 201v; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v;

his apps listed as John Sturmyn, 1441–42: 139r; Thos Henmale, John Preston & John Pelham, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Richard, 1448–49: 158v; Wm Coe, 1450–51: 169v; John Stourmer, 1451–52: 172r; John Asshedene, 1452–53: 175v; Wm Richaert, 1455–56: 182v; Rog. Glade, 1456–57: 186r; John Pelham, 1456–57: 186v, 187v; Thos Vawee, 1458–59: 192r, John Pellam, 1461–62: 201v; John Tasburgh, 1462–63: 203v.

[**Oakhurst**]Okhurst, Thomas: app. of Thos Shirwynd, 1442–43: 141v.

[**Oakley**]Okle, John: workman, 1462–63: R42r.

[**Oakley**]Okley, Richard: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.

[**Oakley**]Okele, Robert: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1447: R*1v.

Obyne, John: app. of John Warde, 1461–62: 200v.

Ode, Robert: app. of Wm Neuton, 1442–43: 141r.

Odiarne/Odyarn(e), John: app. of Wm Denton, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; 1451–52: 172v; debt 1449–50: 168v.

Okele *see* Oakley

Okhurst *see* Oakhurst

Okle, Okley *see* Oakley

Oliver *see* Olyver

41 This is quite likely to be an erroneously dated entry in Coke's *Register* and to refer to this man, although it may also perhaps refer to another of the same name.

- Olney/Olnay**, John: pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; w. 1419–20: 75r, 75v, 77v; w. 1426–27: 90v; 91r, 93v; w. 1432–33: 110r, 110v, 112r; w. 1437–38: 126v, 127r, 130v; alderman; w. 1442–43: 140v; 143v, R5r; w. 1454–55: 179v, 180r, 182r, R16v; auditor 1455–56: 184v; sheriff, 1432–33: 110v; 111v; [Mayor 1446–47]; his house in Mill Street 1442–43: 143v; f. 1427–28: 95v; see also 1421–22: 81r; 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28, 98r; 1437–38: 129v; 1442–43: 142v; 1442–43: 143r;
- his serving man John Bailly?: 32v footnote; his apps listed as Rich. Tasbourgh, 1415–16: 68r; Wm (or John?) Bille, 1420–21: 78v; Rich. Tasburgh, 1421–22: 80v; John Trusbot & Thos Lambard, 1421–22: 80v; Thos Catisby, 1422–23: 82v; John Walton, 1426–27: 92r; John Bille, 1427–28: 96v; Thos Baudewyn, 1429–30: 102r; John Trussebut, 1431–32: 108v; Rog. Hide & Wm Spire, 1435–36: 120r; Thos Combes, 1437–38: 128v; Rich. Osborn, 1442–43: 141v; Rich. Rawson, 1447–48: 155r; Rog. Hyde, 1449–50: 164r; John Seman, 1451–52: 172v; Rich. Rawson, 1456–57: 186r.
- Olyver/(Clyver)**,⁴² Richard: app. of Rich. Lovelace, 1435–36: 119v; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1444].
- Olyver**, Robert: app. of Wm Olyver, 1441–42: 139r.
- [Olyver]**Oliver, Thomas: app. of Wm Olyver, 1431–32: 108v.
- Olyver/Oliver**, William: app. of Rich. Hille, 1408–09: 48v; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1437]; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; w. 1435–36: 118r, 118v, 120v, 123v; w. 1443–44: 143v, 147r; renter 1443–44: R5v; renter 1444–45: R6r; f. 1426–27: 91r; f. 1447–48: 155r; *see also* 1436–37: 124r; 1448–49: 158v; alms 1453–67: 1453–54: R12r; 1454–55: R16r; 1455–56: R17v; 1456–57: R19r; 1457–58: R21r; 1458–59: R23v; 1459–60: R28v; 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; 1463–64: R44r;
- his apps listed as Rich. Grlere, 1423–24: 85r; Rich. Everley, 1431–32: 108v; Thos Oliver, 1431–32: 108v; Rich. Hoke, 1435–36: 119v; Robt Olyver, 1441–42: 139r; John Johanson, 1442–43: 141r; Rich. Hake, 1445–46: 149v; John Condon, 1446–47: 152v.
- Onehand**/⁴³Onhand(e)/Oonhand/Onhond, Thomas: app. of John Strattoun, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1446]; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v; w. 1437–38: 126v, 127r, 130v; exec. of John Bostoun, 1433–34: 113v; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. x 3, 1444–45: 148r; f. 1449–50: 164v; *see also* 1437–38: 130r; 1449–50: 162v;
- his apps listed as John Lambard & Ph. Howelle, 1435–36: 120r; Ever. Brige, 1437–38: 128v; John Bastwyk & Wm Redeknape, 1440–41: 136v; Thos Godyng, 1440–41: 137r; John Lambard & Ph. Howelle, 1442–43: 140v; Ever. Brigge, 1443–44: 144r; James Cordy, 1443–44: 144v; Thos Godyng, 1449–50: 163v; John Coldwell, 1449–50: 164r; Thos Teken, 1451–52: 172r.
- Onley/Onle/Onlee/Olney**, John: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1401–02: 34v; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1432]; pd 1415–16: 67v; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r.
- Oppy**, Robert: rector of All Hallows, Honey Lane: 1461–62: 202r.
- Orable/Arable**, Alexander/Saundre/Saundys:⁴⁴ app. of John Knottyngelee, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 116r; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1438–39: 130v, 131r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r;
- his apps listed as John Stacy, 1430–31: 105v; Rich. Burghes, 1433–34: 113r; Thos White, 1435–36: 120v; Rich. Turpyn, 1437–38: 128v; Thos Walker, 1439–40: 134v; Rich. Borwe, 1440–41: 136v; Ph. Bette, 1440–41: 137r; Rich. Borowe, 1442–43: 141r; Wm Palmer & John Thurston, 1443–44: 144v; Rich. Turpyn, 1446–47: 152r; Thos Walker, 1447–48: 154v; Ph. Bettesham, 1448–49: 158v; Thos Wrangle, 1448–49: 158v; Chas Wynne, 1456–57: 186r; Thos Walker, 1456–57: 186v; Thos Wrangle, 1457–58: 189v.
- Organ**, John: 11–12, 20, 24; w. 1391–92: 5v, 6r, 11r; d. 1392: 11r; 1394–95: 16v; debt of executors 1393–94: 14r; 1394–95: 16v, 17v; 1395–96: 20r; 1396–97: 23v; 1397–98: 25v; 1398–99: 28r; 1399–1400: 31r, 31v; 1400–01: 33v, 34r; 1401–02: 35r; 1402–03: 36r, 37r; his apps listed as Henry Carletoun, Rich. Frisyngefeld, John Thorp & John Graunger, 1391–92: 6v.
- Orient**, William: porter; debt 1425–26: 90r; debt pd 1426–27: 92v.

42 f. 144r gives the name as 'Clyver', as does the *Register*, but these are almost certainly errors for 'Olyver'.

43 His surname very possibly derives from having only one hand.

44 The diminutive of his first name occurs in a large number of forms.

- Orum**?/Orvin?/Norom, Piers: app. of John Sturgeon, 1446–47: 152v; then app. of Edm. Bettes, iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1458]; f. 1459–60: 196v.
- [Orwell]**Orewelle/Horewell, Philip: ironmonger, 1461–62: R38v; his wife supplies ironware, 1462–63: R42r.
- Orwelle**, Richard: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Orwell**/Orelle, William: app. of Edm. Bettes, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1474].
- Osbern**, Henry: app. of John Aleyn, 1403–04: 38v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r; pd 1419–20: 75v.
- Osborne**, John: app. of John Lambard, then of Harry Asshewelle, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1465].
- Osborn**, Richard 1: exec. of John Shadworth, 1429–30: 101r.
- Osborn**, Richard 2: app. of John Olney, 1442–43: 141v.
- Osborne**, Robert: app. of Thos Osborn, 1430–31: 105v.
- Osborne**/Osborn/Osbern(e)/Ossberne/Osborne, Thomas: app. of Wm Hawe, 1395–96: 18r; and 1396–97: 21r; iss. 1404–05: 41r; [adm. 1412]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; w. 1423–24: 83v, 84r, 84v, 86v; w. 1434–35: 114v, 115v, 118r; weirs, 1421–22: 81r; exec. of John Borham, 1434–35: 116v; f. 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Robt Romble, 1408–09: 48v; John Langley, 1414–15: 65v; Wm Tynbery, 1418–19: 74r; Wm Moraunt, 1421–22: 80v; Robt Stevyn, 1423–24: 85r; John Langley, 1426–27: 91v; Robt Coggeshale & Wm Bridlyngton, 1426–27: 92r; Robt Osarne & Wm Miles, 1430–31: 105v; Robt Stevenes, 1430–31: 106r; John Wood, 1434–35: 116r; Wm Bridlyngton, 1434–35: 116v; Robt Cokesale, 1435–36: 119v; Nich. Ebmed & Thos Joly, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Mylys, 1440–41: 136v; Nich. Ebmede, 1443–44: 144r.
- Osborn**/Osbern, Thomas 2: ‘the younger’; app. of Wm Estfeld, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1450].
- Otes**/Otys, William: app. of Wm Walderne, 1403–04: 38v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62r; his apps listed as John Sylesdene & John Cokke, 1417–18: 72v; John Fryday, 1419–20: 76r.
- Otes** *see also* Otys
- Otley**/Otlee/Otteley, John: w. 1395–96: 16v, 17v, 19v; his apps listed as Wm Roos, John Aleyn, Alan Walsham & Thos Koce, 1391–92: 6r; Thos Austyn & Walt Bertoun, 1395–96: 18r; Henry Frowyk & Simon Herward, 1398–99: 27r; Rich. Cook, 1400–01: 32v; Hen. Frowyk, 1420–21: 78v.
- [Otley]**Otteley, Robert: Mayor 1434–35: 116v.
- Otworth**, Clement: app. of Rich. Rych, 1449–50: 163v.
- Otys**, William 2: app. of Hugh Wyche, 1437–38: 128v.
- Otys** *see also* Otes
- Ouchale** *see* Outshale
- Oughton**, Nicholas: tenant in the Royal, 1447: R*2r.
- Outshale**/Ouchale, Richard: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v; his apps listed as Thos Pychard, 1391–92: 9v; Wm Squyrell, 1395–96: 19r.
- Overton**, John: app. of John Knottyngelee, 1400–01: 32v.
- Overton**, Robert: app. of Thos Chalkton, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1451]; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1453–54: 178v.
- Overton**/oun, William 1: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1396–97: 21r.
- Overton**/oun, William 2: app. of John Cosham, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1443].
- Ovray**/Ovraie/[Overey], William: governor of the Merchant Adventurers, 1457–58: 191r.
- Padsylle** *see* Patsille
- Paiaible** *see* Payable
- Palestrer**, Alexander: debt 1449–50: R7r.
- Palmer**, Gilbert: app. of Thos Burgoyne, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1469].
- Palmer**, John: app. of John Goldewelle, 1456–57: 185v.
- Palmer**(e), William 1: app. of John Aleyn, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1422–23: 82r; f. 1422–23: 82r.
- Palmer**, William 2: app. of Alex. Orable, 1443–44: 144v.
- Pampe**, Robert: paviour, 1435–36: 122r.
- Panetrie** *see* Pantrie
- Pantery**, John: app. of John Abbot, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Pantrie**/Panetrie, William de la: w. 1347–48: 2v, 4r, 4v; pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Pardoun**, Sir Nicholas: chaplain, Guppey’s priest; sal. 1417–18: 73r; sal. 1418–19: 74v; sal. 1419–20: 76v; sal. 1420–21: 79r.
- Paris**/Parys, Thomas: app. of John Shipton, then John Warde, 1457–58: 189v; iss. 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1469]; *see also* 1457–58: 189v.
- Parke**, Simon: tenant in the Royal, 1447: R*2r.
- Parker**, Edmund: pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; pd 1404–05: 40v.
- Parker**, Henry: app. of Thos Saccheford, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1411].

- Parker**]Parkier, John 1: app. of John Etoun, 1405–06: 43r.
Parker, John 2: app. of John Etoun, 1407–08: 46v.⁴⁵
Parker, John 3: app. of Rich. Herry, 1409–10: 51v.
Parker, John 4: scrivener 1455–56: 184r; 1460–61: 199v.
Parker, Richard 1: app. of Thos Hawe, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1399–1400: 29v; [adm. 1400]; his app. listed as Thos Debenham, 1400–01: 32r.
Parker, Richard 2: app. of Wm Herte, 1447–48: 155r.
Parker, Thomas: app. of John Michelle, 1430–31: 105v.
Parker, William 1: app. of Rob. Warbultoun, 1391–92: 7v; exec. of Robt Warbyltoun, 1390–91: 5r; also 1391: 5v; w. 1394–95: 13v, 14r, 16v; w. 1402–03: 35v, 37r, 39v; alderman & sheriff, 1396–97: 22r; *see also* 1392–93: 12r; 1393–94: 14r; 1394–95: 14v; 1394–95: 15r; 1395: 17r; 1394–95: 17v; 1395–96: 20r; f. 1403–04: 40r;
 d. 1403–04: 38v; fee of executors 1403–04: 38v; bequest 1413–14: 62r; his house, 1413–14: 64r;
 his apps listed as Thos Cresse & John Eytoun, 1391–92: 7r; John Philippot, 1395–96: 18r.
Parker, William 2: app. of Thos Halle, 1400–01: 32r.
Parle, Parles *see* Perlee
[Partridge]Partriche, Thomas: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1456–57: 185v.
[Patrington]Patryngtoun, Stephen: app. of John Boteller, 1411–12: 56v.
Patsill(e)/Padsylle, Walter: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1466]; pd 1463–64: 207v.
Pattesley, John: [Goldsmith]; Mayor 1440–41: 138r.
Pavy, Robert: app. of Robt Gregory, 1456–57: 185v.
Payable/Paiale, John: app. of Edm. Alderford, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
Payne, John: app. of John Marchalle, 1456–57: 185r.
Payne, Thomas: app. of Hugh Wych, 1449–50: 163v.
Pays, Thomas: carpenter, 1461–62: R38v.
Pease, Roger: app. of Wm Thornelle, 1463–64: 206v.
Pecche, Edward: app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1415–16: 68r.
Pekke, Thomas: app. of Wm Harte, 1434–35: 116r.
Pekke *see also* Pekke, Peke
[Pecock]Pecok, Reynold: Master of Whittington's College, 1431–44; rector of St Michael Paternoster; presentment, 1431–32: 109v.
Peek *see* Pekke
Peke, William 1: app. of Thos Brangewayn, 1395–96: 19r.
Peke *see also* Pekke, Pecke
Pekenhams, John: app. of Rich. Harpour, 1408–09: 48v.
Pekerell(e) *see* Pikerelle
Pekereng, -ing *see* Pickering
Pekke, Richard: app. of Thos Saccheford, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
Pekke/Peek/Peke, William 2: app. of Piers Belgrave, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; f. 1414–15: 65r; his apps listed as John Baile, 1417–18: 72v; Wm Belgrave, 1420–21: 78r *bis* and 1423–24: 85r.
Pekke *see also* Pecke, Peke
Pelham/Pellam, John: app. of Thos Niche, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1467]; servant of Thos Niche, 1456–57: 187v, and 1461–62: 201v; 1456–57: 188v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; pd 1463–64: 207v; f. 1459–60: 196v; f. 1461–62: 201v; 1462–63: 206r, 206v; f. 1463–64: 207v; his app. listed as Thos Costewyke, 1463–64: 206v.
Pencriche *see* Penkridge
Pene *see* Penne
Penketh, Thomas: fee 1419–20: 77v.
[Penkridge]Pencriche, William: app. of Alan Everard, 1391–92: 8r.
Penne, John 1: app. of Sim. Castellyn, 1395–96: 19r.
Penne/Pene, John 2: app. of John Halgate, 1419–20: 76r; app. of John Halyate, iss. 1428–29: 99r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1447–48: 154v, 157v, 175r; *see also* 1442–43: 141v, 143r; 1449–50: 162r, 162v, 165v;
 f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. x 2, 1443–44: 145r; f. 1449–50: 164v;
 his apps listed as Wm Gayton, 1435–36: 120r; Hugh Bradshawe, 1443–44: 144v; Thos Kitwilde, 1446–47: 152v; Robt Coufeld, 1447–48: 154v; Wm Traas, 1447–48: 155r; John Hamner, 1449–50: 163v; Wm Trace, 1452–53: 176r; Thos Kitwilde, 1455–56: 182v; John Hammer, 1459–60: 195v; his serving-man listed as Wm Remay, 1447–48: 154v.
[Penrose]Penros, John (judge): 1392–93: 16v.
Pentrye, John: pd 1347–48: 3r.
Pentyng, John: pd 1347–48: 2v.
Penystone, John: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1426–27: 92r.
Penystone, Richard: app. of Wm Melreth, 1426–27: 92r.

45 This is perhaps a second entry, erroneous or otherwise, for the same apprentice as the previous one.

- Percyvale**/Percomialle,⁴⁶ Christopher: app. of Thos Cok, 1433–34: 113r; f. 1443–44: 145v.
- Percyvale**: lime merchant, 1459–60: R31r; 1461–62: R38v; 1462–63: R42r.
- Perlee**/Perlys/Parles/Parle, John: app. of Rob. Warbultoun, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; alms 1398–99: 28r.
- Perlee** *see also* Pirle
- Pery**, Henry/Harry: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r; tenant in Bassishaw, 1462–63: R41v.
- Pery**, Robert: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Pery**/Perye/Pyrye/Perys, Thomas: app. of Thos Dunton, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1441–42: 138v; [adm. 1463]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; meter of linencloth, 1460: 211v; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1448–49: 158r; his app. listed as Thos Judde, 1449–50: 163r, and 1458–59: 192v.
- Pery** *see also* Pirie
- Peryman** *see* Piryman
- Peryndon**/-oun, John: app. of Adam Cove, 1395–96: 19r.
- Peryndoun**, William: tenant 1419–20: 77r.
- Petelsden**, Robert: app. of John Harowe, 1443–44: 144v.
- Petibef**/Petybeof/Pitbef, Robert: alms 1418–25: 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 87v.
- Petirfeld**: ironmonger, 1459–60: R31r.
- Petit**, John 1: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Petit(e)**, John 2: app. of Rich. Lovelas, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1440–41: 136v; [adm. 1463]; f. 1448–49: 158v.
- Petmelle** *see* Pidmylle
- Petsam**, William: tenant in the Royal, 1462–63: R40r.
- Petteworth**, William ('Master'): ent. 1438–39: 131r.
- Pettys** *see* Bettes
- Pevir**/Pyvor, John: app. of John Sturgeon, 1450–51: 169v; then app. of Rich. Syff, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1468].
- Peyntour**, John: serving-man of the earl of Kent, ent. 1461–62: 201v, 203r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r.
- Peyton**/-oun, Edmund: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1391–92: 8v.
- Philip**, duke of Burgundy: 1427–28: 97v; 1428–29: 98v; his ambassadors, 1462–63: 205v.
- [Philip]**Phelip, John: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1463–64: R44v.
- [Philip]**Felipe, Matthew: goldsmith; Mayor 1463–64: 208r, 208v.
- Philipe**, Simon: app. of John Brodisworth, 1436–37: 124v.
- Philipp**/Philipp(e)/Phelippe, Thomas: app. of John Langham, 1398–99: 27v; iss. 1404–05: 41r; [adm. 1406]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; f. and debt 1413–14: 64r; debt 1414–15: 66v; debt 1415–16: 69r; f. 1416–17: 70v; his apps listed as Robt Masoun, 1405–06: 43r; Thos Bekeswelle, 1410–11: 54r, and 1417–18: 72v.
- [Philip]**Philippe, Thomas 2: app. of John Brodisworth, 1437–38: 128v.
- Philip**, Thomas 3: app. of John Abbot, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1466]. [probably = TP2]
- Philipot**/Philippot/Philpot, John: app. of Wm Parker, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1400]; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v; debt 1406–07: 45v; his apps listed as Andrew Gryme, 1398–99: 27r; Reynold Wynetoun, 1400–01: 32v; Wm Forster, 1403–04: 38v.
- Philippa**: wife of Edward III and mother of Richard II: 16r.
- Philpot**, Simon, innkeeper: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Philps**, William: app. of John Cotford, 1442–43: 141v.
- Pichard**/Pychard/Picchard, John: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1393–94: 13r; [adm. 1396]; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 17v; his app. listed as John Mepesshale, 1395–96: 19r.
- [Pichard]**Pychard, Thomas: app. of Rich. Ouchale, 1391–92: 9v.
- [Pickering]**Pykeryng, John 1: app. of John Butler, sen., 1417–18: 72v.
- [Pickering]**Pikyng/Pikkyng/Pykyng(e)/Pekeryng/Pykeng, John 2: app. of John Coventre, 1423–24: 85r; iss. 1430–31: 106r; fee 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1452]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; father of John Pykeng, d. 1458–59: 192r; his apps listed as Gilb. Newtoun, 1433–34: 113r; Wm Chirche & Gar. Reede, 1436–37: 124v; John Spaldyng, 1438–39: 132r; Ger. Rede, 1449–50: 164r.

46 Or 'Parcomialle', and just possibly a different person although scribal copying difficulties seem more probable.

- [**Pickering**]Pikeryng/Pikereng/Pekeryng/Pekyng/
Pykeng, John 3: app. of Ralph Verney, iss.
1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1466]; son of John Pykyng
and app. of R. Verney, 1458–59: 192r; servant
of R. Verney, 1456–57: 187v; pd 1458–59: 193r;
pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; f. 1455–
56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1459–60: 196r;
Governor of the Adventurers: 205r; his app.
listed as Rog. Spenser, 1456–57: 185v.
- [**Pickering**]Pikeryng, William 1: app. of Thos
Cressy, 1403–04: 38v.
- [**Pickering**]Pikeryng/Pikereng/Pekeryng, William 2:
app. of Wm Melrethe, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm.
1469]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd
1454–55: 180v; exec. (?) of John Serf, 1449–50:
163r; exec. of Wm Melreth, 1451–52: 175r; 1452–
53: 176r; 1453–54: 179r; 1455–56: 183r; 1458–59:
193v; *see also* 1453–54: 179v; 1455–56: 184v;
f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1457–58: 190r; debt 1452–53:
177v; debt 1454–55: 181v; debt 1456–57:
189r; debt 1457–58: 191v;
his apps listed as John Trynde, 1447–48:
155r; John Trengre, 1452–53: 176r; Wm
Whitewey, 1456–57: 186r.
- [**Pickmere**]Pykesmer, John: app. of Rich. Lovelace,
1435–36: 119v.
- [**Pickton**]Pykton/Pikton, John: app. of Wm Flete,
1443–44: 145r; app. of Nich. Hatton, iss. 1452–
53: 176r;⁴⁷ shopholder; ent. 1456–57: 186v; pd
1463–64: 207v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1461–62:
201r; his app. listed as James Loyaulton, 1462–
63: 203v.
- Picot**, John: son of Nicholas Picot; father of Thomas
Picot (1427–28): 94v.
- [**Picot**]Pycot/Pigot, John 2: app. of Thos Hirst,
1439–40: 134v; app. of Thos Herst & Ralph
Marche, 1440–41: 137r.
- Picot**, Nicholas: mercer; father of John Picot; (1427–
28): 94v.
- [**Picot**]Pycot, Robert: pd 1347–48: 4r.
- [**Picot**]Pycot, Roger: pd 1347–48: 3v; his app. listed
as Thomas Pycot, 1347–48: 4r.
- Picot**/Pycot, Thomas: app. of Roger Pycot, 1347–48:
4r; [adm. 1347]; 1396–97: 22r; son of John Picot;
father of Alice Bridenelle (1427–28): 94v; his
cloth, 1427–28: 94v.
- Pidmylle**/Pydmelle/Pydemelle/Pidmell/Pidmele/
Petmelle, John: app. of Ralph Middeltoun,
1395–96: 19r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1410, as
late app. of Thos Denton]; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd
1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; w. 1427–28: 93v,
94r, 98r; bequest 1434–35: 116v; f. 1427–28: 95r;
his apps listed as Robt Danard, 1419–20: 76r;
Steph. Castelle & Thos Cost, 1421–22:
80v; Rog. Middeltmore, 1424–25: 87r;
Robt Hallum, 1427–28: 96r; Thos Cost,
1429–30: 101v; Wm Halle, 1430–31: 105v;
Rog. Middeltmore, 1432–33: 110v; Robt
Halome, 1435–36: 119v.
- Piers**, Edward: app. of Aleyne Everard, 1400–01: 32v.
- Piers**, William: app. of John Fisssher, 1463–64: 206v;
[adm. 1473].
- Pierston**, John: app. of John Roo, 1455–56: 182r; then
app. of Geoff. Blower, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm.
1469]; shopholder 1462–63: 204r.
- Pierston**, Robert: app. of Wm Remy, 1453–54: 178v.
- Pigot** *see* Picot
- [**Pikerelle**]Pekerell, John: tenant in St Lawrence
Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Pikerelle**/Pekerelle, Thomas: tenant in the Pye,
1435–36: 122v; 1436–37: 126r.
- Pikering**, -eng *see* Pickering
- [**Pilgrim**]Pylgrym, Anneys [Agnes]: tenant 1419–
20: 77r.
- Pinkhurst**, Adam: 11–12, 24; scrivener, 1391–92: 6r,
footnote.
- [**Pinnock**]Pynnoke, Robert: app. of Wm Coventre,
père, 1403–04: 38r.
- Pirie**/Pyrye, John: tenant in the Pye: debt 1413–14:
64r; debt 1414–15: 66v; tenant in Bishopsgate
Street; debt 1415–16: 69r; debt pd 1416–17: 70v.
- Pirie**, William: app. of John Middeltoun, 1408–09:
48v.
- Pirie** *see also* Pery
- Pirle**, William: app. of John Michel, 1415–16: 67v.
- Pirle** *see also* Perlee
- Piryman**/Peryman, William: 12; app. of John
Waltoun, 1404–05: 41r; scribe 1426–31: 1426–27:
93r; 1427–28: 97r; 1428–29: 100r; 1429–30: 103v;
1430–31: 107r; rent-collector, 1427–28: 97r, and
1428–29: 99v, 100r; former rent-collector 1429–
30: 104r, and 1430–31: 107r.
- Pitbef** *see* Petibef
- Plais** *see* Plays
- Plat**, John: app. of Peter Elsynham, 1391–92: 8v.
- Plays**/Plais, John: tenant in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v;
1436–37: 126r.
- Playstowe**, Richard: tenant in St Dunstan in the
East, 1462–63: R41v.
- Plomer**, [John]: grocer; sheriff 1459–60: 196v.
- Plomere**, John: app. of Wm Foucher, 1395–96: 18v.
- Plommer**, Christopher: app. of Thos Bataille, 1442–
43: 141r.
- Polayn**, John de: pd 1347–48: 3r.

47 There may be two different apprentices here, but it seems likely they are the same.

- Pole**, William de la, Duke of Suffolk: 1451–52: 173v.
Pole, William: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1405–06: 43r.
Polle, John: app. of John Abbot, 1414–15: 65v.
Polle, Richard: app. of Watkyn Aleyn, 1429–30: 102r.
Pomeray, John: app. of John Feraunt, 1391–92: 8r.
Pomfreyt [Pontefract], Thomas: app. of John Coventre, 1411–12: 57r.
Pomfreyt [Pontefract], William 1: pd 1347–48: 3v.
Pomfreyt/Pomfret/Pount(e)fret(e) [Pontefract], William 2: app. of Thos Bataille, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1452]; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r; his app. listed as Wm Mortimer, 1433–34: 113r.
[Pontesbury] Pontesbery, Thomas: app. of Nich. Agor, 1463–64: 206v.
Pope, John: app. of John Stokton, 1449–50: 163r.
Pope, John 2: father of Richard Pope, of Abdy, co. York: 186v *n*.
Pope, Richard: son of John Pope, of Abdy, co. York: 169r *n*.; app. of John Brodde, 1446–47: 152v; app. of John Broddesworth and later of Thos Rykes, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1467]; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; his app. listed as Rich. West, 1463–64: 207r.
Porchet, John: app. of John Marteyn, 1449–50: 163v.
Port, William: ent. 1446–47: 153r.
Porter, Thomas: app. of John Stokton, 1449–50: 163r; iss. 1457–58: 190r; [adm. 1469]; his app. listed as Wm Porter, 1462–63: 203v.
Porter, William: app. of Thos Porter, 1462–63: 203v.
[Portington] Portengton, John: of the Exchequer, 1463–64: 208v.
Pountfret, Pountefrete *see* Pomfreyt
Pouter, Thomas: app. of John Bostoun, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1451]; exec. of John Bostoun, 1433–34: 113v; pd 1433–34: 112v.
Powelle, John: app. of John Coke, 1445–46: 149v.
Power: 1457–58: 191r.
Poynes, Henry: app. of John Cotford, 1445–46: 149v.
Pratte, William: app. of John Abbot, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1444–45: 147v; iss. 1449–50: 164r;⁴⁸ [adm. 1466]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 179r; pd 1454–55: 180v; arrested 1455–56: 184r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. x 2, 1455–56: 183r; f. 1461–62: 201r; f. 1462–63: 204r; his apps listed as John Colyngridge, 1455–56: 182r; the son of John Squyer, 1458–59: 194v; John Squyer, 1459–60: 195r.
Praty, Sir William: priest, 1461–62: R37v.
[Prentice] Prentys, John: app. of John Alburgh, 1456–57: 185v; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1469].
[Prentice] Prentys, Thomas: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1410].
Prentice/Prentyce/Prentys/Prentis/Prentiez, William: app. of John Lane, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67v; pd 1416–17: 69v; w. 1423–24: 83v, 84r, 84v, 86v; w. 1431–32: 107v, 108r, 109r, his apps listed as John Mordoun & John Brewer, 1417–18: 72v; Thos Traynelle, 1422–23: 82v; John Walkerne & John Mordon, 1423–24: 85r; John Allapert, 1424–25: 87v; Gilb. Capelyne, 1426–27: 92r; Wm Beverely, 1429–30: 102r; Thos Traynelle, 1430–31: 106r.
[Prentice] Prentiz, William 2: app. of Wm Maltby, 1419–20: 76r.
Prestaton, Alexander: app. of Wm Wydowson, 1448–49: 159r; app. of John Harowe, iss. 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1469]; shopholder 1460–61: 198r; his app. listed as Nich. Kays, 1463–64: 206v.
Preston/-oun, John: Recorder of London: pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r.
Preston, John 2: app. of Thos Niche, 1443–44: 144v.
Preston/-oun, William: app. of Wm Estfeld, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1446].
Presven, John: ent. 1429–30: 101v.
Priour, Thomas: mason 1459–60: 197r.
[Prittlewell] Prytelwelle, John: app. of Rob. Sherwynd, 1391–92: 7r.
Prodance, Walter: app. of Laur. Andrewe, 1395–96: 18v.
Prodman/Pradman/Pudman, Thomas: app. of John Langham, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1411–12: 57r; [adm. 1431, or 1411?⁴⁹].
Provendre, Richard: app. of Sim. Herward, 1417–18: 72v.
Provendre, Thomas: his apps listed as Wm Soleyn, 1391–92: 8v; John Evefeld & John Moreby, 1395–96: 19r; Edward , 1398–99: 27v; John Strangelford, 1409–10: 51v.
Prudence/Prodance, Thomas: 20; w. 1395–96: 16v, 17v, 19v; debt 1402–03: 37r; debt 1403–04: 37v; debt 1403–04: 39r; debt 1404–05: 40v; debt 1404–05: 41v; debt 1405–06: 43v; debt 1406–07: 45r; his apps listed as John Hake & John Godstone, 1391–92: 8v; Wm Jolyf, 1395–96: 18v; James Wynstanlee, 1398–99: 27r.

48 These two payments for issue are odd, and may indicate that there are two separate men, or it may be a scribal error in copying from notes.

49 The *Register* records the admission of Thomas Prodman, late app. of John Langham, in 1431, but also that of a John Pradman, late app. of JL also, in 1411.

Prudence *see also* Purdaunce

Prynce, John: app. of Wm Ermtoun, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1406–07: 44v; [adm. 1408]; pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1412–13: 60v;⁵⁰ f. 1406–07: 44v; his app. listed as John Johan, 1412–13: 60r.

Prytelwelle *see* Prittlewell

Pudman *see* Prodman

Purchase/Purches, William: renter 1471–72: R46r (*footnote*).

Purdaunce/Purdauns/Purdance/Prudence, William: app. of Ralph Verney, 1447–48: 154v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1467]; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; his app. listed as John Hempsted, 1456–57: 186r.

Purdaunce *see also* Prudence

Purdy, William: app. of Wm Grond, 1451–52: 172v; app. of Wm Gronde and Rich. Stutvile, iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1467].

Pycot *see* Picot

Pyke, Joan: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.

Pykesmer *see* Pickmere

Pynchamore, Robert: app. of Robt Elmeham, 1456–57: 186r.

Pynchon/-oun, Thomas: ent. 1413–14: 62r; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r.

Pynder, John: app. of John Asshe the younger, 1447–48: 154v; then app. of Ph. Howelle, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1468].

Pyrre *see* Pirie; **Pryrman** *see* Piryman

Pyvor *see* Pevir

Quatremayns/Qatermayns, Richard: [Fishmonger]; 1442–43: 141v; 1442–43: 143r; 1445–46: 151v.

[Queenborough] Qweneburghe/Quenburchge, Robert: app. of Matt. Foucher, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434].

Raccheford, Thomas: tenant of The Three Cups, 1447: R*2v.

Radclif, Robert: app. of John Seymour, 1429–30: 102r.

Rafton/-oun,⁵¹ Thomas: 12; app. of Wm Marcheford, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; rent-collector 1415–16: sal. 1415–16: 68v; debt 1415–16: 69r; debt 1416–17: 71r; debt 1417–18: 73v; scribe 1419–20: 77r; scribe 1420–21: 79r; scribe, 1423–24: 86r; scribe and translator from Dutch, 1430–31: 106v.

Raland, John: app. of Wm Bartelot, 1391–92: 7r.

Ralph (Rauf): serjeant of the Guildhall Chamber, 1421–22: 81r.

Ralph (Sir): chaplain: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.

Randolf/Randolff, Geoffrey: app. of Ralph Marche, 1445–46: 150r; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; f. 1463–64: 207v; his app. listed as Thos Graunte, 1462–63: 204r.

Randolf, John 1: app. of Rich. Everard, 1397–98: 25r.

Randolf, John 2: app. of John Knottyngelee, 1404–05: 41r.

Randolf, John 3: app. of Wm Rody, 1414–15: 65v.

Randolf/Randolff(e), John 4: app. of John Sturgion, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1450–51: 170r; [adm. 1451]; shopholder; ent. 1456–57: 186v.

Randolf, John 5: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.

Randolf, Robert: app. of John Cosham, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1421]; 1429–30: 102v; his app. listed as Robt Gladman, 1429–30: 102r.

Rankyn/Renkyn/Raynkyn/Reynkyn/Reynekyne/Reyneken/Renekyn/Reynken, John: app. of Robt Strode, 1426–27: 92r; app. of John Aleyn, iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1430]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd 1438–39: 131v; pd 1439–40: 134r; w. 1446–47: 152r, 154v; w. 1455–56: 181v, 182r, 183r, 184r, 184v, 185r, 188r, 188v, R18r; w. 1461–62: 200r, 200v, 201v, 203v, R39r; auditor, 1456–57: 189r; auditor, 1462–63: R42v, 205v; pays for wall at the Three Cups, 1458–59: R23r; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1461–62: 201v; 1461–62: R36v; 1462–63: R40r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. x 3, 1444–45: 148r; f. x 2, 1445–46: 150r; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. x 3, 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r;

his apps listed as Rich. Holwey, 1439–40: 134v; John Broke & Rich. Snede, 1443–44: 144v; Nich. Howlak, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Alborowe, 1447–48: 154v; Rich. Hawley, 1448–49: 158r; Robt Wattis, 1450–51: 169v; Wm Shore, 1451–52: 172v; Rich. Tideney, 1456–57: 185v; Wm Shore, 1458–59: 192v; John Mildendale, 1462–63: 203v.

[Rankyn] Raynkyn, John 2: [adm. 1436, late app. of Rich Aylmer].

Rankyn, John 3: iss. 1439–40: 134v.

Raston/-oun *see* Rafton

Rasyn, Thomas: app. of John Clerk & Thos Dounton, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1427].

⁵⁰ These two payments in the same year are irregular and to be noted.

⁵¹ The name has elsewhere been rendered as 'Raston' but the crossing of the letter 'f' seems clear each time.

Rasyn *see also* Rayson

Ratheby/[Raytheby], John: clerk of Chancery; ent. 1452–53: 176r; 1457–58: 191v.

Raven, William: [keeper of small beam, 1349]; pd 1347–48: 3r; his app. listed as Rich. Charletoun, 1347–48: 4r.

Rawson, Avery: keeper of small beam, weigher of silk, 1518: 212r.

Rawson, John: app. of Rog. Cople, 1460–61: 198r.

Rawson/Rauson, Richard: app. of John Olney, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1463]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1460–61: 198v; renter 1472–73: R46r (*footnote*); his apps listed as Robt Rawson, 1456–57: 185v; Alex. Kylet, 1462–63: 203v.

Rawson, Robert: app. of Rich. Rawson, 1456–57: 185v.

Rawson/Rewsson, Thomas: app. of Thos Fyler, 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1460].

Rawson, William: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1453–54: 178r; iss. 1460–61: 198r; [adm. 1460].

Ray *see* Roy

Raymond, Robert: app. of Wm Foucher, iss. 1424–25: 87r; [adm. 1422].

Rayner *see* Reyner

Raynham/Reynham/Raynam/Reygnam/Reyham, Robert: app. of Nich. Bacoun, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1412]; pd 1419–20: 75v; pd 1420–21: 78r; pd 1421–22: 80r; f. 1415–16: 67v; his apps listed as John Skoryer, 1421–22: 80v; John Tuyford, 1422–23: 82v; Robt Bonde, 1424–25: 87r; John Callowe, 1426–27: 92r; John Faunteroy, 1429–30: 102r; Rich. Heyward, 1430–31: 105v; Rich. Hayward, 1431–32: 108v.

Raynham/Reynham/Beynham,⁵² William: app. of Wm Cantelowe, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1433–34: 113r; [adm. 1431].

Raynkyn *see* Rankyn

Raynold *see* Reynold

Rayson/Resoun, Thomas: app. of John Kyrkeby, 1433–34: 113r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450].

Raytheby *see* Ratheby

Rede, Red *see* Reed

Redeknap, Edmund: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, iss. 1444–45: 147v; [adm. 1441]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 179r; pd 1454–55: 180v; fee 1452–53: 176r; *see also* 1452–53: 177r.

Redeknap/Red(e)knap, William: 22–3; app. of John Boston, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; renter: 1454–55: R15r,

R15v, R16v; renter, 1455–56: R17r, R17v; former renter, handing over remainder sum, 1458–59: R23r; former renter, 1458–59: R25v–26v, R28r; w. 1455–56: 181v, 182r, 183r, 184r, 184v, 185r, 188r, 188v, R18r; w. 1463–64: 205v, 206v; auditor, 1456–57: 189r; *see also* 1452–53: 177v; 1455–56: 183v; 1456–57: 188r; 1460–61: R34v;

f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1446–47: 153r; f. 1449–50: 164v; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1461–62: 201v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; debt 1460–61: 200r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r;

his apps listed as Wm Barbeley, 1445–46: 149v; Thos Subbury, 1449–50: 163v; Thos Hatfeld & Robt Richaert, 1452–53: 175v; Robt Lamshawe, 1455–56: 182r; Robt Hardebon, 1456–57: 185v; Thos Sutbery, 1459–60: 195v; Robt Richaert & Thos Hatfeld, 1461–62: 200v; Thos Benet, 1461–62: 200v; Rich. Broun, 1463–64: 207r; his serving-man named as Robert, 1459–60: 197v, 200r.

Redeknap, William 2: app. of Thos Onhand, iss. 1440–41: 136v.

Redemere *see* Rydemere

Redy, John: app. of Bald. Tetesbury, 1400–01: 32r.

Ree, Roger: usher of the King's chamber, 1462–63: 205r.

Reed/Reede/Rede, Gerard: app. of John Pikeryng, 1436–37: 124v; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; tenant in St Mary-le-Bow, 1447: R*2v; his app. listed as Robt Ivry, 1447–48: 155r.

Reed/Rede/Red, Thomas: app. of Thos Secheford, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1400].

Reeke *see* Ryke

Reignewelle *see* Reynewelle

Remy/Remay, William: app. of John Penne, iss. 1447–48: 154v; [adm. 1445]; f. 1452–53: 176r; his app. listed as Robt Pierson, 1453–54: 178v.

Renkyn, Renekyn *see* Rankyn

Repyngale, Repyngnale, -halle *see* Ripplingale

Resoun *see* Rayson, Rasyn

Reve, William: app. of Thos Humbirston, 1437–38: 128v.

Rewton, Harry: from Devonshire, 1450–51: 171v.

Reyder, John: app. of John Washebourne, 1419–20: 76r.

Reyham, Simon: ent. 1450–51: 169r.

Reynekyne, Reynkyn, -ken *see* Rankyn

52 The spelling of 'Beynham' on f. 85v is almost certainly a scribal error for 'Reynham'.

- Reyner/Rayner**, John 1: app. of Robt Horwode, 1411–12: 56v; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; 1455–56: 183r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1450–51: 170r; his apps listed as Thos Lee, 1442–43: 141v; Thos Apple, 1450–51: 169v; Rich. London, 1452–53: 175v.
- Reyner/Rayner**, John 2: ‘the younger’; app. of Thos Hirst, 1439–40: 134v; app. of Thos Herst & Ralph Marche, 1440–41: 137r; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1452]; shopholder; ent. 1457–58: 190r; injured, 1459–60: 196v.
- Reynham**, Reygnam *see* Raynham
- Reynold**, Saunder (Alexander): tenant in Coleman Street, 1463–64: R44v.
- Reynold**, Harry: app. of Rich. Stutville, 1452–53: 175v; app. of John Alburgh, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1463].
- Reynold**, John 1: app. of Hugh Clerk, 1395–96: 19r.
- [Reynold]**Raynold, John 2: app. of Wm Eryngtoun, 1422–23: 82v.
- Reynolde**, John 3: app. of Harry Newman, 1461–62: 200v.
- [Reynold]**Raynold, Richard: w. 1521: 212r.
- Reynold**, William: app. of Sol. Salman, 1391–92: 7v.
- [Reynwelle]** Reignewelle, John: [Fishmonger]; Mayor 1426–27: 91r.
- Richard II**: 5r, 11r, 12r, 12v, 13v, 15v; at Nottingham and Windsor, 1392: 11r; 12v; return from Ireland 1394–95: 17r, 17v; 1395–96: 19v, 1396–97: 21v, 22v, 23v; 1400–01: 32v; 1413–14: 63r.
- Richard**, John: app. of Robt Shirewynd, 1396–97: 21r; iss. 1404–05: 41r; [adm. 1406]; his app. listed as John Clement, 1405–06: 43r.
- [Richard]**Richaert, John 2: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r.⁵³
- [Richard]**Richaert, Robert: app. of Wm Redeknape, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1462].
- Richard/Richaert**, William: app. of Thos Niche, 1448–49: 158v; iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1455].
- Richard**: serving-man of John Waltoun; f. 1397–98: 25r.
- Richard [...]**:⁵⁴ his app. listed as John Tille, 1443–44: 145r.
- Richardson**, William: app. of Sim. Flete, 1411–12: 57r.
- Riche**, Isabelle: her app. listed as John Welles, 1463–64: 207r.⁵⁵
- Riche/Ryche**, John: app. of Rich. Riche, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451]; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 178v; pd 1454–55: 180v; d. 1458–59: 194r; bequest 1458–59: 212r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; his apps listed as John Newton, 1452–53: 175v; John Burnam, 1453–54: 178r; Hugh Broun & Rich. Bole, 1456–57: 185v; Thos Waryne, 1456–57: 186v; Rich. Bole, 1462–63: 204r; Hugh Broun, 1463–64: 207r.
- Riche/Rych(e)**, Richard: app. of John Lane, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1418]; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; w. 1428–29: 98r, 98v, 100v; w. 1433–34: 112r, 112v, 114v; w. 1440–41: 136v; w. 1446–47: 152r, 154v; sheriff 1441–42: 139v, 140r; his son named as Thos Riche, 1459–60: 195r; *see also* 1442–43: 142v; 1450–51: 171r; 1455–56: 183v; 1457–58: 191r; f. 1427–28: 95v; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1438–39: 132v; his apps listed as John Cook, 1422–23: 82v; Aleyn Martyn, 1426–27: 92r; Thos Berard, 1429–30: 101v; Wm Shelton, 1430–31: 106r; John Cooke & Aleyn Martyn, 1435–36: 119v; Wm Shelton, 1439–40: 134v; John Chacombe, 1442–43: 140v; John Chacombe, Thos Large & John Riche, 1442–43: 141r; John Smythe, 1443–44: 144v; John Holme, Clem. Otworth & Thos Waren, 1449–50: 163v; Rich. Hulle, 1449–50: 164r; John Ryche, 1450–51: 169v; John Rowley, 1451–52: 172r; Thos Waryne, 1456–57: 186v; Thos Riche & Rich. Bole, 1459–60: 195r; Nich. Allewyn, 1462–63: 204r; John Sterre & John Tagelle, 1463–64: 206v; Thos Riche, 1463–64: 207r.
- Riche**, Thomas: son and app. of Rich. Riche, 1459–60: 195r; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1463]; pd 1463–64: 207v.
- [Richmond]**Rychmonde, John: app. of John Coventree, 1401–02: 34v.
- Rigby**, Thomas: lawyer 1461–62: 202r.
- Rightwis**, William: app. of Rich. Stutville, 1454–55: 180r; shopholder 1459–60: 195v; 1459–60: 196v.
- Rigmere**, John: app. of Alein Everard, 1411–12: 57r.
- Rigmere** *see also* Rydmere
- Rike** *see* Ryke

53 This might be the same man as JR1, but it seems more probable that he is not.

54 Among possible candidates are Richards Nedam, Bonefaunt, Everley, Wychingham, Riche and Hayward.

55 Imray, ‘Les bones gentes’, p. 163 note, suggests that she was probably the widow of Richard Riche.

- Rikelle/Rykhille**,⁵⁶ William/Thomas:⁵⁷ pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 99r.
- [Ringstead]**Ryngsted(e)/Ryngsted, Richard: app. of Nich. Walsyngham, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1400]:⁵⁸ pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. x 2 1403–04: 38v; his apps listed as Nich. Witleseye, 1400–01: 32v; Rich. Gryspe, 1401–02: 34v; John Glover, John Langhaker & Thos Maunfeld, 1403–04: 38r; John Langeacre & Rich. Crisp 1408–09: 48v.
- [Rippingale]**Ripyngale/Repyngale/Repynghale/Repynghalle, Sir William: Guppey's priest, chaplain; sal. 1415–16: 68r; sal. 1416–17: 70v; sal. 1417–18: 73r; sal. 1418–19: 74v; sal. 1419–20: 76v; sal. 1420–21: 79r; sal. 1421–22: 81r; sal. 1422–23: 83r; sal. 1423–24: 85v; sal. 1424–25: 87v; *see also* 1416–17: 70v; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r; 1424–25: 88r.
- [Rising]**Rysyng, Thomas de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Robert** (Sir): priest of St Thomas of Acon, 1449–50: 166v.
- Robert**: clerk of the earl of Essex, 1462–63: 205r.
- Robert**: serving-man of Wm Redeknape, 1459–60: 197v, 200r.
- Robert** —: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Robert**, John: app. of John Barby, 1437–38: 128v; app. of John Bernby, iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1441]; his app. listed as Wm Russelle, 1447–48: 155r.
- Robert**, William: carpenter, 1458–59: R24v.
- Roberton**, Thomas: app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r.
- Robyn**, John: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Roddoke** *see* Ruddock
- Rodemerich/Rodemerike**, Robert: app. of Ph. Amersham, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1465].
- Rody** *see* Ruddy
- Roger**, Master: lawyer 1457–58: 191r.
- Roger**, John 1: ent. 1428–29: 98v.
- Roger**, John 2: app. of Edm. Bettes, 1463–64: 206v.
- Roger**, Richard: app. of John Estmond, 1423–24: 85v.
- Roger**, Walter: ent. 1428–29: 98v.
- Rokeyby**, John: tenant in the Royal, 1460–61: R34r.
- Rokeby/Rookby**, Richard: app. of Steph. Speleman, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1420].
- Rokesle**, Robert le: 1291: 210v.
- Rokesle**, Gregory de: goldsmith, alderman, 1291: 210v.
- Rokewode** *see* Rookwood
- Roland**, John: app. of Rich. Northbury, 1395–96: 19r.
- Roland** *see also* Raland
- Rollesle**, Richard: app. of Robt Yarom, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1472].
- Rollesle**, William: app. of Harry Colet, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1466].
- Rolleston/-oun**, Robert: clerk; debt 1411–12: 58r.
- Romble**, Robert: app. of Thos Osbern, 1408–09: 48v.
- Rombold** *see* Rumbold
- Romeyn**, Thomas: sheriff, 1290–91: 210v.
- Roo/Ro**, John: app. of John Abbot, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1433–34: 113r; [adm. 1431]; pd 1435–36: 119v; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; search 1444–45: 149r; w. 1445–46: 149v, 152r; w. 1451–52: 171r, 172r, 174v, 175r, 179v, 189v; auditor 1452–53: 177v; auditor, 1453: R10v; tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r; *see also* 1442–43: 141v; 1442–43: 143r; 1447–48: 152r (note), 156r; 1449–50: 162v; 1449–50: 166v; 1453–54: R13r; 1455: R16v; his son named as John Roo, 1459–60: 195v; father of Robert Roo, 1461–62: 200v; d. and bequest 145?: 212r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1456–57: 186v; his apps listed as Geoff. Blower, Wm Feld & John Mynes, 1445–46: 149v; Geoff. Blower, 1451–52: 172r; John Basford, 1451–52: 172v; John Pierson, 1455–56: 182r; Wm Roo, 1455–56: 182v; Hugh Clopton, 1456–57: 185r; John Mynes, 1456–57: 186r; Hugh Clopton, 1462–63: 204r; John Pierson, 1462–63: 204r; his former apps named as Geoff. Blower and John Mynes, 1456–57: 187v.
- Roo**, John 2: son of John Roo, 1459–60: 195v; app. of Hugh Wiche, 1459–60: 195v.
- Roo**, John 3: app. of Edm. Bettis, 1459–60: 195v.
- Roo**, Robert: son of John Roo, 1461–62: 200v; app. of John Baker, 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1476].
- Roo**, Thomas: [adm. 1469, late app. of John Baker].
- Roo**, William: app. of John Roo, 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1469, late app. of John Baker].

56 *See also* William Tickhill below, as it is not impossible that some error over the initial letter could have occurred and the various entries would seem to 'match'. A William Rickhill was a justice of the Common Bench at an earlier date.

57 'Thomas' is written over a scored out 'William' for his first payment and 'William' is given for the next two entries, and this must be the same man.

58 The *Register* records the entry of Thomas Ryngsted, late app. of Nich. Walsyngham, but Thomas must be an error for Richard.

- Rookby** *see* Rokeby
- [Rookwood]**Rokewode/Roukwode, John 1: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1407].
- [Rookwood]**Rokewode, John 2: app. of Wm Cawndisshe, 1426–27: 92r.
- [Rookwood]**Rokewode, Robert: app. of Thos Chalton, 1426–27: 92r.
- Rooley** *see* Rowley
- Roos**, Guy: app. of Rog. Gerebray, 1430–31: 106r.
- Rose**, John: app. of Rich. Golofer, 1463–64: 206v.
- Roos**, Richard: app. of John Wodecok, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; his app. listed as Robt Tarry, 1401–02: 34v.
- Roos**, Robert: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- Roos/Rose/Rosse**, Roger: 22–3; app. of Rich. Somerey, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1433]; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1445–46: 149v; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1449–50: 164v; rent-collector 1458–59: 194v, R25r, R27r; 1459–60: R31r, R31v; 1460–61: R35r; 1461–62: R39r; 1462–63: R42v; 1463–64: R46r; *see* also 1460–61: R35v; 1461–62: R36v; 1462–63: R40r; his apps listed as John Colwelle & Wm Spencer, 1443–44: 144v; John Harreys, 1447–48: 155r; Chris. Crestesford, 1451–52: 172v.
- Roos**, Roland: app. of John Cottesford, 1426–27: 92r.
- Roos/Ros**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1396–97: 21r; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; w. 1401–02: 34r, 35v, 39v; w. 1410–11: 52v, 53v, 55v; search 1410–11: 56r; gift 1420–21: 78v *bis*; gift 1422–23: 82v; gift 1433–34: 113v; f. 1403–04: 40r; f. 1408–09: 49r; debt 1404–05: 41v; debt 1405–06: 43v; debt 1406–07: 45r; his apps listed as Rich. Wyche, 1400–01: 32r; Robt Wosley & Simon de la Launde, 1411–12: 56v; Wm Leenge, 1413–14: 63r; Sim. Laund, 1419–20: 76r.
- Roos**, Thomas 2: app. of John Whatle, 1419–20: 76r.
- Roos/Rose**, William 1: app. of John Otteley, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; 1400–01: 33r; alms 1437–42: 1437–38: 129v; 1438–39: 133r; 1439–40: 135v; 1440–41: 137v; 1441–42: 139v; his apps listed as John Michel, 1391–92: 9v; Thos Calwartoun, 1395–96: 19r; John Lenam & John Bailly, 1400–01: 32v; John Michelle, 1407–08: 46v.
- Roos**, William 2: iss. 1395–96: 18r; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v.
- Roos**, William 3: app. of John Michelle, 1412–13: 60r.
- [Ros]**Roos, Thomas de: 1456–57: 188v.
- Rose**, Rosse *see* Roos
- Rothe**, John: 1431–32: 108v.
- [Rothwell]**Rothewelle, John: app. of Thos Mordoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- [Rothwell]**Rothewelle, William: w. 1501: 212r.
- Rothyng**, John: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Roualle**, John: app. of John Andrew, 1443–44: 144v.
- Rowghheed**, John: app. of John Loveye, 1391–92: 6r.
- Rowland/Rowlond**, John: app. of Thos Rykys, 1447–48: 154v; f. 1449–50: 162v.
- Rowley/Rowle/Rowlee/Roule/Rouley/Rooley**, John: app. of Thos Dukmanton, 1443–44: 144v; app. of Rich. Ryche, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1452]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1454–55: 180v, f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; *see* also 1457: 191r *note*; his app. listed as Thos Rooley, 1451–52: 172v.
- [Rowley]**Rooley, Thomas: app. of John Rowley, 1451–52: 172v; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Rows**: lawyer, 1455–56: 183v.
- Rowshawe**, John: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1455–56: 182r.
- Roy/Ray**, Walter: app. of Hugh Wych, iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1450]; former servant of Hugh Wiche, 1456–57: 187v; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. x 2, 1456–57: 187r; f. 1456–57: 187v; his app. listed as Wm Chaundeler, 1456–57: 186r.
- Roys**, Alan (alias Walsham): as Alan Walsham: app. of John Otteley, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; his shop, 1409–10: 50v; f. 1409–10: 50v; f. 1410–11: 53v; his apps listed as Wm Thornhille, 1409–10: 51v; John Lomney & Thos Hatfeld, 1411–12: 57r.
- Roys**, William: app. of Wm Butte, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1412–13: 60r; [adm. 1412].
- [Ruddock]**Ruddok, John 1: tenant in Coleman Street, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- [Ruddock]**Ruddok, John 2: carpenter, 1461–62: R38v.
- [Ruddock]**Ruddok/Roddoke, William: app. of Thos Stile/Steele, 1437–38: 128v; iss. 1448–49: 158v; [adm. 1445].
- Ruddy/Rody**, William: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1400–01: 32v; iss. 1410–11: 54r; [adm. 1411]; fee 1410–11: 53v; fee 1412–13: 60r; f. 1414–15: 65r; his apps listed as John Randolph & Wm Holand, 1414–15: 65v; Wm Holand, 1426–27: 91v.
- Rufford**, John: app. of John Kyrkeby, 1451–52: 172v.
- Rugewyn**, John: app. of Thos Bataile, 1430–31: 105v.

- Rugewyn**, Richard: app. of Thos Kirkeby, 1437–38: 128v.
- Rumbald**, John: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Rumbold/Rumbald/Rombold(e)/Rombalde(e)**, William: 13; app. of Thos Cressy, 1409–10: 51v; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; f. x 2, 1426–27: 91v; tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v; tenant 1453–54: R14r; *see also* 1419–20: 77v; 1435–36: 121v, 123r; 1442–43: 142v; 1447–48: 157r;
beadle and rent-collector; sal. x 2, 1434–35: 117r, 117v; sal. x 2, 1435–36: 121v, 122v; beadle; sal. 1436–37: 125r, 126v; beadle; sal. 1437–38: 129v; beadle; sal. 1438–39: 133r; rent-collector 1438–39: 133v; beadle and rent-collector; sal. x 2, 1439–40: 135v; beadle and rent-collector; sal. x 2, 1440–41: 137v, 138r; rent-collector 1441–42: 139v; beadle and rent-collector; sal. x 2, 1441–42: 139v; rent-collector 1442–43: 142r, 143r; rent-collector 1443–44: 145v, 146v; scribe 1437–39: 133v; scribe 1444–45: 149r; sal. x 2, 1442–43: 142r; sal. x 1½, 1443–44: 146r; sal. 1444–45: 148v;
alms 1444–49: 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; 1447–48: 156v; 1448–49: 159v;
his apps listed as Wm Duntoun, 1420–21: 78r bis; Robt Wolus, 1422–23: 82v; Wm Dounton, 1434–35: 116r; John Frebarn, 1444–45: 147v.
- Rumbold**, William 2: app. of John Langeley, 1438–39: 131v.
- [Rushtoun/Rustoun]**, Robert: app. of Rich. Aylmer, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1416–17: 70r; [adm. 1416]; his app. listed as John Burgh, 1422–23: 82v.
- Russelle**, Maud: tenant 1453–54: R14r.
- Russell(e)/Russel**, Roger: app. of Wm Sonyngwell, 1395–96: 18r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1409]; pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; pd 1410–11: 54r; f. 1410–11: 54r; alms 1434–47: 1434–35: 117r; 1435–36: 121v; 1436–37: 125v; 1437–38: 129v; 1438–39: 133r; 1439–40: 135v; 1440–41: 137v; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146r; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; his app. listed as John Broughtoun, 1409–10: 51v.
- Russelle**, William 1: app. of John Robert, 1447–48: 155r.
- Russelle**, William 2: app. of Thos Rykes, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1466].
- Russell(e)**: Mayor's sergeant, 1424–25: 88r; 1440–41: 138r.
- Rutland**, William: debt 1398–99: 28v; debt x 2, 1398–99: 29r; debt x 2, 1399–1400: 30v; tenant in the Pye: debt 1413–14: 64r; debt 1414–15: 66v; tenant in Bishopsgate Street; debt 1415–16: 69r; debt pd 1416–17: 70v.
- Rydmere**, John: app. of Aleyn Everard, ent. & iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1420].
- Rydemere/Redemere**, Stephen: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1404–05: 41r; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1414].
- Rydmere** *see also* Rigmere
- Ryke**, John: app. of John Sturgeon, 1453–54: 178r.
- Rykes**, Katharine: debt 1398–99: 29r; debt 1399–1400: 30v.
- Ryke/Rykes/Rykys/Rike/Reeke/Rycke**, Thomas: app. of John Sturgeon, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1438–39: 131v; [adm. 1436]; pd 1443–44: 144r; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; w. 1451–52: 171r, 172r, 174v, 175r, 179v, 189v; auditor 1452–53: 177v; *see also* 1449–50: 162v; 1455–56: 183r; 1455–56: 183v; his 'man' 1448–49: 161r; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. x 2, 1450–51: 170r; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v;
his apps listed as Wm Bernabe, 1443–44: 144r; John Rowland, 1447–48: 154v, and 1449–50: 162v; Nich. Hagar, 1451–52: 172r; Robt Brown, 1451–52: 172v; John Fletcher, 1452–53: 175v; Rog. Bowser & Wm Russelle, 1456–57: 185v; Rich. Pope, 1456–57: 186v; Robt Broun, 1458–59: 192v; John Fletcher, 1459–60: 195v; Roger Bowcer, 1463–64: 207r; his serving-man named as Rog. Hyde, 1450–51: 170v.
- Ryvere**, John: his app. listed as Thos Ryvere, 1446–47: 152v.
- Ryvere**, Thomas: app. of John Ryvere, 1446–47: 152v.
- Saccheford**, Saccheford *see* Sedgefurd
- Sadeler**, John: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Sagor**, Thomas: app. of Janyn de Gartoun, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Sakryng**, William: app. of Thos Shirwynd, 1442–43: 141v.
- Salford**, John: app. of Wm Shore, 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1473].
- Salman**, Henry: app. of Wm Maltby, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Salman/Salmon**, John: app. of Reynold Strete, 1423–24: 85v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434 as late app. of Henry Strete⁵⁹]; f. 1439–40: 135r; f.

⁵⁹ Henry would appear to be an error for Reynold. It is to be noted that no entry payments are recorded for this man.

- 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1447–48: 156r; f. 1452–53: 176v.
 his apps listed as James Moore, 1441–42: 139r; Wm Walle, 1442–43: 141r; John Hunte, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Walle, 1450–51: 169v; John Hunte, 1462–63: 204r.
- Salman**, Solomon: his apps listed as Thos Gedeneye, Rob. Trees, Wm Reynold, John Knottyngelee & John Sturmyn, 1391–92: 7v; Wm Wiot, 1398–99: 27r.
- Salvage** *see* Savage
- Sampson**, Robert: app. of Wm Gronde, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1452].
- Sandes**, John: app. of Rog. Middilmore, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1457–58: 189v; [adm. 1457 as late app. of Robt⁶⁰ Midelmores].
- Sandon/-oun**, Richard: app. of Stephen Spelman, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402].
- Sandwich**, Ralph de: Warden of London, 1291: 210v.
- Sandys**, Christopher: app. of Robt Worslee, 1443–44: 145r.
- Sareheed**, Robert: app. of John Ippeng, 1457–58: 189v.
- Saunderdon/-oun**, John: app. of Robt Trees, 1398–99: 27r.
- Saunderson**, John *see* William Saunderson
- Saunderson/Saundreson**, William: app. of John Middelton, 1443–44: 145r; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; f. 1459–60: 196r; Saunderson, John: his apps listed as Robt Swetnam & Wm Lessy, 1456–57: 185v.⁶¹
- Saunderson**, William 2: app. of Harry Bompsted, 1458–59: 192r; Saunderson, John: [adm. 1467, late app. of Henry Bompstede].
- Sauster** *see* Sewester
- Saustoun** *see* Sawston
- Savage/Salvage**, Henry: app. of Edm. Hide, iss. 1438–39: 131v; [adm. 1437]; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1445–46: 150r; his app. listed as Thos Broune, 1438–39: 131v.
- Savage**, Thomas: app. of Wm Tounlond, 1445–46: 149v.
- Sawster** *see* Sewester
- Sawston**, Thomas: app. of Robt Baron, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; pd 1463–64: 207v; f. 1459–60: 196r; his apps listed as John Baroun, 1456–57: 186r; Nich. Walldiff, 1458–59: 192v; Thos Boteler, 1463–64: 207r.
- Sawston/-oun**, William: app. of Thos Gedeneye, 1400–01: 32v.
- Saxby**, William: app. of John Chirche, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Say**, Robert: app. of Hugh Wiche, 1452–53: 175v; shopholder 1462–63: 204r.
- Sayer/Sayore/Seyer**, John: app. of Rich. Someray, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1430]; f. 1435–36: 121r; f. 1437–38: 129r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1448–49: 158r; tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v; his apps listed as Rich. Arnold, 1442–43: 141r; Thos Sayer, 1462–63: 204r.
- Sayer**, Thomas: app. of John Sayer, iss. 1462–63: 204r; [adm. 1462]; shopholder 1462–63: 204r.
- Scales**, John: app. of Nich. Bacoun, 1398–99: 27r.
- Scarcolf**, Thomas: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Scarle**, John (clerk of Chancery): 1392–93: 16r, 16v; 1396–97: 23r.
- Schadworthe** *see* Shadworth
- Schalkton** *see* Chalton
- Schort** *see* Short
- Scoryn** *see* Storyn
- [**Scot**]Skot, John: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1421–22: 80v.
- Scot**, William: pd 1391–92: 9v; pd 1392–93: 11v.
- Scotesbury**, Richard: app. of Wm Butte, 1398–99: 27r.
- Scowrore**, Thomas: app. of Wm Brigge, 1426–27: 92r.
- Scowrore** *see also* Skorier
- Scrayningham/Scrayngham/Skrayngham/Skrengham/Skeyngham/Screinyngham/Crayngham**, Robert: app. of Wm Halle, 1437–38: 128v; app. of Aust. Stratton, iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1450]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r; w. 1454–55: 179v, 180r, 182r, R16v; renter 1453–54: R11r, R12v, R15r, R15v; w. 1460–61: 197v, 198r, 200v, R33r; auditor 1455–56: 184v; auditor 1461–62: 202v; costs, 1453–54: R14v; *see also* 1447–48: 155v, 156r; 1455–56: 183r, 183v; f. 1448–49: 158r; his apps listed as Edm. Cloyes, 1447–48: 155r; John Wendy, 1449–50: 163v; John Lodge, 1452–53: 175v; Rich. Yoo, 1453–54: 178v; John Cowlard, 1456–57: 185r; Rich. Yeo, 1456–57: 187r; John Wendy, 1458–59: 192v; Rich. Twyg, 1459–60: 195r; Harry Bulstrode & Thos Bady, 1460–61: 198r; Rog. Wykes, 1463–64: 207r.
- Screveyne/Screvyn**, John: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1447].
- Screveyne** *see also* Skrevayner
- Seccheford**, Secheford, Secheforth, Sechesford *see* Sedgeford

⁶⁰ Robert would appear to be an error for Roger.

⁶¹ The entries for William and John Saunderson seem odd and either a change of first name or scribal error seems possible. The above allocation of the entries is tentative.

Sedale *see* Sewale

[**Sedge**]Segge, Thomas: app. of James Bynde, 1405–06: 43r.

[**Sedgeford**]Secheford, John 1: his apps listed as Henry Hille, Rich. Cotne/Cotue & Thos Helperby, 1391–92: 7v.

[**Sedgeford**]Seggefard/Segeford/Secheford/Seccheford(e)/Saccheford/Secheforth(e)/(Segested), John 2: app. of Wm Cavendische, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1421]; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r; pd. 1425–26: 89r; beadle, sal. 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; 1447–48: 156v; 1448–49: 159v, 161r; 1449–50: 165r; 1450–51: 170v; 1451–52: 174r; *see also* 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 165r; debt 1450–51: 171v; his apps listed as Thos Bendisshe, 1424–25: 87r; John Boteler, 1426–27: 92r.

[**Sedgeford**]Sacheford, John 3: app. of Wm Stephens, 1439–40: 134v.

[**Sedgeford**]Saccheford/Sacheford/Secheford/Seccheford/Sechesford/Sechford/Seggefard/, Thomas: w. 1401–02: 34r, 35v, 39v; f. 1403–04: 40r; fee pd 1403–04: 38v; f. 1410–11: 53v; alms 1424–31: 1424–25: 87v; 1425–26: 89v; 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 96v; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v; his apps listed as Rad. Middeltoun, Thos Reed & John Fauntleroy, 1391–92: 8r; John Halgate & Henry Parker, 1395–96: 18v; Rich. Pekke, 1398–99: 27r; John Atherstoun, 1401–02: 34v; John Aspryngtoun, 1408–09: 48v; Wm Welle, 1412–13: 60r.

Sedryngton *see* Settrington

Seelle, Richard: app. of John Midelton, 1455–56: 182r.

Segge, Seggefard *see* Sedge, Sedgeford

Seintcler *see* Seyntclere

Selby, Thomas: app. of Wm Neuton, 1442–43: 141r.

Selver *see* Silver

Selyok [Selly Oak], Thomas: app. of John Broddesworthe, 1442–43: 141r.

Seman, John 1: app. of John Olney, 1451–52: 172v; [adm. 1467].

Seman, John 2: app. of John Chambre, 1451–52: 172v; [adm. 1474].

Semper, William: app. of John Frost, 1443–44: 144v.

Semy, Adam: shearman, 1444–45: 148v; tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1447: R*2v.

Senycle/Senykle, John: tenant in Milk Street, 1447: R*1v; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.

Serff, John: bequest 1449–50: 163r.

Serff/Serve, Robert: app. of Harry Messyngham, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1452]; his app. listed as John Bromeham, 1456–57: 186r.

Setford *see* Cotford

[**Settrington**]Setryngtoun/Sedryngton/Seteryngton, Richard: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1401]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; debt 1417–18: 73r; alms 1438–47: 1438–39: 133r; 1440–41: 137v; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146r; 1444–45: 148v; 1445–46: 151r; 1446–47: 153v; his app. listed as John Crook, 1422–23: 82v.

Sevenoke, Sir John: canon of Christchurch, 1435–36: 122r.

Sevyll, John: app. of Thos Cressy, 1405–06: 43r.

Sewale, John 1: alms 1403–09: 1403–04: 39r; 1404–05: 41v; 1405–06: 43v; 1406–07: 45r; 1407–08: 47r; 1408–09: 49v.

Sewale/Sedale, John 2: app. of John Lane, 1411–12: 57r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1422].

Sewester/Sewestir/Sevesters/Sawster/Sauster, William: app. of John Seymour, 1441–42: 139r; iss. 1449–50: 164r; [adm. 1447]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; f. 1459–60: 196r; 1460–61: 199r; his apps listed as Rog. Domelowe, 1459–60: 195r; Wm Seymour, 1463–64: 206v.

Sexteyn, Peter: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, 1447: R*2v.

Seyer *see* Sayer

Seymory *see* Somery

Seymour/Seymor(e)/Saymo(u)r, John: app. of John Aleyn, 1412–13: 58v, *and also* 1413–14: 63r; app. of Sim. Bertelot, iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1423]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; w. 1430–31: 104r, 105r, 107v; father of Wm Seymour, 1459–60: 195v; 1463–64: 206v;⁶² exec. of Sim. Bertelot, 1427–28: 96r; exec. of Rich. Somerey, 1430–31: 105r; f. 1441–42: 139r; his apps listed as Hen. Everard & Robt Radclif, 1429–30: 102r; Robt Forster, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Sevesters, 1441–42: 139r; Wm Bawde & John Chambre, 1442–43: 141r; Robt Foster, 1443–44: 144r; John Chamber, 1455–56: 182v; Wm Sauster, 1449–50: 164r.

[**Seymour**]Seymer, Thomas: alderman; w. 1518: 212r.

Seymour, William 1: son of John Seymour, app. of John Colyns, 1459–60: 195v.

Seymour, William 2: son of John Seymour, app. of Wm Sewester, 1463–64: 206v.

62 See below: it would appear as if he perhaps had two sons with the same name.

- Seyntclere**/Seintcler/Seyncler, Henry/Harry: app. of John Sturgeon, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1432]; fee 1434–35: 116r.
- Seyntwyn**, William: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Shadde**, John: former tenant in Bassishaw, 1463–64: R44v.
- Shadworth**/Shadeworth/Schadworthe, John: w. 1376–77: A2r; w. 1396–97: 19v, 20v, 21v, 22v, 23v; w. 1403–04: A2r, 37r, 37v, 39r, 49r; w. 1409–10: 49v, 50v, 52v; sheriff 1392–93: 12r; Mayor 1401–02: 35r; bequest 1429–30: 101r; his apps listed as Rob. Domynyk & Nich. Bacon & Wm Belgrave, 1391–92: 6r.
- Shawe**, Thomas: app. of John Sturgion, 1435–36: 120r.
- [Sheffield]**Sheffeld, Alison: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- [Sheffield]**Sheffeld, John: app. of Robt Hallom, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- [Sheffield]**Sheffeld//Shefeld/Chefeld, Edmund: debt 1449–50: 162r; debt 1449–50: R7r, R7v, R8r; debt 1450–51: R8v; his wife 1448–49: 157v.
- [Sheffield]**Shiffeld, Lettice: 1447–48: 156r, 156v.
- Shefford**, Thomas: app. of Thos Chaltoun, 1410–11: 54r.
- Shelley**/Chelley/Shelle/Shellee, John: app. of Hugh Wiche, 1435–36: 120v; 1456–57: 187v; pd 1452–53: 176v; pd 1453–54: 179r; pd 1454–55: 180v; w. 1463–64: 205v, 206v; warden and renter, 1463–64: R42v, R43r–R46r; *see also* 1460–61: R35v; 1467–68: R46r *note*; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1453–54: 178v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1461–62: 201v; his apps listed as Steph. Love, 1455–56: 182r; Robt Gunter, 1458–59: 192r; Thos Berewyk, 1463–64: 207r.
- Shelley**/Shelle, Thomas: app. of John Burton, 1442–43: 141v; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. and imprisonment 1456–57: 187r; *see also* 1458–59: 193r; his app. listed as Rich. Gowler, 1454–55: 180r.
- [Shelley]**Chilley, Thomas 2: app. of Hugh Wych, 1449–50: 163v.
- Shelton**(e), William: app. of Rich. Riche, 1430–31: 106r; iss. 1439–40: 134v; [adm. 1437]; f. 1447–48: 155v; his app. listed as Robt Locke, 1443–44: 144v.
- [Sherborne]**Shirbourne, John: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r.
- [Sherborne]**Shirbourn(e), Robert: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v; debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- [Sheringham]**Shirynggham/Shyrynggham, William: w. 1391–94: 5v, 11r, 11v, 12r, 12v, 13v, 14v, 15v; debt 1394–95: 16v, 17v; debt 1395–96: 20r; 1396–97: 23v; debt 1397–98: 25v; debt 1398–99: 28r, 29r; his apps listed as John Whatlee, Nich. Hamme & John Bestoun, 1395–96: 19r.
- Sherman**, Lore: debt 1399–1400: 31r.
- Sherman**, William: tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1447: R*2v.
- Shernefeld**, John: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Sherwynd** *see* Shirwynd
- Shiffeld** *see* Sheffield
- Shipton**(e), John: app. of Hen. Frowyk, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440]; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; w. 1454–55: 179v, 180r, 182r; renter warden 1454–55: R15r, R15v, R16v; 1455–56: 183r; auditor 1455–56: 184v; d. 1457–58: 189v; his apps listed as Thos Shire, 1448–49: 159r; Edw. Walrond, 1456–57: 185v; Rich. Ansam, 1456–57: 186v, 187r, 187v; Thos Paris, 1457–58: 189v.
- Shirbourn** *see* Sherborne
- Shire**, Thomas: app. of Shipton, 1448–49: 159r.
- Shirley**/Shirgeley/Shirggeley/Shrigley, Sir Geoffrey: ‘renter’ of St Giles in the Fields: 1426–27: 93r; 1427–28: 97r; 1428–29: 99v; Master of St Giles, 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v.
- Shirwynd**/Shirewynd/Sherwynd, Robert: w. 1397–98: 23v, 24r, 26r; his apps listed as John Wrytele, John Wellys, John Prytelwelle & Thos Boxstede, 1391–92: 7r; Thos Chaltoun & Wm Colchestre, 1395–96: 18v; John Richard, 1396–97: 21r; Wm Tolond, 1403–04: 38v.
- Shirwynd**/Shirewynd/Shirwyn/Shirewyn, Thomas: serving-man of John Lane; ent. 1424–25: 87r; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v; f. 1435–36: 121r; fee 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as John Berard, 1428–29: 99r; John Schort & Watk. Durward, 1433–34: 113r; John Barard, 1437–38: 128r; Walt. Doorward, 1442–43: 140v; Thos Okhurst & Wm Sakryng, 1442–43: 141v; Robt Daynel & Wm Wytryng, 1448–49: 158v; Wm Wightryng, 1454–55: 180r.
- Shirynggham** *see* Sheringham
- Shore**, William: app. of John Rankyn, 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1459]; pd 1463–64: 207v; his apps listed as John Colet, 1462–63: 203v; John Salford, 1463–64: 207r.
- Shorne**, Thomas: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- [Short]**Schort, John: app. of Thos Shirwind, 1433–34: 113r.
- Shrigley** *see* Shirley

- Shynnyngtoun** (or Shyvnyngtoun), Richard: app. of Thos Tournour, 1403–04: 38r.
- Sibbenham**/Sybenham/Sybnam/Sibnam/Sipnam, Thomas: app. of John Somerey, 1411–12: 56v; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1422]; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Wm 3oole, 1424–25: 87r; John Dene, 1428–29: 99r; Thos Brettehill, 1431–32: 108v; Thos Brighthille, 1455–56: 182v.
- Siggiswyk**, William: app. of Ph. Howel, 1448–49: 159r.
- Sikerpris**, Laurence: app. of Wm Brigge, 1426–27: 92r.
- Sikilbryce**/Sykylbrys(e)/Sikulbryce/Sikelbrice/Silkilbrys, John: app. of Rob. Betelee, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1395–96: 18r; [adm. 1396, late app. of Robt Botelee]; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; his app. listed as John Erstoun, 1400–01: 32v.
- Silkwith**, John: carpenter, 1449–50: 165v.
- Silver**, Henry: app. of Thos Silver, 1438–39: 131v.
- [Silver]**Selver, John: app. of John Martyn, 1451–52: 172v.
- Silver**, Thomas: app. of John Borham, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1434]; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; his app. listed as Henry Silver, 1438–39: 131v.
- Sipnam** *see* Sibbenham
- Skayle**, Thomas: app. of Robt Hehnham, 1443–44: 144v.
- Skeftlyng** *see* Skyftlyng
- Skele**, John 1: app. of John Brodde, iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1447].
- Skele**, John 2: app. of John Asche the younger, 1456–57: 185r.
- Skele**, William: app. of John Brodisworth, 1436–37: 124v; f. 1452–53: 176v.
- Skelton**, Edward: app. of John Marchalle, 1456–57: 185r; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Skete**/Skiet/Skyet, Richard: app. of John Burre, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1404–05: 41r; [adm. 1406]; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 42v; pd 1406–07: 44r; f. 1410–11: 53v; his app. listed as John FitzJohan, 1409–10: 51v.
- Skidmore**, William: app. of Wm Gladman, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1440]; serving-man of Thos Filer, 1456–57: 187v; pd 1458–59: 193r; pd 1459–60: 196r; pd 1460–61: 198v; renter warden 1466–67; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1462–63: 204r; f. 1462–63: 204v; his apps listed as John Fauconer, 1460–61: 198r; Wm Andrewe, 1463–64: 207r.
- Skiet** *see* Skete
- [Skipton]**Skyptoun, John: app. of John Wode, 1417–18: 72v.
- Skoryer**, John: app. of Robt Reynham, 1421–22: 80v.
- Skorier**, Thomas: app. of John Cosham, 1398–99: 27r.
- Skorier** *see also* Scowrore
- Skot** *see* Scot
- Skrayngham**, Skreyngham, Skrengham *see* Scrayingham
- Skrevayner**, William: app. of Geoff. Feldyng, 1453–54: 178r.
- Skrevayner** *see also* Screveyne
- Skydby**, Sir Robert: priest, 1463–64: R43v.
- Skyftlyng**/Skeftlyng, John: app. of John Waltoun, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1419–20: 76r; [adm. 1421].
- Skyunner**, Richard: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Skyunner**, William: app. of Piers Belgrave, 1400–01: 32v.
- Skyteby**, John: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r.
- Sloman**, Richard: app. of John Knottyngelee, 1412–13: 60r.
- Slyke**, William: app. of John Asche the younger, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1467 as former app. of Rich. Gardynere].
- Slyman**, Henry: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.
- Smale**, John: app. of John Chippenhale, 1409–10: 51v.
- Smarte**, John: app. of John Cosham, 1408–09: 48v.
- Smeke**, William: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Smythe**, John 1: app. of Rich. Riche, 1443–44: 144v.
- Smyth**/Smythe, John 2: ent. 1445–46: 150v; [adm. 1445 by redemption]; pd 1445–46: 150r; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1452–53: 176v; his apps listed as Rich. atte Wode, 1447–48: 155r; Wm Eston, 1449–50: 163v; Rich. at Wode, 1450–51: 169v.
- Smythe**/Smyth, John 3 (alias John John): app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455]; shopholder 1461–62: 201r; 1462–63: 204r.
- Smyth**, Katharine: tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Smythe**, Richard: app. of Thos Berard, 1439–40: 134v.
- Smyth**(e), Robert: app. of Walt. Huntyndon, 1430–31: 105v.
- Smyth**, Thomas: app. of John Kirkeby, 1460–61: 198r.
- Smyth**, William 1: tenant in the Pye: debt 1415–16: 69r; debt 1416–17: 71r; debt 1417–18: 73v.
- Smythe**, William 2: tenant in Bishopsgate without, 1447: R*2v.
- Smyth**, William 3: app. of Geoff. Blower, 1459–60: 195r.

- Smyth**, William 4: ironmonger, 1461–62: R38v; 1462–63: R42r.
- Snede**, Richard: app. of John Reynkyn, 1443–44: 144v.
- Snydale/Snytale/ Snytalle/Snythalle**, Oliver: app. of Robt Strode, 1417–18: 72v; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1426]; pd 1429–30: 101v; pd 1430–31: 105r; pd 1431–32: 108r; his app. listed as John Baynard, 1434–35: 116r.
- Soleyn**, William: app. of Thos Provendre, 1391–92: 8v.
- Somer**, Henry: iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1400, late app. of Thos Speke]; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v.
- Somer** *see also* Sommere
- Somerford**, Janyyn: beadle 1395–1407; sal. 1395–96: 19v; 1396–97: 23r; 1397–98: 25v; sal. plus extra 1398–99: 28r, and 1399–1400: 30v; sal. 1400–01: 33v; 1401–02: 35r; 1402–03: 36v; 1403–04: 39r; 1404–05: 41v; 1405–06: 43v; 1406–07: 45r.
- Somerford**, John 2: app. of John Barry, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1406].
- Somerford**, Thomas: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r.
- Somery(e)/Someray/Somerey/Semory**, John: app. of Thos Middelmoor, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1399–1400: 30r; [adm. 1401]; iss. 1406–07: 44v;⁶³ pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; f. 1423–24: 84v; f. 1425–26: 89v; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; his apps listed as Nich. Ivy, 1405–06: 43r; Thos Sybenham, 1411–12: 56v; Thos Middelmoo, 1416–17: 70r; Thos Sybnam, 1420–21: 78v; Wm Herfrey, Thos Wykwayn & Thos Freman, 1420–21: 78v; Thos Somereye, 1422–23: 82v; Thos Freman & Thos Wykham, 1426–27: 91v; John Borghe, 1426–27: 92r; Thos Muschamp, 1429–30: 102r, and 1449–50: 163v.
- Somery/Somerey/Someray**, Richard: app. of John Lardener, 1397–98: 25r; iss. 1411–12: 57r; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; f. 1420–21: 78v *bis*; bequest 1430–31: 105r; 1433–34: 113v; his apps listed as Thos Humbrestoun, 1414–15: 65v; John Fordham, 1420–21: 78v; John Sayore, 1422–23: 82v; Thos Homberston, 1423–24: 85r; Rog. Rose, 1426–27: 92r; John Fordham, 1428–29: 99r; John Spanby, 1429–30: 102r; John Sayer, 1432–33: 110v; Rog. Rosse, 1434–35: 116v.
- [Somery]**Somereye, Thomas: app. of John Somereye, 1422–23: 82v.
- Sommere**, Henry: debt written off, 1458–59: R26v.⁶⁴
- Somnour**, John: app. of Thos Aleyn, 1395–96: 18v.
- Sonne**, William: app. of Matt. Leek, 1443–44: 144v.
- Sonyngwell** *see* Sunningwell
- Souman/Sonman**, John: tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Southam**, Richard: app. of John Burre, 1395–96: 18v.
- Southam**, Robert: app. of John Coventre, 1416–17: 70r; iss. 1424–25: 87r; [adm. 1423]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 99r; pd 1429–30: 101v.
- [Southwood]**Southwode/Suthewode, Robert: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- Sowle**, Thomas: app. of Steph. Tychemersshe, 1447–48: 155r.
- Spaldynge**, John: app. of John Pykyng, 1438–39: 132r.
- Spanby**, John: app. of Rich. Somerey, 1429–30: 102r.
- Sparham**, John: ent. 1437–38: 127r; [adm. 1436 as late app. of John Lane]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd 1438–39: 131v.
- Spark(e)**, Thomas: app. of John Grene, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r; his app. listed as Wm Beville, 1412–13: 60r.
- Sparwe**, John: app. of John Langacre & Rich. Crispe, 1409–10: 51v.
- Speke/Speek**, Robert: app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; his apps listed as Thos Cosham & Thos Estoun, 1391–92: 7r; John Balle, 1395–96: 18v; Thos Estoun 1400–01: 32r.
- Speleman/Spelman**, Stephen: w. 1406–07: 43v, 44r, 45v; w. 1413–14: 61v, 62r, 64r; his apps listed as Rich. Sandoun & John Borham, 1391–92: 8v; Wm Astoun, 1395–96: 18r; Nich. Westertall, 1398–99: 27r; Rich. Rokeby, 1409–10: 51v, and 1420–21: 78v.
- Speleman** *see also* Spilleman
- [Spelsbury]**Spelbury/Spellesbury, Thomas: app. of Nich. Cokerell, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1409].
- Spence**, Laurence: app. of Raulyn Foundour, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Spencer**, Giles: pd 1347–48: 3r, *also* 1347–48: 4v.
- Spencer**, Hugh: app. of Ralph Verney, 1454–55: 180r.
- Spenser**, Roger: app. of John Pikeryng, 1456–57: 185v.

63 This second payment for issue is odd and may indicate that there is another man here, but some error in the records is perhaps more probable.

64 This might be the same man as Henry Somer listed above.

- Spencer**, William: app. of Rog. Roos, 1443–44: 144v.
- Sperlyng/Spirlyng**, John: app. of Nich. Hatton, 1445–46: 149v; 1446–47: 152v.⁶⁵
- Spilleman**, Harry: lawyer, 1455–56: 184r.
- Spilleman** *see also* Speleman
- Spire**/Spyr(e), Philip: app. of John Trusbute, 1435–36: 120r; app. of Robt Baron, iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1449–50: 164v; his app. listed as John Doket/Doget, 1447–48: 154v and 1457–58: 189v.
- Spire**, William: app. of John Olney, 1435–36: 120r.
- Spirlyng** *see* Sperlyng
- Sponseby**, John: app. of Ever. Fleet, iss. 1438–39: 131v; [adm. 1437].
- Sprot**, Richard: app. of Nich. Walsyngham, 1395–96: 18v.
- Spryngold**, William: app. of Thos Lee, 1455–56: 182r; f. 1455–56: 182v.
- Spyon**, John: app. of Bonyfaunt, 1448–49: 159r.
- [Squire]**Squyer, John 1: his son the app. of Wm Pratte, 1458–59: 194v; debt 1458–59: 194v; debt 1459–60: 197v, 198r; debt 1460–61: 200r; debt 1461–62: 203r, 203v.
- [Squire]**Squyer, John 2: son of JS 1, app. of Wm Pratte, 1459–60: 194v, 195r.
- [Squire]**Squyer, Robert: app. of Ever. Flete, 1417–18: 72v.
- [Squire]**Squyer, William: app. of John Neve, 1459–60: 195v.
- [Squirrel]**Squyrell(e), William: app. of Rich. Outshale, 1395–96: 19r; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1422 as late app. of John Otley].
- Stable**, Adam: app. of John Stable, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Stable**, John: pd 1347–48: 2v; his apps listed as Adam Stable & Alayn Eilard, 1347–48: 4r.
- Stable**/Staple, Thomas: iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1396 as late app. of Henry Birton]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; (alms 1419–20: 76v). [*see also* Thomas Constable]
- Stable**, Thomas 2: plea attorney 1413–14: 63v.
- Stacy**, John: app. of Sand. Arable, 1430–31: 105v.
- Stafford**, John: Lord Chancellor, 1434–35: 117v.
- [Staines]**Estanes, Thomas de, 1291: 210v.
- Stamford** *see* Stanford
- Stampe**, John: app. of Rich. Everley, 1447–48: 155r.
- [Stanford]**Staunford/Stanforthe, John: app. of Robt Damyan, iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1445]; f. 1452–53: 176v.
- Stanford**/Stamford, Thomas: app. of Robt Damyan, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1438–39: 131v; [adm. 1437].
- [Stanley]**Stanle, John: app. of Matt. Leek, 1447–48: 155r; [adm. 1467].
- Stanton**/-oun/Staunton,-oun/(Tanton), Thomas: app. of Robt Large, 1420–21: 78v; brother of Robt Large, 1431–32: 108v; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; debt 1431–32: 110r; pd 1435–36: 119v; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 153r.
- Staple** *see* Stable
- [Staplehurst]**Stapulhurst, Roger: his apps listed as Wm Symeon, 1391–92: 7v.
- [Stapleton]**Stapulton, Richard: tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, 1447: R*1v.
- Staunford** *see* Stanford
- Staverton**/-oun, John 1: app. of John Cosham, 1398–99: 27r.
- Staverton**, John 2: app. of Rog. Heuster, 1423–24: 85v.
- Stavirton**, Thomas: app. of John Barby, 1459–60: 195r.
- Staverton**/-oun, William: app. of Thos Weltoun, 1417–18: 72v.
- Stechmerssh** *see* Titchmarsh
- Steell**(e)/Steel/Stele/Stel/Stile/Style/Styll, Thomas 1: app. of Robt Large, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1447]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1441–42: 138v; w. 1448–49: 157v, 161v, 162r, 179v; w. 1457–58: 189r, 189v, 191r, 192r, 211v, R21v; *see also* 1441–42: 139v; 1448–49: 161r; 1455–56: 183r; f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as John Browne, 1435–36: 120r; Wm Roddoke, 1437–38: 128v; Wm Hille, 1441–42: 139r; Nich. Chiksand, 1443–44: 144v; John Broun, 1446–47: 152r; Robt Mercer, John Thurston, Ralph Cokke & John Appulby, 1447–48: 155r; Wm Ruddok, 1448–49: 158v; John Borowth, 1449–50: 164r; Geo. Jyon & Thos Cok, 1456–57: 186r; John Appulby, 1456–57: 186r; Wm Hylle, 1456–57: 186v, 187v; Robt Mercer, 1457–58: 189v.
- Stelle** *see also* Style
- Stephens**/Stephenys/Stevenes/Stevens/Stevyns/Stevyns, William: ent. 1437–38: 127r; [adm. 1436 by redemption]; pd 1437–38: 128r; pd

⁶⁵ There might be two different apprentices here, but it seems probable that the scribe has made an error in entering the same amount twice.

- 1438–39: 131v; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. x 2, 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 157v;
his apps listed as Rich. Bosseworth, 1438–39: 131v; Thos Edmond, John Sacheford & John Asshe, 1439–40: 134v; John Fayrehede & Wm Clerk, 1443–44: 144v; Thos Edmond, 1446–47: 152r; Rich. Gardener, 1447–48: 155r; Wm Middilton, 1447–48: 155r; Wm Bancroft, 1449–50: 163v; Rich. Gardener & John Assh, 1449–50: 164r; John Fairehede, 1450–51: 170r; Thos Bakster, 1451–52: 172v; John Asche, 1452–53: 175v; Wm Midelton, 1456–57: 186r; Thos Baxster, 1458–59: 192v; Geo. Morton, 1459–60: 195v; John Asche, 1459–60: 195v.
- Stephens** *see also* Steven, Stevenys
- Steresman**/Stieresman/Stersman, Sir Thomas: chaplain; sal. 1415–16: 68r; sal. 1416–17: 70v; candles 1416–17: 70v; sal. 1417–18: 73r.
- Sterre**, John: app. of Rich. Riche, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1469].
- Steryndale**, John: app. of Ralph Marche, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1465].
- Stevne**, John: app. of Robt Delamare, 1400–01: 32v.⁶⁶
- Stevynys**, John: goes overseas 1448–49: 161r.
- Stevenes**/Stevynys, Robert 1: app. of Wm Butte, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1409 late app. of Robt de la Mare].
- Stevenes**/Stevyn, Robert 2: app. of Thos Osbarne, 1423–24: 85r; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429].
- Steven**, -enes, Stevenys *see also* Stephens
- Steyneford**, John: app. of Robt Damyon, 1439–40: 134v.
- Stichemerssše** *see* Titchmarsh
- Stile** *see* Steele
- Stobenhām**, John: tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Stockton**/Stokton/Stocketon/Stokdone/Stokyn, Sir John: app. of John Herstoun, 1420–21: 78v; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429]; pd 1435–36: 119r; pd 1436–37: 124r; pd 1437–38: 127v; w. 1450–51: 167r, 169r, 172r, 183v; renter 1451–52: 173v; 1452: R9r; w. 1458–59: 191v, 192r, 195r, R23v; w. 1462–63: 202v, 203v, 206v, R42v; auditor 1459–60: 197r, R31v; auditor, 1463–64: R46r, 208v; alderman 1462–63: 202v, 203v, Mayor 1470–71: 211v;
see also 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 162r; 1449–50: 162v; 1450–51: 169r; 1450–51: 171v; 1452: 174v; 1459–60: R30r; 1460–61: R34v; 1461–62: 201v;
f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1455–56: 182v; f. 1456–57: 186v;
his serving-man, 1450–51: 170v; his apps listed as Ph. Amersame, 1438–39: 131v; John Colyns, 1442–43: 141r; John Tame, 1443–44: 145r; Thos Porter & John Pope, 1449–50: 163r; Ph. Hamersam, 1449–50: 163v; Robt Arneway, 1451–52: 172v; Wm Andrewe, 1452–53: 175v; John Tame & John Colyns, 1452–53: 176r; Wm Keynelle, 1453–54: 178r; Edm. Bagot & John Colard, 1456–57: 185v; Thos Porter, 1457–58: 190r; Robt Arnewey, 1458–59: 192v; Rich. Friday, 1460–61: 198r; Wm Andrewe, 1462–63: 204r.
- [Stockton]**Stokdon, Richard: app. of Wm Alburgh, 1463–64: 206v.
- [Stockton]**Stokton, Thomas: app. of Thos Wanseford, 1436–37: 124v.
- Stodeley**/Stodele, John: 13; scrivener 1439–40: 136r; 1440–41: 138r; 1450–51: 171r; 1451–52: 174r; 1455–56: 184r; 1460–61: 199v.
- Stok**, Edmund: app. of Laur. Hamptoun, 1408–09: 48v.
- Stokdone** *see* Stockton
- Stoke**, John: alms 1402–07: 1402–03: 37r; 1403–04: 39r; 1404–05: 41v; 1405–06: 43v; 1406–07: 45r.
- Stokes**, Dame Margaret/Margery: prioress of St Helen's: 1426–27: 92v; 1427–28: 97r; 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v.
- Stokes**, Walter: app. of John Lambart, 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1467].
- Stokker**, John: [Draper]; 1447–48: 156v; sheriff 1459–60: 196v.
- Stokley**, William: app. of Wm Butte and later Elys Clyderowe, 1413–14: 63r; iss. 1413–14: 62v; [adm. 1413].
- Stokyn** *see* Stockton
- Stone**, Edward: joiner, carpenter: 1447–48: 156v; 1452: R9r.
- Stone**, Laurence: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Stormyn** *see* Sturmyrn
- Storyn**, John: app. of John Barry, 1395–96: 19r.
- Stoteville** *see* Stutville
- Stourmer** *see* Sturmer

66 There may be some confusion between John and Robert Steven/Stevynys in the records.

- [**Stourton**]Storton, John (Lord Stourton): at Calais 1450–51: 170v.
- Stowe**, John of: app. of Thos Dunton, 1426–27: 92r.
- Stowe**, Robert: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1442–43: 141r.
- Stowe**, William: app. of Wm Hatter, 1446–47: 152v.
- Strangelford**/Strangilford, John: app. of Thos Provendre, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1414].
- [**Strangeways**]Strangways, Henry: app. of John Strangways, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1432]; pd 1438–39: 131r.
- [**Strangeways**]Strangways/Strangwas/Strangwys/Strangwyshe/Strangwische, John: app. of Thos Fauconer, iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1423]; pd 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; his apps listed as Hen. Strangways & Thos Beleter, 1434–35: 116r; Henry Strangways, 1434–35: 116r; Thos Beleter, 1434–35: 116v.
- [**Strangeways**]Straungwez, Nicholas: app. of Robt Colwelle, 1415–16: 68r.
- [**Strangeways**]Strangways/Strangwaiss/Strangwissh, Robert: app. of Thos Faconer, iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v.
- [**Strangeways**]Strangways, Thomas:⁶⁷ app. of Thos Faconere, 1435–36: 120r.
- Stratton**/oun/Stratoun, Austin/Augustyn: app. of John Clerk, 1414–15: 65v; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425]; pd 1433–34: 112v; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–36: 119r; w. 1444–45: 147r, 149v; father of Rich. Stratton, 1463–64: 206v; f. 1427–28: 94v; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1448–49: 158r; f. 1450–51: 170r; his apps listed as Wm Bekylswade & Rich. Elys, 1442–43: 141r; John Lenson/Leuson, 1443–44: 144v; John Asteley, 1446–47: 152v; John Muklowe, 1448–49: 159r; Robt Crayngham, 1449–50: 163v.
- Stratton**(e), Bartholomew: app. of John Stratton & Wm Melreth, 1429–30: 102r; iss. 1429–30: 102r; [adm. 1426]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131v; pd 1439–40: 134r; 1443–44: 146v; f. 1439–40: 135r; his app. listed as John Moryelle, 1442–43: 141r, and 1450–51: 169r.
- Stratton**/oun, John: iss. 1405–06: 43r; iss. 1406–07: 44v,⁶⁸ pd 1406–07: 44v; pd 1407–08: 46r; pd 1408–09: 48r; w. 1412–13: 58r, 58v, 61v; exec. of J. Suttoun, 1419–20: 77v; f. 1407–08: 47r; f. 1409–10: 51r; f. 1410–11: 53v;
- his apps listed as Wm Thorp, 1407–08: 46v; Rich. Tylney & Wm Bartoun, 1410–11: 54r; Nich. Grene & Thos Onhand, 1416–17: 70r; Wm Batour, 1419–20: 76r; Wm Trusbut, 1420–21: 78r bis; Thos Onhand, 1423–24: 85r; Barth. Stratton, 1429–30: 102r.
- Stratton**, Richard: son of Aust. Stratton, app. of John Sturmyrn, 1463–64: 206v.
- Stratton**/oun, William de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Straungwez** *see* Strangeways
- [**Street**]Strete, Henry: app. of John Aleyn, 1429–30: 102r.
- [**Street**]Stret(e), John: alms 1407–24; 1407–08: 47r; 1408–09: 49v; 1409–10: 52r; 1410–11: 55r; 1411–12: 57v; 1412–13: 61r; 1413–14: 63v; 1414–15: 66r; 1415–16: 68r; 1416–17: 70v; 1417–18: 73r; 1418–19: 74v; 1419–20: 76v; 1420–21: 79r; 1421–22: 81r; 1422–23: 83r; 1423–24: 86r.
- [**Street**]Strete, John 2: app. of John Froste, 1437–38: 128v.
- Street**(e)/Strete, Randolph: app. of Robt Large, 1427–28: 96v; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1436]; pd 1441–42: 138v; pd 1442–43: 140v; pd 1443–44: 143v; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1444–45: 148r; f. 1447–48: 155r; f. 1447–48: 155v; his apps listed as Rich. Mogleston, 1443–44: 145r; John Baker & John Grace, 1447–48: 155r.
- [**Street**]Stret(e), Reynold: app. of John Lane, 1405–06: 43r; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1414]; pd 1421–22: 80r; pd 1422–23: 82r; pd 1423–24: 84r; his apps listed as John Edmond, 1420–21: 78v; John Salman, 1423–24: 85v, and 1435–36: 119v.
- Street**, Simon: City weigher, 1448–48: 160v (*note*).
- [**Street**]Strete, Walter: debt 1392–93: 12v; debt 1393–94: 14r; debt 1417–18: 73r, 73v; 1416–17: 70v; rent-collector; sal. 1418–19: 74v.
- [**Street**]Strete, William 1: app. of John Estmund, 1426–27: 92r.
- [**Street**]Strete, William 2: app. of John Kyng, tailor, and later of Rich. Nedam, 1453–54: 179v; ent. 1453–54: 179r, 179v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1459]; debt 1453–54: 179v.
- Strode**, Robert de 1: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Strode**, Robert 2: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1397–98: 25r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1409]; pd 1412–13: 60v; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; f. 1424–25: 87r; f. 1426–27: 91r; his apps listed as John Homberstone, 1411–12: 57r; Oliver Snyderale, 1417–18: 72v; Wm Mullesworth, 1419–20: 76r;

⁶⁷ This entry might very well refer in fact to Robert Strangeways.

⁶⁸ The two listings for an issue payment are almost certainly a scribal error.

- John Rankyn & John Baynard, 1426–27: 92r; Oliv. Snyttalle, 1427–28: 96v.
- Strode**, Robert 3: app. of Rich. Heyworth, 1446–47: 152v.
- Stroder** *see* Strother
- Stroes**, Lewis: his house 1449–50: R7r.
- Strooys**, Jacob/James: tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1447: R*2v.
- Strother**/Strothir/Strothur/Stroder, Robert: app. of Wm Empyngham, 1426–27: 92r; pd 1443–44: 143v; pd 1444–45: 147r; pd 1445–46: 149v; in the Netherlands, 1442–43: 141v, 143r; f. x 2, 1447–48: 155v; debt, 1449–50: R7v, R8r; f. 1450–51: 170r; alms 1460–65: 1460–61: R33r; 1461–62: R37r; 1462–63: R40v; 1463–64: R44r.
- Stuard**, Richard: app. of John Knottyngelee, 1410–11: 54r.
- Stubbes**/Stubbys, John: app. of Wm Hales, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1431–32: 108v; [adm. 1430]; 1450–51: 170v.
- Stubbes**, Thomas: app. of Wm Towland, 1453–54: 178r; then app. of John Andrewew, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1455]; f. 1459–60: 196r; *see also* 1462–63: 205r.
- Sturgeon**(e)/Sturgeoun/Sturgion(e)/Sturgen/Sturjoun/Storgeon(e)/Storjone, John 1: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1415–16: 67v; iss. 1425–26: 89v; [adm. 1425]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 99r; pd 1429–30: 101v; w. 1434–35: 114v, 115v, 118r; w. 1441–42: 138v; w. 1447–48: 154v, 157v, 175r; w. 1455–56: 181v, 182r, 183r, 184r, 184v, 185r, 188r, 188v, R18r; auditor, 1456–57: 189r; exec. of Thos Bataille, 1457–58: 190v; father of John Sturgeon, 1463–64: 207r; *see also* 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146v; 1445–46: 151v; 1449–50: 162r; 1449–50: 162v; 1453–54, R15r; 1455–56: 183v; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 96r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1444–45: 147v; f. 1449–50: 164v; his apps listed as Thos Rike & Harry Seyncler, 1427–28: 96r; John Beret, 1433–34: 113r; Wm Newman, 1434–35: 116r; Henry Seintcler, 1434–35: 116r; Thos Shawe, 1435–36: 120r; John Cooke & John Randolfte, 1437–38: 128v; Thos Reeke, 1438–39: 131v; Rich. Hampton, 1441–42: 139r; Rich. Fox, 1443–44: 144v; Wm Newman, 1444–45: 147v; Robt Heuworth, Wm Gambon & Piers Norom, 1446–47: 152v; John Pyvor, 1450–51: 169v; John Randolf, 1450–51: 170r; Rich. Tuppyng, 1451–52: 172v; John Baret, 1452–53: 176r; John Ryke, 1453–54: 178r; Thos Valaunce, 1455–56: 182r; John Elys, 1456–57: 186r; Piers Orvin, 1457–58: 189v; John Pevir, 1458–59: 192v; Thos Falows, 1461–62: 200v.
- Sturgeon**, John 2: son of John Sturgeon 1, app. of Robt Gregory, 1463–64: 207r.
- Sturgeon**, Richard: ent. 1447–48: 156r; [adm. 1447 by redemption].
- Sturmer**/Stourmer/Sturmyn, John: app. of Thos Nyche, 1441–42: 139r; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1452].
- Sturmyn**, John 1: app. of Sol. Salman, 1391–92: 7v.
- Sturmyn**/Stormyn, John 2: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1438–39: 132r; iss. 1449–50: 163v; [adm. 1447]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; f. 1456–57: 187r; his apps listed as Thos Doget, 1456–57: 185r; John Castelle, 1457–58: 189v; John Lam, 1463–64: 206v; Rich. Stratton, 1463–64: 206v.
- Stutvile**/Stutvyle/Stotevile/Stotevyle, Richard: app. of Wm Gronde, 1442–43: 141v; iss. 1448–49: 158r; [adm. 1447 late app. of Robt Strode]; f. x 2, 1452–53: 176r; f. x 2, 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56: 182v; his apps listed as Harry Reynold, 1452–53: 175v; Wm Rightwis, 1454–55: 180r; Wm Mytton, 1456–57: 186r; Wm Purdy, 1456–57: 186r.
- Stykboke**, Robert: app. of Hugh Wyche, 1438–39: 132r.
- Style** *see also* Steele
- Style**, Thomas 2: app. of Robt Cogsale, 1443–44: 144v.
- Subbury** *see* Sutbery
- Subdoun**, John: app. of Nich. Benyngtoun, 1391–92: 9r; pd 1391–92: 9v.
- Suffolk**, Duke of *see* Pole
- [**Sunningwell**]/Sonyngwell(e), William: app. of John Feraunt, 1391–92: 8r; w. 1394–95: 13v, 14r, 16v; w. 1400–01: 31r; d. 1400: 31r; his apps listed as Thos Depdene, 1391–92: 8v; Wm Marschall & Roger Russell, 1395–96: 18r; John Fysshier, 1398–99: 27r.
- Surendene**, James: app. of John More, 1391–92: 9r; f. 1403–04: 38v; debt 1406–07: 45v; his app. listed as Thos Danyell, 1395–96: 18v.
- Sutbere**, Robert: app. of John Grene, 1445–46: 150r.
- Sutbery**/Subbury, Thomas: app. of Wm Redknap, 1449–50: 163v; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1459].
- Suthewode** *see* Southwood
- Sutton**, Hamond: app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r.
- Sutton**, John: [Goldsmith]; sheriff 1440–41: 138r.
- Sutton**/oun, John 1: app. of John Cosham, 1409–10: 51v; [adm. 1409]; bequest 1419–20: 77v.
- Sutton**/oun, John 2: app. of Rich. Metheros, 1416–17: 70r.

- Sutton**/-oun, John 3: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1424–25: 87v; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1430].
- Sutton**, John 4: app. of Hugh Wiche, 1452–53: 175v; iss. 1461–62: 200v.
- Sutton**, John 5: app./serving-man of John Cogsale, then of Thos Muschamp, iss. 1461–62: 200v; [adm. 1462]; f. 1461–62: 200v.
- Sutton**, Richard: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1459–60: 195v; 1459–60: 197v.
- Sutton(e)**, Robert: app. of John Estmound, 1429–30: 102r.
- Sutton**, Robert: smith, 1459–60: R31r.
- Sutton**/-oun, Thomas: app. of Adam Forster, 1419–20: 76r.
- Suward**, Henry: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1424–25: 87v.
- Swan**, John 1: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1420–21: 78r *bis*.
- Swan**, John 2: formerly a capper; app. of John Notebroun; serving-man of Thos Chalton; fee 1423–24: 84v.
- Swan**, John 3: app. of Thos Welton, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1426–27: 91v; [adm. 1425].
- Swandon**, John: app. of Wm Elyot, 1456–57: 185v.
- Swetnam**, Robert: app. of John Saunderson, 1456–57: 185v.
- Swetyng**, Roger: wax-chandler, 1453–54: 179v.
- Sybenham**, Sybnam *see* Sibbenham
- Sybille**/Sybile/Sybyle/Sibyle, John: w. 1391–93: 5v, 11r, 12r, 12v; *see also* 1392–93: 12r; his apps listed as John Bageys & Thos Levres, 1391–92: 7r.
- Sybyle**, John 2: app. of Wm Cavendissh, 1419–20: 76r.
- Sydeney**, Henry: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1417–18: 72v.
- Syff(e)**/Syf, Richard: app. of Robt Baron, iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451]; pd 1454–55: 181r; pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; tenant in Milk St., 1456–57: R20r; f. 1452–53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 186v; f. 1462–63: 204r; his apps listed as Rich. Wangford, 1455–56: 182r; Robt Bartyn, 1456–57: 185v; John Doget, 1457–58: 189v; John Pevir, 1458–59: 192v; John Crawford, 1460–61: 198r; Harry Cantelowe & John Fisser, 1463–64: 206v; Rich. Langford, 1463–64: 207r.
- Sylesdene**, John: app. of Wm Otes & Hen. Frowyk, 1417–18: 72v.
- Symeon**, William: app. of Roger Stapulhurst, 1391–92: 7v.
- Symond**, John: mercer, debt 1450–51: 170v; ‘yeoman of the Crown’, debt 1450–51: 171v; and wife Joan/Jenet: debt 1451–52: 175r; 1452–53: 177v; debt 1456–57: 189r; debt 1457–58: 191v.
- Symond**, Michael: app. of John Admond, 1415–16: 67v.
- Symond**/Symoun, Thomas: app. of Henry Byrtoun, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1402]; iss. 1408–09: 49r;⁶⁹ pd 1408–09: 48r; pd 1409–10: 52r; his app. listed as Wm Holt, 1419–20: 76r.
- Symond**: ‘lodysman’ [pilot, steersman], 1448–49: 161r.
- Sympson**, Robert: tenant 1453–54: R14r.
- Syute**/Synte, John: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1452–53: 175v.
- Tablet**, Hugh: pd 1347–48: 3r.
- Tagelle**, John: app. of Rich. Riche, 1463–64: 206v.
- Tailleur**/Tailour, Richard: app. of Thos Fyler, 1446–47: 152v; iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1454].
- Tailleur**, Robert: servant of Robert Gregory, involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Tailleur**, Thomas: debt 1398–99: 28v.
- Tailour**, William: grocer; sheriff 1455: 183v.
- Talbot**, George: app. of Thos Collerd, 1442–43: 141r.
- Talbot**, John: iss. 1400–1401: 32r; pd 1400–01: 31v; pd 1401–02: 34r; pd 1402–03: 36r.
- Talbot**, Robert: app. of Steph. Stychemersshe, 1441–42: 139r; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1450]; pd 1454–55: 181r.⁷⁰ Talbot, William: pd 1455–56: 183r; pd 1456–57: 186v; his app. listed as Wm Bedston, 1451–52: 172v.
- Talworth**, Thomas: app. of Thos Estoun, 1409–10: 51v.
- Tame**, John: app. of John Stokton, 1443–44: 145r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1451]; f. 1452–53: 176v.
- Tame** *see also* Thame
- Tankersley**/Tankysrley/Tankardesley, William: app. of Wm Thornhille, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1433–34: 113r; [adm. 1432].
- Tanton** *see* Stanton
- Tarry**, Robert: app. of Rich. Roos, 1401–02: 34v.
- Tasburgh**, John: app. of Thos Nyche, 1462–63: 203v; [adm. 1474].
- Tasburgh(e)**/Tasbourgh/Tasborough/Tassburghe, Richard: app. of John Olney, 1415–16: 68r; iss. 1421–22: 80v; [adm. 1421]; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 96r; his app. listed as Nich. Carre, 1426–27: 92r, and 1430–31: 105v.
- Taseler**, John: app. of John Lytelton, 1453–54: 178r.

69 This second issue payment is perhaps an error but may refer to another man.

70 The entries for Robert and William Talbot must all refer to the same man.

- Tate**, John 1: app. of Wm Holte, iss. 1436–37: 124v; [adm. 1435]; pd 1439–40: 134v; pd 1440–41: 136v; pd 1441–42: 138v; w. 1460–61: 197v, 198r, 200v, R33r; auditor 1461–62: 202v; [Mayor 1473–74]; debt 1460–61: 200r; his apps listed as Wm Basset, 1449–50: 163v; Wm Hampdene, 1452–53: 175v; John Asshebourn, Robt Tate, John Tate & Robt Adlen, 1456–57: 185v; Thos Asshewelle, 1463–64: 206v; Robt Tate, 1463–64: 207r.
- Tate/Tatte**, John 2: app. of John Tate, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1465]; w. 1501: 212r.
- Tate**, John 3: son of John Tate 1; mercer and paper maker: R31r, *note*.
- Tate**, Robert: app. of John Tate, 1456–57: 185v; iss. 1463–64: 207r; [adm. 1464].
- Tavener**: owner of a ship, 1450–51: 170v.
- Tedde**, James: app. of Thos Gedenay, 1398–99: 27v.
- Tedde**, Robert: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Teghe/Tege**, John: app. of Ph. Howelle, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1453–54: 178v; [adm. 1452].
- Teken**, Thomas: app. of Thos Onhand, iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm. 1450]; fee 1451–52: 172r; ?his kitchen, 1462–63: R40r.⁷¹
- Tekyl**, -yll *see* Tickhill
- Telleneye**, Thomas: app. of John Coventree, 1404–05: 41r.
- Telyll**,⁷² Thomas: tenant; debt 1450–51: 171v.
- Tendale**, Richard: app. of Aleyn Everard, 1421–22: 80v.
- Tetisbury/Tetesbury**, Baldewyn: iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1394, late app. of John Cosham]; pd 1396–97: 21r; pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; his apps listed as John Redy & Nich. Mayhu, 1400–01: 32r; Renold Evertoun & Nicholas Mayhewe, 1407–08: 46v.
- Teylowe**, John: app. of Harry Frowyk, 1447–48: 155r.
- Thame**, Roberd de: pd 1347–48: 3v.
- Thame** *see also* Tame
- Thelfetham**, Edmund 1: his apps listed as Edm. Thelfetham, 1391–92: 9v.
- Thelfetham**, Edmund 2: app. of Edm. Thelfetham, 1391–92: 9v.
- Thirkelton** *see* Thurkilton
- Thomas** (*Sir*): chaplain: tenant in Budge Row, 1447: R*2r.
- Thomas**, John: app. of John Mydilton, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; 1451–52: 172v; iss. 1462–63: 204r; debt 1449–50: 168v.
- Thomas**: auditor of the Exchequer *see* Thorpe
- Thomas**: trumpeter, 1430–31: 106v;⁷³ 1452–53: 177r; 1456–57: 188v; 1457–58: 191r; 1458–59: 194r; 1460–61: 199v; 1461–62: 202r.
- Thomasyn**: tenant in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v.
- Thormouthe**, Robert: app. of Rich. Hayward, 1443–44: 145r.
- Thornhill/Thornhyll/Thornehyll**, John: app. of Wm Denton, 1449–50: 163v, 168v; 1450–51: 169v; debt 1449–50: 168v.
- Thornhill(e)/-hyll/Thornhulle**, William: 40; app. of Aleyn Roys, 1409–10: 51v; iss. 1414–15: 65v; [adm. 1414]; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; w. 1441–42: 138v; renter 1445–48: R6r, R6v, R7r, R8r; former renter, 1459–60: R30r; bequest 1449–50: 163r; *see also* 1430–31: 107r; 1441–42: 139r; 1441–42: 139v; 1446–47: 153r; 1448–49: 157v; 1448–49: 160v; 1449–50: 166v; f. x 2, 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28: 95r; f. x 2, 1427–28: 95v; f. 1430–31: 105v; f. x 2, 1435–36: 121r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. 1439–40: 135r; debt, 1449–50: R7v, R8r; his apps listed as John Denton & Wm Tankardesley, 1426–27: 92r; Geo. Denton, 1430–31: 105r; Wm Tankysrley, 1433–34: 113r; Edw. Haryngton, 1435–36: 120v; Robt Frankysse, 1437–38: 128v; Robt Mirffyn, 1438–39: 131v; Wm Burton, 1441–42: 139r; Robt Frankisshe, 1443–44: 144r; John Berkeley, 1445–46: 149v; Wm Borton, 1449–50: 164r.
- Thornehille/Thornelle**, William 2: app. of Ralph Verney, 1452–53: 175v; pd 1463–64: 207v; his app. listed as Rog. Pease, 1463–64: 206v.
- Thorpe**, John 1: app. of John Organ, 1391–92: 6v.
- Thorpe**, John 2: app. of Rich. Everle, 1441–42: 138v.
- Thorpe**, Richard: app. of Thos Fawconer, 1434–35: 116r; iss. 1434–35: 116v; [adm. 1432].
- Thorpe**, Thomas: auditor of the Exchequer, 1445–46: 151v.
- Thorpe**, Thomas: app. of Rob. Warbultoun, 1391–92: 7v.
- Thorpe**, William: app. of John Strattoun, 1407–08: 46v.
- Throld(e)**, Sir William: chaplain, 1452–53: 177r; priest of the Mercery, salary, 1453–54: R12r; chapel priest, 1454–55: R16r; chaplain, livery cloth, 1454–55: 181v.
- Thrustille/Thrustelle/Thurstyll**, Richard: founder: tenant; debt 1451–52: 173v, 175r; debt, 1453: R10r; tenant in St Lawrence Jewry, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v, R27r.

71 This entry may very probably refer to John Deken, *see* above.

72 This might be a scribal error for Tekyll (Tickhill), q.v.

73 This Thomas the trumpeter may of course not be the same man as the one referred to later.

- Thurkilton**/Thirkelton, John: app. of John Boton, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1471].
- Thurston**, John 1: app. of Alex. Orable, 1443–44: 144v.
- Thurston**, John 2: app. of Thos Stele, 1447–48: 155r.
- Thurston**/-oun, Richard: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r.
- Thurston**, Thomas: app. of Ralph Marche, 1453–54: 178r; involved in riot, 1457: 191r *note*.
- Thurstyll** *see* Thrustille
- Thymelby**/Thymylby/Themylby/Tynmelby, William: app. of Wm Marcheford, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1413–14: 62v; pd 1414–15: 64v; pd 1415–16: 67r; contribution 1412–13: 58v; alms 1430–33: 1430–31: 106v; 1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r.
- [**Tickhill**]Tykhille/Tykylle/Tikhill(e)/Tikell/Tykelle/Tikkille/Tekyl(l), Thomas: iss. 1401–02: 35r; iss. 1403–04: 38r; [adm. 1403, late app. of Wm Marcheford]; pd 1403–04: 38r; pd 1404–05: 40v; pd 1405–06: 43r; w. 1409–10: 49v, 50v, 52v; w. 1439–40: 134r, 140r; keeper of the small beam, weigher of silk, 1458: 211v; *see also* 1449–50: 162r; 1456–57: 188v; f. 1410–11: 53v; f. 1427–28: 95r; debt 1441–42: 140r; debt 1442–43: 143r; debt 1443–44: 147r;⁷⁴ his apps listed as Thos Middeltoun, 1409–10: 51v; John Kirkeby & Rich. Hawes, 1411–12: 56v; John Assche, 1420–21: 78v, 78r bis; Edm. Draper, 1423–24: 85r; Robt Andirton, 1436–37: 124v.
- [**Tickhill**]Tikhulle/Tykylle/Tykelle, Thomas 2: app. of Wm Estfeld, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 99r; pd 1429–30: 101v.
- [**Tickhill**]Tikkylle/Tikille/Tykelle, William: app. of Wm Hales, 1420–21: 78r *bis*; iss. 1427–28: 96v; [adm. 1426]; 1435–36: 123r.⁷⁵
- Tideney**/Tydney, Richard: app. of John Reynken, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. listed both 1464 and 1465].
- Tikelwardyne**/Tykelwardyn, William: app. of John Bele, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1405–06: 43r; [adm. 1407].
- Tikhille**, Tikhulle, Tikkylle, Tikell *see* Tickhill
- Tiler** *see* Tyler
- Tille**, John: app. of Richard [...], 1443–44: 145r.
- Tipput**/Tippup/Typpot/Typput/Typpup, John: iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1398, late app. of Wm Speke]; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v; pd 1400–01: 31v; f. 1400–01: 33r; his apps listed as Raulyn Longtre, 1400–01: 32r; Thos Hurst, 1409–10: 51v; Adam Forester, 1409–10: 51v; Rich. Whitacres, 1412–13: 60r; Robt Langtre, 1419–20: 76r; Rich. Whitacre, 1420–21: 78v; Alex. Lermouth, 1421–22: 80v.
- Tiptoft**, John, earl of Worcester: Treasurer, 1462: 205r.
- Tipup**, Richard: app. of Hugh Clerk, 1391–92: 9v.
- [**Titchmarsh**]Tychemersshe, John: clerk: tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v; tenant 1448–49: 160r.⁷⁶
- [**Titchmarsh**]Tychemerche/Tychemers(s)he/Stichemerssh(e)/Stychemer(e)/Stechmerssh/Seychemarssh, Stephen: app. of Thos Tornour, 1410–11: 54r; iss. 1418–19: 74r; [adm. 1417]; pd 1431–32: 108r; pd 1432–33: 110v; pd 1433–34: 112v; his apps listed as Rich. Ugbrough, 1430–31: 105v; Watk. Burgheshulle, 1433–34: 113r; John Coste, 1437–38: 128v; Robt Talbot, 1441–42: 139r; John Cust, 1443–44: 144r; Thos Sowle, 1447–48: 155r; Hen. Colwell, 1449–50: 163v; Robt Talbot, 1451–52: 172r.
- Titelowe**, Ralph: former tenant in Bassishaw, 1463–64: R44v.
- Todde**, Andrew: app. of Nich. Drayton, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1468].
- Tok**/Tocke, John: app. of Wm Caustoun, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Toker**, John: debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R27r; debt paid, 1459–60: R28r.
- Tolond** *see* Townland
- Tomson**, Roger: tenant in Baynard's Castle, 1460–61: R34r.
- Took**, John: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1395–96: 18v.
- Tornour**, Tournour *see* Turnour
- Torret**, Henry: goldsmith, 1449–50: 165r.
- Torver**, William: app. of Walt. Bertoun, 1411–12: 56v.
- Tounesende** *see* Townsend(e)
- [**Townland**]Towland(e)/Tounland/Tounlond(e)/Tolond, William: app. of Robt Shirewynd, 1403–04: 38v; pd. 1425–26: 89r; pd 1426–27: 91r; pd 1427–28: 94r; his shop 1425–26: 90r, *and* 1436–37: 126v; w. 1437–38: 126v, 127r, 130v; exec. of John Borham, 1434–35: 116v; keeper of the small beam, d. 1457: 211v; *see also* 1442–43: 143r; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. 1447–48: 155v;

74 See also the entry for Thomas Telyll.

75 See also William Rikelle above, as it is not impossible that he is the same man, scribal copying error for the initial letter could have occurred and the various entries would seem to 'match'.

76 This last reference gives no first name and might refer to Stephen Titchmarsh.

- his apps listed as Thos Savage, 1445–46: 149v;
Thos Gybbys, 1447–48: 154v; Thos Stubbes,
1453–54: 178r; Thos Gybbes, 1454–55: 180r,
Thos Stubbes, 1455–56: 182v.
- [Townsend]**Tounesende, John: app. of Wm
Coventre, 1405–06: 43r.
- Townesende**/Tounesende, William: app. of Wm
Coventre, *filis*, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1410–11: 54r;
[adm. 1412]; pd 1423–24: 84r; pd 1424–25: 87r;
pd. 1425–26: 89r; f. 1426–27: 91v; f. 1427–28:
95r; his apps listed as John Hayle, 1432–33:
110v, *and* 1440–41: 136v.
- Trace**/Traas/Traace, William: app. of John Penne,
1447–48: 155r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1451];
f. 1452–53: 176r.
- Traynelle**/Treynelle, Thomas: app. of Wm Prentys,
1422–23: 82v; iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429];
pd 1433–34: 113r; pd 1434–35: 115v; pd 1435–
36: 119r; his apps listed as John Cappeland,
1433–34: 113r; Thos Barker, 1439–40: 134v;
John Caplond, 1442–43: 140v.
- Traynethe** *see* Trenerth
- Trees**/Treys, Robert: app. of Sol. Salman, 1391–92: 7v;
iss. 1396–97: 21r; [adm. 1394]; pd 1396–97: 21r;
pd. 1397–98: 24v; pd. 1398–99: 26v; alms 1428–
34: 1428–29: 99v; 1429–30: 103r; 1430–31: 106v;
1431–32: 109r; 1432–33: 111r; 1433–34: 114r;
his apps listed as John Saunderdoun, 1398–
99: 27r; Wm Estfeld, 1401–02: 34v; Robt
Colwelle, 1403–04: 38v; Wm Gyen & Robt
Dilcok, 1409–10: 51v; John Burtoun, 1412–
13: 60r; Rog. Gerbray, 1415–16: 67v; John
Bortoun, 1421–22: 80v; Rog. Gerebray,
1435–36: 119v.
- Trenche**, Henry: iss. 1394–95: 14v; [adm. 1394, late
app. of Robt Fauconer]; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd
1395–96: 18r; his app. listed as John Eytoun,
1395–96: 19r.
- Trennerth**, Richard: app. of Wm Butte, iss. 1407–
08: 46v; ent. 1407–08: 46v; [adm. 1409 under
surname of Trevet].
- Trennerth(e)**/Treneth/Traynethe, Robert: app. of
Wm Butte, 1403–04: 38r; iss. 1420–21: 78v;
[adm. 1420]; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v;
pd 1413–14: 62r; f. 1416–17: 70r; beadle 1427–
34; rent-collector 1429–34; named as scribe
1430: 107v; sal. 1427–28: 96v; sal. 1428–29: 99v,
100v; sal. 1429–30: 102v, 103r; sal. 1430–31:
106r, 106v, 107v; sal., 1431–32: 109r, 109v; sal.
1432–33: 111r, 111v; sal. 1433–34: 114r; former
rent-collector, 1434–35: 116v.
- Trenge**/Trynde, John: app. of Wm Pikeryng, 1447–
48: 155r; iss. 1452–53: 176r; [adm. 1451].
- Treverth**, Trevet *see* Trenerth
- Treynelle** *see* Traynelle
- Treys** *see* Trees
- [Trumpington]**Trompintoun, William: app. of
Nich. Walsyngham, 1398–99: 27r; iss. 1409–10:
51r; [adm. 1410].
- Trusbut(e)**/Trusbot/Trussebut/Trusbutte, John:
app. of John Olney, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1431–32:
108v; [adm. 1430]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–
39: 131r; f. 1438–39: 132v; his app. listed as Ph.
Spire, 1435–36: 120r.
- Trusbut**, Robert: app. of Wm Gegge, iss. 1425–26:
89v; [adm. 1424].
- Trusbut**, William: app. of John Strattoun, 1420–21:
78r *bis*.
- Trymnelle**/Trymnel, William: iss. 1409–10: 51r; pd
1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57r; pd 1412–13: 60v;
w. 1420–21: 77v, 78r, 79v; exec. of Sim. Bertelot,
1427–28: 96r; exec. of Rich. Somerey, 1430–31:
105r; his app. listed as Wm Trymnelle, 1417–
18: 72v.
- Trymnelle**, William 2: app. of Wm Trymnelle,
1417–18: 72v.
- Trynde** *see* Trengre
- [Tuddenham]**Tudenham, William (de): w. 1347–48:
2v, 4r, 4v; pd 1347–48: 4r.
- Tunstal**, John: iss. 1411–12: 57r.
- Tuppyn**, Richard: app. of John Sturgeon, 1451–52:
172v.
- Turnaunt**, Richard: pd 1463–64: 207v.
- [Turnour]**Tournour, James: app. of James Bynde,
1419–20: 76r.
- Turnour**/Tornour/Tournour, Thomas: app. of John
Leenge, 1391–92: 8v; iss. 1401–02: 35r; [adm.
1403]; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; pd
1404–05: 40v; alms 1442–43: 142v; his apps listed
as Rich. Shyvyngtoun/Shynyngtoun & Rich.
Herdewyk, 1403–04: 38r; Steph. Tychemerche,
1410–11: 54r; Steph. Stichemerssh, 1418–19: 74r;
Robt Bacheler, 1419–20: 76r; Wm Haliwelle,
1426–27: 92r, *and* 1434–35: 116v.
- Turpyn**, Richard: app. of Alex. Orable, 1437–38:
128v; iss. 1446–47: 152r; [adm. 1445]; f. 1452–
53: 176v; f. 1456–57: 187r.
- Tuyford** *see* Twyford
- Twigge**/Twyg(ge)/Twig/Twygg, Robert: app. of Wm
Gronde, 1443–44: 144v; iss. 1451–52: 172r; [adm.
1464]; pd 1460–61: 198v; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd
1462–63: 204v; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1452–53: 176v;
f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1454–55: 180v; f. 1455–56:
182v; f. 1456–57: 187r; f. 1457–58: 190r; f. 1458–
59: 193r; f. 1459–60: 196r; f. 1460–61: 198v;
his apps listed as Wm Boller, 1452–53:
175v; John Woode, 1454–55: 180r; John
Bokynghfold, 1456–57: 185v; John Wode,
1459–60: 195v; Wm Bollere, 1460–61: 198r,
and 1463–64: 207r.

- Twigge** *see also* Twyg
[Tuyford] Tuyford, John: app. of Robt Raynham, 1422–23: 82v.
Twyford, Richard: app. of Rob. Haryngeye, 1391–92: 6v.
Twyg, Richard: app. of Robt Skrayngham, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1469].
Twyg *see also* Twigge
Tychemerche, -mersshe *see* Titchmarsh
Tydewall/Tydwall, John: pd 1347–48: 3r; his app. listed as John Walpol, 1347–48: 4r.
Tyhill, William: app. of John Fauntleroy, 1409–10: 51v.
Tykylle, -kelle *see* Tickhill
Tyler/Tiler, William: app. of John Chirche, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v; debt 1462–63: 206r, 206v; debt 1463–64: 209r.
Tylnay, Richard: app. of John Strattoun, 1410–11: 54r.
Tynbery, William: app. of Thos Osborn, 1418–19: 74r.
Tynmelby *see* Thymelby
Typptot, -ut, -up *see* Tippot
- Ugbrough(e)**, Richard: app. of Steph, Tychemershe, 1430–31: 105v.
Umfray, *see* Humfrey
[Underwood] Underwode, John: pd 1347–48: 3r.
Ungle, Thomas: carpenter 1453–54: R14v.
Unkmanton *see* Duckmanton
Upton, John: 1442–43: 141r.
Urly, John: app. of John Nutbroun, 1439–40: 134v.
[Urswick] Ursewik(e), Thomas: Recorder of London, 1461–62: 202r; 1462–63: 205r.
Usk, John: iss. 1416–17: 70r; [adm. 1416, late app. of Rog. Wenlock]; pd 1416–17: 69v; pd 1417–18: 72r; pd 1418–19: 74r.
- Valaunce**, Thomas: app. of John Sturgeon, 1455–56: 182r.
Vale, Sir John: chaplain; sal. 1412–13: 61r; sal. 1413–14: 63v; sal. 1414–15: 66r.
Valens, William: app. of Thos Glenhand, 1419–20: 76r.
Valle, John: shipper 1455–56: 184r.
[Van Uden] Neweden, John (van): ‘Dutchman’; linenweaver, expelled from freedom of the City, 1421–22: 81r.
Vans/Vaus, Richard: app. of Thos Chalton, iss. 1430–31: 106r; [adm. 1429].
Varney *see* Verney
Vaupage/Vanpage/Wampage, Richard: app. of Thos Hawe, 1411–12: 56v; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417].
- Vavasour**, Ralph: app. of Thos Barby, 1463–64: 207r.
Vawee, Thomas: app. of Thos Nyche, 1458–59: 192r.
Vele, William: tenant in the Pye: debt 1415–16: 69r; debt pd 1416–17: 70v.
[Vere] Vere, Richard: of Calais; ent. 1429–30: 101v.
[Vere] Vere, John de Vere, Lord: his shipper 1455–56: 183v.
Verney/Varney, Ralph (Sir): app. of Thos Faconere, 1435–36: 120r; iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434]; pd 1437–38: 127v; pd 1438–39: 131r; pd 1439–40: 134r; search 1444–45: 149r; w. 1447–48: 154v, 157v, 175r; w. 1453–54: 177v, 178r, 179v, 185r, 188v, R12v; R13r, R16v; w. 1458–59: 191v, 192r, 195r, R23v; w. 1463–64: 205v, 206v; auditor 1454–55: 181v; auditor 1459–60: 197r, R31v; sheriff 1456–57: 187v, 188v; alderman, 1458–59: 192r; [Mayor 1465–66; d. 1478]; *see also* 1443–44: 144r; 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: 162r, 162v; 1458–59: 194r;
 f. 1436–37: 125r; f. 1438–39: 132r; f. 1438–39: 132v; f. x 2, 1439–40: 135r; f. 1440–41: 137r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 141v; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1443–44: 145v; f. x 2, 1444–45: 147v; f. 1450–51: 170r; f. 1452–53: 176r;
 his apps listed as Wm Hertwelle, 1439–40: 134v; John Broun & Thos Wotton, 1443–44: 144v; Thos Berby, 1446–47: 152v; Wm Purdauns & Wm Baldewyn, 1447–48: 154v; John Pekeryng & John Bron, 1449–50: 164r; Rich. Chirche, 1450–51: 169v; Thos Wotton & Harry Asshewell, 1450–51: 169v; Wm Thornehille & Harry Davers, 1452–53: 175v; Harry Asshewelle & Thos Barby, 1454–55: 180r; Hugh Spencer & John Benham, 1454–55: 180r; John Brekenoke & Thos Williamson, 1456–57: 185v; Wm Bawdewyn & Wm Purdaunce, 1456–57: 186v; John Pikeryng, 1456–57: 187v; John Cotynggham & John Pykeng, 1458–59: 192r.
Visconti, Lucia, Countess of Kent: 1407–08: 47r.
Volvey *see* Wolvey
Vowell, William: app. of Rich. Gardener, 1462–63: 203v.
Vyne, John: his apps listed as Thos Herkested & Thos Gladman, 1395–96: 18v.
Vyne, Roger: pd 1347–48: 3r.
Vyne, Thomas: app. of Wm Butte, 1398–99: 27r.
Vyvent, Thomas: his apps listed as Thos Brangwayn, Thos Wiltshire, Wm Butte, Peter Belgrave & Rich. Ede 1391–92: 6v.
- Wadelove** *see* Woodlove

- Wakefeld**, John: tenant in Bassishaw, 1447: R*2r.
- Walcot**, John 1: draper; Mayor 1402–03: 37r.
- Walcot**, John 2: app. of Thos Hawe, 1398–99: 27r.
- Walcote**/Walcot, John 3: app. of Thos Chalton 1449–50: 163v, 168v; then app. of John Andrewe, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [James Walcote, late app. of Thos Chalton, adm. 1455]; debt 1449–50: 168v; f. 1456–57: 187r.
- Walden**/[Walderne], John: [Grocer]; alderman 1459–60: 197r.
- Waldene**, Thomas: app. of Thos Dentoun, 1409–10: 51v.
- Waldern(e)** [Waldron], William: app. of John Fresshe, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1395–96: 18r; [adm. 1395]; pd 1395–96: 18r; pd 1396–97: 20v; pd. 1397–98: 24v; w. 1398–99: 26r, 26v, 28v; w. 1404–05: 39r, 40r, 41v, 42v; 44r; w. 1410–11: 52v, 53v, 55v; w. 1418–19: 73v, 75r; alderman 1403: 39v; Mayor 1412–13: 60v; 61r; Mayor, 1422–23: 83r, 86r; search 1410–11: 56r; *see also* 1404: 39v; 1421–22: 81r; his apps listed as Thos Bekingtoun, Wm Otes & Wm Whyte, 1403–04: 38v; Thos Glenant, 1404–05: 41r; Thos Neundoun & John Colet, 1420–21: 78r bis.
- Walderne**, William 2: app. of Thos Maymond, 1411–12: 57r.
- Waldiff**/Waldef, Nicholas: app. of Robt Baron, 1450–51: 169v; then app. of Thos Sawston, iss. 1458–59: 192v; [adm. 1458].
- Waleys**, Andrew: tenant in Coleman Street, 1447: R*2r.
- Waleys**, Henry le: 1291: 210v.
- Walker**, Thomas: app. of Alex. Orable, 1439–40: 134v; iss. 1447–48: 154v; [adm. 1446]; his apps listed as Geo. Assheby, 1452–53: 175v, and 1459–60: 195v; John Eston, 1462–63: 203v.
- Walker**, Thomas 2: app. of Saund. Orable, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457].
- Walker** *see also* Walcote
- Walkerne**, John: app. of Wm Prentys, iss. 1423–24: 85r; [adm. 1421].
- Walkot** *see* Walcote
- Walkyngton**/-oun, Thomas: app. of Thos Haukeden, 1415–16: 68r.
- Walle**, John *see* Fisher
- Walle**, William: app. of John Salman, 1442–43: 141r; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451].
- Waller**, Nicholas: app. of John Abbot, 1435–36: 120r.
- Walpol**, John: app. of John Tydwall, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Walrond**, Edward: app. of John Shipton, then of John Warde, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1465].
- Walronde**/Walrom, Robert: app. of Wm Lightholders, 1459–60: 195r; [adm. 1467].
- Walsham**, Alan: *see* Roys
- Walsham**, John 1: app. of Wm Hawe, 1391–92: 8r; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v.
- Walsham**, John 2 (*the younger*): iss. 1394–95: 14v; pd 1394–95: 14v; pd 1395–96: 18r.
- Walsyngham**, Edmund: app. of Nich. Walsyngham, 1391–92: 7r; iss. 1401–02: 35r; [adm. 1401]; f. 1402–03: 36v.
- Walsyngham**, James: app. of Rich. Coventre, 1427–28: 96r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1436].
- Walsingham**/Walsyngham, Nicholas: app. of John Maymond, 1391–92: 7v; w. 1396–97: 19v, 20v, 21v, 23r, 23v; f. 1394–95: 15r; debt 1394–95: 17r, 17v; his apps listed as Rich. Ryngstede & Edmund Walsyngham, 1391–92: 7r; Rich. Sprot, 1395–96: 18v; John Whitehed, 1396–97: 21r; Wm Trompintoun, 1398–99: 27r.
- Walshe**, John: tenant in Tower Hill, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Walton**/-oun, John: his apps listed as Rich. Bures & Wm Chaumberleyn, 1391–92: 8r; Wm Acombe, 1395–96: 18v; Wm Peryman, 1404–05: 41r; John Skeftlyng, 1409–10: 51v, and 1419–20: 76r.
- Walton(e)**, John 2: app. of John Olney, 1426–27: 92r.
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- Ward(e)**, John: 22–3; app. of Hen. Frowyk, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1439]; pd 1449–50: 163r; pd 1450–51: 169v; pd 1451–52: 173r; w. 1457–58: 189r, 189v, 191r, 192r, 211v; warden and renter 1457–58: R21r, R21v; former renter, 1458–59: R25v–26v, R28r; 1459–60: R31r; auditor 1458–59: 194v, also, 1460–61: R34v; exec. of John Shipton, 1457–58: 189v; f. 1447–48: 155v; f. x 2, 1450–51: 170r; f. 1451–52: 173r; f. 1452–53: 176r; f. 1456–57: 187r; his apps listed as Wm Betts, 1448–49: 159r; Edw. Walrond, 1456–57: 185v; John Hosier, 1456–57: 185r; Wm Bettes, 1456–57: 186v; Thos Paris, 1457–58: 189v; John Muschampe, 1459–60: 195r; Thos Parys, 1460–61: 198r; John Obyne, 1461–62: 200v; Wm Bedon, 1462–63: 203v; his serving-man named as Rich. Ansam, 1456–57: 187r.

- Ward(e)**, Nicholas: app. of John Goodson, 1436–37: 124v; iss. 1445–46: 149v; [adm. 1442]; f. 1456–57: 187r.
- Warde**, Robert: app. of John Knottyngelee, 1414–15: 65v.
- Wareyn**, Alexander: app. of John Haliot, 1423–24: 85r.
- Wareyn**, Henry: app. of John Middeltoun, 1408–09: 48v.
- Wareyn/Waryn/Waren**, John 1: app. of John Middeltoun, 1396–97: 21r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1408]; pd 1414–15: 65r; pd 1415–16: 67r; pd 1416–17: 69v; overseas 1429–30: 103v; overseas 1430–31: 106v, 107r; loan 1430–31: 107r; *see also* 1428–29: 100r; 1431–32: 108v; 1431–32: 109v; 1433–34: 114r; 1433–34: 114v.
- Waryn**, John 2: app. of John Marchalle, 1456–57: 185r; [adm. 1466].
- Waryn(e)/Waren**, Thomas: app. of Rich. Riche, 1449–50: 163v; then of John Riche & John Marchalle, iss. 1456–57: 186v; [adm. 1457]; f. 1456–57: 187v.
- Waryn**, William: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1455–56: 182r; [adm. 1467].
- Warham**, John: snarler; f. 1428–29: 99r.
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- Warner**, John: app. of John Broddesworth, 1439–40: 134v.
- Warner**, William: tenant in Moor Lane, 1447: R*2v.
- Warter**, William: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- Wartir**, Christopher: app. of Geoff. Blower, 1456–57: 185r.
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- [Washbourne]**Wasshebourne(e)/Wasshbourn/-born(e)/-burne/Wayshebourne/Wascheborne/Wassbourn(e), John: app. of John Liengge, 1395–96: 18v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1410]; pd 1402–03: 36r; pd 1403–04: 37v; pd 1404–05: 40v; w. 1411–12: 55v, 56v, 58r; w. 1418–19: 73v; 75r; w. 1424–25: 86v, 87r, 88r; w. 1431–32: 107v, 108r, 109r; alms 1439–44: 1439–40: 135v; 1440–41: 137v; 1441–42: 139v; 1442–43: 142v; 1443–44: 146r; *see also* 1413–14: 63r; 1418–19: 74v; 1423–24: 84v; f. 1402–03: 36v; f. 1403–04: 38v; f. 1410–11: 54r; f. 1413–14: 63r; f. 1414–15: 65r; f. x 2 1420–21: 78v bis; f. 1423–24: 84v; fee 1425–26: 89r; f. 1426–27: 91r; f. x 2 1427–28: 95r; f. 1427–28: 96r; his apps listed as John Welbourn, 1403–04: 38r; John Wasshbourn, 1408–09: 48v; Thos Everard, 1410–11: 54r; John Reyder & John Chesteyn, 1419–20: 76r; Thos Everard & John Broughtoun, 1420–21: 78v; John Botoun & John Beulee, 1424–25: 87v; John Chesteyne, 1433–34: 113v; John Boton, 1434–35: 116r.
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- Wastnesse**, Robert: app. of Wm Melrethe, iss. 1442–43: 140v; [adm. 1439].
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- Wedue**, John/Thomas:⁷⁷ tenant in the Pye, 1435–36: 122v; 1436–37: 126r.
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- Welle**, Thomas: app. of John Fresshe, 1391–92: 6r.
- Welle**, William: app. of Thos Saccheford, 1412–13: 60r.
- Welles**, Edward/Erkenwold: app. of John Welles, 1430–31: 105v; ent. 1438–39: 132r; iss. 1443–44: 144r; [adm. 1442]; pd 1445–46: 150v; pd 1446–47: 152r; pd 1447–48: 154v; f. 1439–40: 135r; f. 1441–42: 139r; f. 1442–43: 142r; f. 1443–44: 145r; f. 1445–46: 150r; f. 1446–47: 152v; debt 1447–48: 157r.

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- Welles**, John 2: app. of Isabelle Riche, 1463–64: 207r.
- Welles/Wellis/Welle**, Thomas: app. of John Welles, 1421–22: 80v; iss. 1429–30: 101v; [adm. 1428]; f. x 2, 1435–36: 121r; his app. listed as Robt Helder, 1435–36: 120v.
- Welles**, Walter: debt 1399–1400: 30v.
- Welles**, William: app. of Geoff. Boleyn, 1456–57: 185v; [adm. 1467].
- Wellyngton/Willington**, John: app. of Thos Muschamp, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1466].
- Welton/ -oun/Welcome**, Thomas 1: app. of Thos Fauconer, 1391–92: 9v; iss. 1400–1401: 32r; [adm. 1401].
- Welton(e)/Weltoun**, Thomas 2: iss. 1409–10: 51r; pd 1410–11: 54v; pd 1411–12: 57v; pd 1412–13: 60v; his apps listed as John Berby, Wm Stavertoun & Thos Chiselle, 1417–18: 72v; John Swan, 1426–27: 91v, 92r; John Berby, 1429–30: 101v.
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- Werkeworth**, Henry: prior of St Mary Overy, Southwark, 1428–29: 99v.
- Wesenam**, Thomas: app. of Thos Williamson, 1463–64: 207r.
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- West**, Robert: app. of Chacombe, 1448–49: 159r.
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- Weston/-oun**, John: app. of Rich. Whittington, 1391–92: 8v.
- Weston**, Richard: tenant in St Dunstan in the East, 1447: R*2v.
- Weston/-oun**, Robert 1: app. of John Liengge, 1395–96: 18v.
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- Whateley**, Thomas: app. of Wm Lightholders, 1439–40: 134v.
- Whetenhall** *see* Wetenhale
- Whetyngtoun** *see* Whittington
- Whitacre/Whitacres**, Richard: app. of John Typpup, 1412–13: 60r; iss. 1420–21: 78v; [adm. 1417].
- White**, [...]: tenant 1458–59: R26v.
- [White]Whyte**, John 1 (the elder): d. and legacy 1402–03: 36r.
- White/Whyte**, John 2: the younger; app. of Thos Austyn, 1391–92: 6r; iss. 1391–92: 10r; [adm. 1392]; pd 1391–92: 10r; pd 1392–93: 11v; pd 1393–94: 12v; w. 1399–1400: 28v, 29v, 31r; f. 1404–05: 42r; tenant in Tower Hill, 1447: R*2v; his apps listed as Thos Austyn, 1400–01: 32v; Thos Corbyn, 1401–02: 34v; Thos Chypenam & Rich. Hanbery, 1404–05: 41r; Thos Austyn, 1407–08: 46v.
- White**, Jonet: tenant in Budge Row, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [White]Whyte**, Thomas: app. of John Maymond, 1391–92: 7v; iss. 1398–99: 27r; [adm. 1400]; pd. 1398–99: 27r; pd 1399–1400: 29v.
- White**, Thomas 2: app. of Alex. Orable, 1435–36: 120v.

- [**White**]Whyte, William 1: app. of Wm Walderne, 1403–04: 38v; iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
- White**, William 2: app. of Nich. Drayton, 1443–44: 144v.
- [**White**]Whyght, William 3: app. of Rich. Nedam, 1449–50: 163r.
- Whitebarogh**, Richard: tenant in Moor Lane, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R26r.
- [**Whitehead**]Whitehed, John 1: app. of Nich. Walsyngham, 1396–97: 21r; iss. 1408–09: 49r; [adm. 1408].
- [**Whitehead**]Whithed, John 2: app. of Rich. Lovelace, 1419–20: 76r; iss. 1424–25: 87r; [adm. 1422].
- [**Whitehead**]Whitehed, Thomas: tenant in Bishopsgate without, debt owing for rent, 1458–59: R25v.
- Whiteshay** *see* Witleseye
- Whitewell**, John: app. of Robt de Elsyng, 1347–48: 4r; [adm. 1347].
- Whitewey**, Robert: app. of Wm Melrethe, 1443–44: 145r.
- Whitewey**, William: app. of Wm Pykeryng, iss. 1456–57: 186r; fee 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1457]; f. 1461–62: 201r.
- Whitfeld**, John: shearman: tenant in St Bartholomew the Less, 1447: R*2v.
- [**Whittington**]Whityngdon/Wetyngton(e), Henry: app. of Rich. Aylemere, 1428–29: 99r; app. of R. Aylemer & John Dorham, iss. 1435–36: 119v; [adm. 1434].
- [**Whittington**]Whityngton, -oun/Whityntoun/Whetyngtoun/Whitengton/Whityngdon/Withengton, Richard: 2, 3; w. 1395–96: 16v, 17v, 19v; w. 1401–02: 34r, 35v, 39v; w. 1408–09: 47v, 48r, 49v; sheriff 1393–94: 13v; Mayor 1397, 1397–98, 1406–07, 1419–20: Mayor 1406–07: 44v; Mayor 1419–20: 75v, 77r; bequest 1422–23: 82v; his college, 1427–28: 97r;⁷⁸ obit 1427–28: 95r; his dirge or obit celebrated each year on 30 July: 1441–42: R5v; 1443–44: R5v; 1444–45: R6r; 1445–46: R6v; 1446–47: R6v; 1447–48: R7r; 1448–49: 161r; 1449–50: R7v; 1450–51: R8r; 1452: R9r; 1453–54: R12v; 1454: R16r; 1455: R18r; 1456: R19v; 1457: R21v; 1458–59: R23v; 1459: R28v; 1461: R37r; 1462–63: R41r; 1464: R44r; his ‘livelihood’ (property bequeathed by him to the Mercers’ Company): the ‘conservatours’ of his ‘livelihood’ are the four wardens each year: 1449–50: R7v; 1450–51: R8r; et passim; rents from property bequeathed and expenditure, 1441–42: R5r; 1448–49: 157v; 1449–50: 165r; 1450–51: 171v; 1452: R9r; 1453: R10r, R10v; 1453–54: R11r, R12r, R13v, R14r; 1454–55: R15v, R16r; 1455–56: R17v, R18r, R18v; 1456–57: R19r, R20r; 1457–58: R21r, R21v, R22r; 1458–59: R23r, R23v, R24r, R24v; 1459–60: R27v–R31v; 1460–61: R32r–35v; 1461–62: R36r–R39r; 1462–63: R39v–R42v; 1463–64: R43r–R46r; his apps listed as Edm. Peytoun, John Pychard, Thos Roos, John Westoun & Nich. Lemyng, 1391–92: 8v; John Empyngnam & Edm. Brigge, 1395–96: 18r; Wm Cavendisshe & Henry Londoun, 1400–01: 32v.
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- [**Whittocksmead**]Whitokesmede/Whittokismede, John: 1455–56: 184r; 1460–61: 199v.
- Whittok**, John: app. of Rich. Gardener, 1463–64: 206v; [adm. 1469].
- Whittow**(e), Thomas: app. of John More, 1400–01: 32v, and 1401–02: 34v;⁷⁹ iss. 1409–10: 51r; [adm. 1410].
- Whitwelle**, William: app. of Wm Melreth, 1429–30: 102r.
- [**Widowson**]Widwsone/Wydowson/Widuson, William: app. of Thos Chalton, 1426–27: 92r; iss. 1437–38: 128r; [adm. 1436]; f. 1455–56: 182r; his apps listed as Alex. Prestaton, 1448–49: 159r; Thos Holdirnes, 1455–56: 182r.
- Wightryng**/Wytryng, William: app. of Thos Shirwyn, 1448–49: 158v; iss. 1454–55: 180r; [adm. 1455].
- Wikwane** *see* Wykwane
- Wilby**, William: hackney-man; tenant in St Martin Outwich, 1447: R*2v.
- Wilby** *see also* Willowby
- Wilkes**, Nicholas: app. of Thos Godyng, 1455–56: 182r.
- Wilkyn**, Robert: app. of Wm Erntoun, 1391–92: 8r.
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- Willesdon**/-doun, William: beadle and clerk, sal. 1391–92: 10v; sal. 1392–93: 12r; sal. 1393–94: 13r; sal. 1394–95: 15v.
- William** []: app. of Wm Gronde, 1450–51: 169v.

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⁷⁹ The two payments listed for entry as an app. are probably a scribal error, but might indicate two different apprentices.

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- [Wilton]**Wyltoun, Thomas: lawyer; ent. 1431–32: 108r.
- [Wiltshire]**Wiltshire/Wy-, Thomas: app. of Thos Vyvent, 1391–92: 6v; iss. 1393–94: 13r; pd 1393–94: 13r; pd 1394–95: 14v; f. 1394–95: 15r.
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- Wolpyt**, John: app. of Rob. Guphey, 1391–92: 6v.
- Wolesey**/Worsley, Ralph: collector of customs, 1463–64: 208v.
- Wolesey**/Wolselay, Robert 1: app. of Adam Forster, iss. 1420–21: 78r; [adm. 1417].
- Wolsley**/Wolsle/Wollesley/Wosley/Worselee, Robert 2: app. of Thos Roos, 1411–12: 56v; app. of Rich. Wyche, iss. 1422–23: 82r; [adm. 1420]; pd 1427–28: 94r; pd 1428–29: 98v; pd 1429–30: 101v; his app. listed as Chris. Sandys, 1443–44: 145r.
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- Wolus**, Robert: app. of Wm Rombold, 1422–23: 82v.
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- Woode**/Wode, John 4: app. of Robt Twig, 1454–55: 180r; iss. 1459–60: 195v; [adm. 1458].
- Wood**/Wode, Richard at/atte: app. of John Smyth, 1447–48: 155r; iss. 1450–51: 169v; [adm. 1451].
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- Wynborne/-bourne/Wynkeborne**, John: app. of John Burton, 1423–24: 85r; iss. 1432–33: 110v; [adm. 1421 and 1431].⁸²
- Wynne**, Charles: app. of Saundir Orable, 1456–57: 186r; [adm. 1465].
- Wynstanlee**, James: app. of Thos Prudence, 1398–99: 27r.

⁸⁰ He is called 'John' here, but this must be in error.

⁸¹ The two issue payments may indicate two different men, but may well also be a scribal confusion of some sort.

⁸² The two admissions listed in the *Register* are probably due to error but might indicate two men.

- Wynter/Wynster**, Edmund: app. of Thos Middilmore, 1422–23: 82v; iss. 1434–35: 116r; [adm. 1433].
- Wynter**, Lowys: app. of John Abbot, 1435–36: 120r.
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- Yarom**, Robert: app. of John Froste, iss. 1455–56: 182v; [adm. 1454]; pd 1461–62: 201r; pd 1462–63: 204v; pd 1463–64: 207v; f. 1456–57: 187v; f. 1461–62: 201r; his apps listed as Guy Dawtre, 1460–61: 198r; Rich. Rollesle, 1462–63: 203v.
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